

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**COMMITTEE NAME:** LAW AND LEGISLATION  
**MEETING DATE:** June 4, 1996  
**MEETING TIME:** 12:00 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** 915 I Street, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Deborah Ortiz, Chairperson.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Committee Members Fargo (arrived at 12:10), Steinberg (arrived at 12:05), Waters (arrived at 12:15), Ortiz

Absent: None

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1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

1.1 Legislative Update

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Recommendation of Staff: For Committee Information

Michael Coleman, Sr. Management Analyst, provided an overview of current legislation. A couple of bills mentioned were: 1) AB 3053 (Brulte) Development Tax - did not get enough votes to proceed which was a significant victory for the City. 2) AB 1436, Emergency Services Fee, has passed and hoping Governor will sign.

2.0 STAFF REPORTS

2.1 AB 964 (Isenberg) Street and Alley Closures

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Recommendation of Staff: Support Legislation

Committee Action: Approved Recommendation

Michael Coleman, Sr. Management Analyst, provided an overview of AB 964. City-sponsored AB 964 allows the City to do additional extensions on temporary closures, beyond what can be done now. This bill would allow for up to 5 additional extensions (each extension is 18-month period).

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A motion was made by Committee Member Steinberg, seconded by Committee Member Ortiz to approve staff recommendation and support legislation. The motion carried with a 2-0 vote.

2.2. Ordinance amending requirements and procedures for Taxicab Vehicular Permits and Taxicab Driver Permits (Continued from May 21, 1996)

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Recommendation of Staff: Approve Staff Recommendation and Forward to City Council

Committee Action: Approved and Forwarded to City Council

Margaret Freeman, Revenue Manager, provided a brief overview of the report which was continued from May 21, 1996. Included in this report, are the comments that were brought up by the public, and the responses from staff. Since the meeting last week, staff has met with Mr. Rothchild (Citizens Assoc. for Responsible Svcs) and Mr. Pleines (Yellow Cab) and have addressed their concerns.

Fred Pleines, Yellow Cab, in support of ordinance but feels there should be additional items added. He thinks 1) it should be a misdemeanor to overcharge customers 2) cab companies should be required to track calls 3) the City should help regulate workers compensation 4) city cab drivers should have a dress code.

Don Rothchild, (CARS), mention two matters of concern 1) workers compensation insurance - the City already requires workers compensation for carriage drivers and feels they should require it from taxicab drivers as well 2) on p. 22 Section B - he feels the phrase "written notice by an insurer of" should be reinstated. City Attorney Balter said that it should be left out because the City needs to be in a position that if the insurance company doesn't send anything in writing that action can still be taken against the driver.

Lee Adler, is in favor of ordinance but ould welcome a dress code for taxicab drivers.

Russell Hungate, is in favor of ordinance and would also welcome a dress code for taxicab drivers. He said, "every taxicab has ability to utilize their top light". He thinks drivers should use them so when the meter is off the top light says taxi for hire. When top light is off it means taxicab is in use.

A motion was made by Committee Member Fargo, seconded by Committee Member Steinberg to approve staff recommendation and forward to city council for full review. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

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**ADJOURNED** - There being no further business to come before the Law & Legislation Committee, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 12:40 p.m.

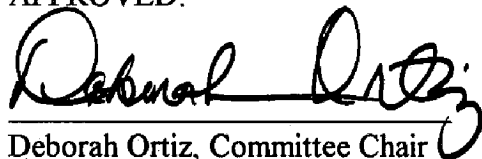
Respectfully submitted,



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Aline Soto, Committee Secretary

APPROVED:



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Deborah Ortiz, Committee Chair

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