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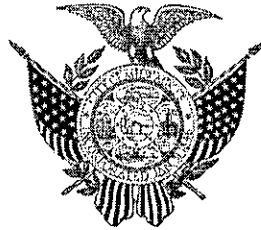
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December 10, 2015

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 150736 contains the following recommendations:

Renewal, with a (10) ten day suspension, based on the police report, the driving record, applicant and public testimony, of the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's License for Vikamjit Verma.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert J. Bauman'.

Robert Bauman, Chair
Public Works Committee

cc: All Council Members
Files 150736



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Date: December 4, 2015

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Public Works Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Vikramjit Verma for a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver License.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Vikramjit Verma (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expired at midnight, October 31, 2015.
2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on November 12, 2015.
3. Pursuant to Chapters 85 and 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. The Milwaukee Police Department filed a police report dated November 23, 2015 which report could form the basis of non-renewal or suspension of this license.
4. On November 24, 2015 the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee, pursuant to Chapters 85 and 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes of a police report that could form the basis for suspension or non-renewal of the license of the licensee and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report on December 2, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee did appear and was not represented by counsel.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:



- A. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation suspended the applicant's driver's license on June 4, 2015 for 160 days for failure to pay forfeiture (2 counts).
- B. A check of License Division records indicates that during the period of suspension the applicant failed to return his public passenger vehicle license to the City Clerk as required by § 100-59-1-b, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- C. Nidhi Oberoi and her attorney Jessica Roullette of Legal Action of Wisconsin gave testimony (via phone) that the applicant sexually assaulted her in his taxi and showed nude photos and videos to other people. She also stated that the applicant attempted to extort money from her. She added that she has seen him driving his taxi when his public passenger vehicle license was expired.

The applicant stated that Ms. Oberoi was making everything up because they were having an affair and he ended it. He also added that his taxi is his personal vehicle and denied having paid fares in the vehicle while his license was expired.

- D. Saad Malik, 1333 West Edgerton Avenue stated he has seen the applicant driving while his public passenger vehicle license was expired, and he that was using his father's license.
- E. The Licensee's Wisconsin driving record is as follows from February 19, 2015 through November 11, 2015:

2/19/15	texting while driving	New Berlin Muni. Ct.
2/19/15	failure to fasten seat belt	New Berlin Muni. Ct.
6/4/15	failure to pay forfeiture	160 day susp., New Berlin
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapters 85 and 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and § 349.24, Wisconsin Statutes.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the licensee, Vikramjit Verma, has not met the criteria of Chapters 85 and 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances or § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes to allow renewal of his Public Passenger Vehicle Driver without a suspension of 10 days.

3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment to renew the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license held by Vikramjit Verma with a suspension of 10 days.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee by a four (4) ayes and zero (0) noes recommends that the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver license of Vikramjit Verma be renewed with a 10-day suspension based on applicant testimony, driving record from February 19, 2015 through November 11, 2015 and items A and B above and public testimony.

Said suspension is to be in effect from the date of the Common Council meeting on December 15, 2015 and for 10 days thereafter.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 4th day of December, 2015.



ROBERT BAUMAN
Chairman, Public Works Committee



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December 4, 2015

Vikamjit Verma
2608 W College Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Dear Mr. Verma:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, in the Common Council chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin to consider whether to renew, renew with a suspension between 10 and 90 days, or not renew your Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's license.

Attached you will find a copy of the Report of the Public Works Committee, which includes its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation, recommending a 10 day suspension of your Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's license based upon items #4-5 in the police report, the driving record from February 19, 2015 through November 11, 2015 and applicant and public testimony. This recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

Please be advised that the Common Council will determine whether to renew, renew with a suspension between 10 and 90 days, or not renew your Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's license based upon the Findings of Fact contained within the Public Works Committee report.

You may file a written response to the report of the Public Works Committee. The written response must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in Room 205 of City Hall. If you wish to file your objections via e-mail, they must be sent to both jowcza@milwaukee.gov and molly.kuether@milwaukee.gov. You will be sent an e-mail notification that your objections were received within 24 hours. If you do not receive this notification, please contact City Clerk Jim Owczarski at (414)-286-2998. If you file written objections, you or a legal representative may then also appear at the Common Council to make oral arguments supporting the written objections. You will be given approximately five minutes to present the oral argument.

Respectfully,

Richard Pfaff
Deputy City Clerk

