

03-18-2015

Item 280: Public hearing to consider a new taxi company permit for EcoCab Portland, LLC (Report introduced by Commissioner Novick)

MOTIONS

Motion to accept amendment to report to correct paragraph 2 Board vote record:
Moved by Novick and seconded by Fish.

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEA: Fritz, Fish, Saltzman, Novick, Hales.

Motion to approve permit application with condition: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz.

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEA: Fritz, Fish, Saltzman, Novick, Hales.

Agenda Disposition:

PERMIT APPLICATION APPROVED WITH CONDITION

Novick

Amendment to Council Agenda Item #280
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Amend the Private For-Hire Transportation Board report as follows:

“...The Administrator recommended approval of the EcoCab application. Following deliberation, the Board voted to recommend approval of EcoCab’s new taxicab company permit application for up to 51 vehicles to the City Council by ~~a vote of 9 ayes, 2 noes, and one abstention.~~ a unanimous vote.”

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Public Hearing to consider a New Taxi Company Permit for EcoCab Portland, LLC (Report)
Contact name: Kelly Sills
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Presenter name(s): Michael Jacobs, Kelly Sills, and Frank Dufay jointly

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information

This public hearing is being held before the City Council in fulfillment of the requirements of Title 16, Chapter 16.40, with respect to new taxicab company permit applications.

Financial and budgetary impacts

No substantial long-term fiscal impacts. Code requires that Council direct PBOT to issue a new taxicab company permit to the applicant per 16.40.160.G if it finds that (1) the interests of the City will be served thereby and (2) the applicant has sufficient financial resources to be able to meet the minimum standards established by Section 16.40.270. Administrative cost to process a new taxicab company permit, with attendant taxicab permits, is de minimis and will be absorbed in current and future fiscal year budgets without budgetary or staff increases/decreases. Revenue will increase slightly due to initial taxicab company permit cost of \$1,250, annual taxicab company renewal at \$500, and a starting point of 15 taxicab permitted vehicles at \$225 initial permit with \$600 annual permit renewals each.

Community impacts and community involvement

Taxicabs are a key element to the larger transportation system needs of Portland residents, particularly during evenings, weekends, and off-hours. Per 16.40.270, all taxicab companies (including EcoCab if approved) will be required to provide service citywide without discrimination. The EcoCab application and proposal was heard by the Private For-Hire Transportation Board during a regularly scheduled, publicly noticed meeting on 11FEB15, which included a full opportunity for public comments as well as input by current taxicab companies. No significant objections or concerns emanated and, as evidence of general support/agreement, the Board (which includes current taxicab company and taxicab driver representatives) unanimously recommended approval of EcoCab's application. Beyond the applicant and PBOT presenters, it is unknown whether other interested parties will be seeking to testify to Council during the public hearing on 18MAR15.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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