



# COMMITTEE REPORT



JOINT TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
 MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 | 2:00 P.M.  
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## MINUTES

COUNCILOR DARRELL B. O'QUINN, CHAIR  
 COUNCILORS LATONYA A. TATE AND CLINTON P. WOODS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor(s) Present: O'Quinn, Tate, Woods

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor Darrell O'Quinn.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES – March 28, 2022.

Action Taken:

**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve the Minutes.**

**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**

**The March 28, 2022 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes were Approved as Recorded.**

### III. NEW APPLICANT: **THE RIGHT CHOICE TRANSPORTATION LLC**

**OWNER: DEREK PAYNE**

**Detective Pitts:** The applicant has met the necessary requirements to move forward with the application. The business will be used as a non-emergency transportation service.

**Vehicle/Equipment:** 2019 Ford Transit 350 & Wheelchair

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve the Application.**

**Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.**

**The item was Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

### IV. TCAB PRESENTATION

Ted Gimberling, Transit Citizens Advisory Board

Councilor O'Quinn received a letter from Mr. Gimberling outlining some concerns from the Transit Citizens Advisory Board regarding the rental scooters and bikes.

- **Rental Scooters and Bikes**
  - Needs to be used responsibly.
  - Parking in designated locations.
- Councilor O'Quinn stated that the City Department of Transportation interacts with the micro mobility providers and discuss the complaint received from constituents.
- Councilor O'Quinn has had monthly meetings to discuss concerns received from constituents.
  - The expectation is that the vehicles are returned to the appropriate corrals.
  - Allowance for corrals was included in the Ordinance, to ensure that they are out of pedestrian right of way.
  - The vehicles are to be used on the streets.
  - There was not a provision/requirement/mandate included in the Ordinance for that the rebalancing of the vehicles be done on a very frequent interval.
  - Currently, the only provision in the Ordinance is that if a vehicle is reported to be inappropriately parked and the City's staff communicates that to the vendor, there is a requirement that they attend to that situation within 72 hours.

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- There is a fine for users who break the rules.

**The concerns received by the Committee will be directed to the vendors.**

**No Action – Information Only**

**V. ALDOT INTERSTATE LIGHTING AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY: BDOT**

**The Agreement is currently in the Office of the City Attorney.**

**Update:**

- The City is pursuing a partnership with ALDOT to restore key interstate lighting ahead of the upcoming World Games.
- The project would span from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Norwood to the 20/59 interchange in Woodlawn.
- I-20/59 Downtown to the split near the Airport
- 20/59 – Arkadelphia Road
- 20/59 - Ensley-Five Points interchange
- I-65 at Greensprings Avenue and University Boulevard
- The City is proposing to pay ALDOT \$1.4 million for the project, which is half of the overall cost.
- ALDOT has started on the project with hopes to have it completed by the World Games.
- ALDOT is using a contractor they procured using their bidding process.

**No Action – Information Only**

**State Highways Lighting Agreement**

- Councilor O’Quinn all of the roadways are listed by the State designation.
- Councilor O’Quinn requested that a map be available when the item comes back the Transportation Committee/Agenda.

**No Action – Information Only**

**VI. DISCUSSION: TAXICAB ORDINANCE**

**zTrip attended previous Transportation Committee Meetings to discuss adjustments to the City’s taxicab fares.**

The proposed presented is for mileage/meter rate increase from 25¢ per eight (8) mile to 32¢ per eight (8) mile, and increasing the hourly rate time wait from \$24.00 per hour to \$30.00 per hour, and implementing a \$1.00 temporary fuel surcharge.

Councilor O’Quinn stated that the Ordinance does provide a provision for the Chief of Police and Director of Finance to administratively make adjustment to the fares.

Director Moore or Chief Thurman were not present at today’s meeting.

Attorney Barnard stated that it is up the City Council to either permanently or temporary amend the Ordinance, or proceed with the formula within the Ordinance to adjust the fares.

Attorney Barnard stated that she needs a formal request to work on the Ordinance. If the Ordinance is going to be amended, it would come through the Office of the City Attorney and go through the City Council.

The procedure that is in the Ordinance for the adjustment administratively doesn’t require going back through the City Council for approval.

Councilor O’Quinn stated that the allowance in the Ordinance is there for a reason. The administrative adjustment is there to not to have to go through committee and council meetings, and amending Ordinances. That would be the path for the quickest resolution.

Councilor Woods stated it would be better to do the temporary fuel increase on the administrative side.

Attorney Barnard stated that if there is a request to amend the ordinance, an intake form is needed from either the Council or Administration.

Councilor O’Quinn stated that he would submit an intake form on behalf of the Transportation Committee to the Office of the City Attorney.

**No Action – Information Only.**

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**VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A Resolution approving and authorizing the City to purchase a strip of land located along Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, from the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District, for a purchase price of \$10.00, as part of the right-of-way acquisition for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

Submitted by: Denise Bell Department: Capital Projects Extension: 2247

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.**

**The Item was Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Woods Motioned to Adjourn.**

**Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.**

**The Meeting was Adjourned.**