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ROBERT J. BAUMAN
ALDERMAN, 4TH DISTRICT

September 18, 2018

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 180547 contains the following recommendations:

Renewal, with a thirty (30) day suspension, based on applicant testimony and not having complaint forms in the vehicle, of the Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit for Ahmed Aden.

Nonrenewal, based upon applicant testimony and not having a credit card reader in the vehicle, of the Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit for Salam Al Hassan.

Respectfully,

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

Robert Bauman, Chair
Public Works Committee

cc: All Council Members
File 180547

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ROBERT J. BAUMAN
ALDERMAN, 4TH DISTRICT

Date: September 14, 2018

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Public Works Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Ahmed M. Aden for a Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Kisima-Taxi.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ahmed M. Aden (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Kisima-Taxi in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expires at midnight, September 19, 2018.
2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on May 30, 2018.
3. Pursuant to Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred for investigation based on citizen complaints. That report could form the basis of non-renewal or suspension of this license.
4. On August 31, 2018 the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee, pursuant to Chapter 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 September 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the licensee did appear and was represented by Attorney David Bangert.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:

- A. Attorney David Bangert stated the applicant doesn't recall the incident in the first complaint, denies the allegation, and has never refused change to a customer. He added the applicant is limited in his English capabilities, so part of the allegations regarding the applicant's use of English are true. He stated the applicant has never received any citations and has been driving for 2 years. He added that the applicant puts the addresses in to his GPS and if people are slow and deliberate with their language the applicant understands. He stated that the applicant has driven over 2,000 rides without complaint. He stated the applicant doesn't recall the second complaint, but there was an incident 6 months ago when he got in to an argument with a passenger who grabbed him by the shirt collar. He added that the applicant cleans his taxi every day, denies he has a filthy taxi, and does not have complaint forms. He stated that he spoke with other taxi drivers and they don't have complaint forms either.
- B. Alderman Borkowski stated he is concerned about how the applicant is able to communicate with customers. He added that he doesn't want to deny a person a livelihood, but the applicant is the first impression for visitors to the city and some command of the English language is needed even to use Google.
- C. Alderman Murphy moved approval with a 30 day suspension based on not having complaint forms and applicant testimony. (Prevailed 5-0)

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 Chapter 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, Ahmed M. Aden, has not met the criteria of Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances or § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes to allow renewal of Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Kisima-Taxi without undergoing a thirty (30) day suspension based upon the not having complaint forms and applicant testimony.
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 Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Kisima-Taxi held by Ahmed M. Aden



with a thirty (30) day suspension based upon not having complaint forms and applicant testimony.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee by vote of five (5) ayes and 0 (0) noes recommends that the Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Kisima-Taxi of Ahmed M. Aden be renewed with a thirty (30) day suspension based upon not having complaint forms and applicant testimony.

Said suspension is to be in effect between 12:01 a.m. on September 25, 2018 through 11:59 p.m. on October 24, 2018.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 14th day of September, 2018



ROBERT BAUMAN
Chairman, Public Works Committee

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ROBERT J. BAUMAN
ALDERMAN, 4TH DISTRICT

Date: September 14, 2018

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Public Works Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Salam H. Al Hassan for a Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Salam.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Salam H. Al Hassan (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Salam in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expires at midnight, September 27, 2018.
2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on May 29, 2018.
3. Pursuant to Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred for investigation based on citizen complaints. That report could form the basis of non-renewal or suspension of this license.
4. On August 31, 2018 the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee, pursuant to Chapter 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 September 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the licensee did appear.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
 - A. The applicant stated he remembers the incident in the complaint and he was driving that day. He stated he charged the complainant \$35 to go from the airport to West Adler Street and he did not take the most direct route. He stated he originally charged \$38, but the complainant refused and only wanted to pay \$20, then he said pay \$35, not charging the \$3 airport fee. He stated the complainant



said he took the wrong way which is why it was more. He stated he doesn't have a credit card reader in his car and uses square on his phone.

- B. Alderman Murphy moved denial based on the applicant's testimony substantiating the complaint and not having a credit card reader in his taxicab. (Prevailed 5-0)

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 Chapter 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, Salam H. Al Hassan, has not met the criteria of Chapter 100 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances or § 349.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes to allow renewal of Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Salam based upon applicant testimony and not having a credit card reader in taxicab.
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 not renew Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Salam held by Salam H. Al Hassan based upon applicant testimony and not having a credit card reader in taxicab.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee by vote of **five (5) ayes and 0 (0) noes** recommends that the Public Passenger Vehicle Taxicab Permit Salam of Salam H. Al Hassan not be renewed based upon applicant testimony and not having a credit card reader in taxicab.

Said nonrenewal begins September 25, 2018.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 14th day of September, 2018



ROBERT BAUMAN
Chairman, Public Works Committee

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