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>> VICTOR CRIST: GOOD MORNING.

WELCOME TO THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING. THIS APRIL 13th, 2016.

IF WE COULD RISE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION.

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

FATHER, WE COME TOGETHER TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. WE ASK FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE, DIVINE INTELLIGENCE, DIVINE KNOWLEDGE. WE ASK FOR A CIVIL, WORKABLE ENVIRONMENT, AND WE ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE. AMEN. HEY, BEFORE WE START TODAY, I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME NEWS, I KNOW MANY OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE KNEW A GOOD FRIEND ROBERT LEVY. HE WAS A MENTOR TO MANY. HE REPRESENTED THE LIVERY INDUSTRY IN SOUTH FLORIDA, THE TOW TRUCK INDUSTRY ON THE STATE AND NATIONAL BASIS. HE HAD BEEN IN THE POLITICAL SCENE FOR WELL OVER 40 YEARS. A DECORATED VETERAN WITH MULTIPLE PURPLE HEARTS. HE PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY FROM COMPLICATIONS OF CANCER.

IF WE COULD TAKE A FEW MOMENTS REMEMBERING BOB AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS SERVICE. [MOMENT OF SILENCE] AMEN. OKAY. FIRST UP, TODAY WE HAVE THE AGENDA BEFORE YOU. IT WAS MAILED OUT. IS THERE AN APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA?

WE HAVE A MOTION. IS THERE A SECOND? ALL IN FAVOR, AYE? THOSE OPPOSED. WE HAVE IN THE NEWS. MR. COCKREAM?

>> GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR. DO YOU WANT TO HAVE THE WITNESSES SWORN IN OR DO YOU WANT TO WAIT UNTIL RIGHT BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENT TO DO THAT.

>> VICTOR CRIST: THAT'S FINE. WE CAN DO THE SWEARING IN NOW.

>> MR. SAUNDERS?

>> [SWEARING IN]

>> VICTOR CRIST: IS THERE ANY NEWS?

>> YES, SIR, GOOD MORNING. I WAS IN WEST PALM BEACH LAST WEEK OF PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION. THEY ARE LOOK --

>> VICTOR CRIST: I SAW A PICTURE OF YOU STANDING UNDER AN UMBRELLA WITH A MARTINI.

>> WELL, THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ME, BUT I DON'T DRINK MARTINIS.

NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT. ABSOLUTELY NOT. THE INTERESTING THING IS THEY TOO ARE FACED WITH TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AND HOW THEY FIT INTO THE COUNTY OF PALM BEACH. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY INTRODUCED IN THEIR ORDINANCE THAT I FOUND TO BE VERY UNIQUE IS THAT THEY ALLOWED TOO DIFFERENT PATHWAYS FOR COMPANIES, FOR TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES TO EXIST. ONE WOULD BE TRADITIONAL WHICH IS IN PLACE NOW, A FINGERPRINT METHOD WHERE THEY WOULD BE VETTED AND ROUTED THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. A SECOND WAY WOULD BE FOR THEM TO COME AND BE SELF-REGULATED, BUT IF A COMPANY CHOSE TO DO FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND CHECK AND BE REGULATED BY THE COUNTY, THEY WOULD GET A 50% OFF ON THEIR FEES, ON THEIR ANNUAL FEES FOR OPERATION. SO IT WAS INCENTIVIZED. I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY THAT I'M AWARE OF, SO I THOUGHT THAT WAS A VERY, VERY

INTERESTING APPROACH. I DO THINK THAT, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT VOTE, I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A SECOND READING OF THOSE PROPOSALS, SO IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND HOW THAT WORKS, AND I THINK TO SOME DEGREE WE, WE EXCHANGE INFORMATION ALL THE TIME, REGULATORS, AND PEOPLE THAT OPERATE IN THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OF TRANSPORTATION.

AND IT WAS A GREAT EXCHANGE. THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE THERE FROM INSURANCE, REGULATORS, PEOPLE THERE FROM THE RIDE SHARING COMPANIES, FROM UBER, FROM LYFT, FROM LIMOS, TAXIS. OVER 200 PEOPLE THERE, SO I REALLY COULDN'T TELL YOU EVERYBODY THAT WAS REPRESENTED, BUT A LOT OF GOOD RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMISSION TO BE ARMED WITH TO MAKE THEIR DECISION MOVING FORWARD.

>> VICTOR CRIST: QUESTIONS?

>> I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE EFFORT OF GOING DOWN TO THE MEETING AND TRYING TO FIND AS MUCH INFORMATION YOU CAN AS WE'RE SEARCHING FOR DECISIONS HERE, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY WITH MY SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT THAT YOU MADE THE TRIP AND THE EXTRA EFFORT, SO THANK YOU, SIR.

>> THANK YOU, SIR. I WAS ALREADY DOWN THERE ON A THREE-DAY VACATION, AND ASKED TO STEP IN THERE TO SERVE AS RESOURCE, AND CANDIDLY, I DIDN'T SPEAK IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST THEIR ORDINANCE OR IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST ANY ONE COMPANY OR PERSON'S ACTIONS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I HAVE MY NOTES RIGHT HERE THAT I STUCK TO VERY, VERY DILIGENTLY IN DOING SO. AND CANDIDLY, I THINK THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF COMPLEX ISSUES, AND ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT I HIT ON THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT HERE IN THIS COMMISSION IS PEOPLE THAT ARE OPERATING OFF THE APP THAT ARE WHAT WE CALL ROAD DRIVERS. THEY ARE NOT UBER DRIVERS, THEY ARE NOT LYFT DRIVERS, THEY ARE NOT TAXI DRIVERS, BUT THEY GET THE UBER OR LYFT SYMBOL ON THEIR PHONE TO LURE PEOPLE IN. I DON'T BELIEVE THESE COMPANIES, UBER AND LYFT ARE ENDORSING THAT BEHAVIOR. I DON'T THINK THAT THEY ARE ENDORSING THAT BEHAVIOR AT ALL BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT REGULATORY COMMISSIONS NEED TO BE AWARE OF BECAUSE THAT IS A PROBLEM WAITING TO HAPPEN IN ANY JURISDICTION.

>> VICTOR CRIST: ANY OTHER COMMENTS? KYLE, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU NOW FOR THREE YEARS, AND I'VE ENJOYED EVERY MOMENT OF IT. YOU'RE A TRUE PROFESSIONAL, YOU'RE AN HONORABLE MAN. YOU'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO LEAD ME TO QUESTION YOUR DECISION MAKING PROCESS. THE FACT THAT WHEN ON A VACATION TO STEP AWAY AND TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING IN OUR BEST INTEREST FOR YOU TO DO THAT IS COMMENDABLE. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE.

>> WELL, THANK YOU.

I REALLY FEEL THAT THAT'S A QUASI-OBLIGATION IS TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS. I GET THREE, FOUR, FIVE CALLS A WEEK FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT ARE DOING THAT WITH ME, SO I THINK EVERYBODY'S TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS, AND COLLECTIVELY I THINK WE WILL. BUT I'M NOT ABOVE LOOKING AT WHAT SOMEBODY ELSE IS PROPOSING AND BRINGING THAT BACK AS A RECOMMENDATION AS SOMETHING MAYBE WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF YET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS COMMENTS.

>> VICTOR CRIST: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME. SO IN THE NEWS --

>> I JUST WANT TO ECHO, THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOU ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME, AND THERE IS NOTHING UNTOWARD ABOUT YOU. YOU ARE TRANSPARENT. YOU ARE HONEST. AND THE FACT THAT YOU VOLUNTEERED YOUR TIME ON YOUR VACATION I THINK IS COMMENDABLE.

>> THANK YOU, SIR. I APPRECIATE THAT.

>> VICTOR CRIST: ANYTHING ELSE IN THE NEWS?

>> NO, SIR.

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY.

MOVING FORWARD, WE HAVE THE AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION PORTION OF OUR MEETING. WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF CARDS IF SOMEONE WOULD LIKE TO COME UP AND SPEAK, PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD SO WE CAN RECOGNIZE YOU AND HEAR YOU.

WE SET THREE MINUTES FOR SPEAKER. WE ASK THAT YOU RESPECT THE TIME CLOCK AND THAT YOU ALSO RESPECT THIS BOARD AND THE WORK THAT WE DO, IN MAKING YOUR COMMENTS AND WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THEM IN THE ORDER THAT WE RECEIVE THEM, SO FIRST UP IS TOM SMITH.

>> TOM SMITH, CLICK TO RIDE, TAMPA BAY AIRPORT LIMO.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH TNCs GOING ON. I AM RUNNING A TNC IN PINELLAS, PASCO, HERNANDO COUNTY AT THE MOMENT. STAYING OUT OF HILLSBOROUGH BECAUSE TRYING TO GET EVERYTHING SET TO DO IT LEGALLY. FIRST THING I AM JUST ASKING FOR IS I HAVE AN INSURANCE POLICY THAT IS 24 HOURS SET UP BY A LEGITIMATE COMPANY THROUGHOUT WHOLE STATE OF FLORIDA, 125, 350. AND I THINK THAT IF SOMEBODY GETS THAT INSURANCE, THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT OTHER INSURANCE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE INVOLVED. IF WE GET LEGITIMATE INSURANCE IDENTICAL TO THE CABS, THAT SHOULD BE A GOOD ITEM. AND IT SHOULD SUPERSEDE THE OTHER KIND. THE OTHER THING IS THE PAYMENT. COMMISSION REALLY, WHY WOULD WE SAY ONLY CANNOT TAKE CASH? YOU KNOW, IF THE PERSON, MY APP HAS A PAID DRIVER BUTTON ON IT THAT WAS ACTUALLY SOMEBODY ELSE'S IDEA TO PUT IT ON THERE. AND IF THE PASSENGER WANTS TO PAY THE DRIVER IN CASH OR ANTLERS OR WHATEVER HE WANTS TO PAY THEM, THAT'S MEDIUM EXCHANGE, THE COMMISSION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT. THE OTHER THING IS I ASKED THAT THE PROPOSALS GOING THROUGH, THEY'RE A LITTLE LEANING TOWARDS BIG BUSINESS. I'M A SMALL BUSINESS. THERE WAS TALK OF \$120,000 OR TALK OF SOME OTHER THINGS, WHAT WOULD PUT ME OUT OF THE BOX. I'M ALREADY HERE, I ALREADY EXIST. I JUST WANT THINGS TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY. UBER AND LYFT IS NOT THE ONLY GAME IN THE WORLD. ANYWAY. THAT'S IT.

>> VICTOR CRIST: LOUIS MINARDI? ROBERT SEARCY? BROOK NEGUSEI? ANYBODY ELSE? OKAY, SEEING NONE, IS THERE A MOTION TO CLOSE THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING?

>> SO MOVED.

>> VICTOR CRIST: SECOND? ALL IN FAVOR, AYE. OKAY. SO MOVED. WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE ONTO THE AGENDA. WE HAVE THE CONSENT ITEMS AND REPORTS.

>> IN THE CONSENT ITEMS WE HAVE MARCH MEETING MINUTES, APPROVAL OF THE PVDL LICENSES THAT WERE GRANTED THROUGH PROPER APPLICATION, FISCAL YEAR STATUS REPORT, AND THE COMMISSION REPORT. THOSE ARE THE ONLY FOUR ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

>> VICTOR CRIST: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, IS THERE A MOTION TO ACCEPT?

>> MOVE TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS A THROUGH D.

>> VICTOR CRIST: THERE IS A MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR? THOSE OPPOSED? SHOW IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ATTORNEY'S REPORT? MS. OSTER. ANYTHING HAPPENING IN THE LEGAL FRONT?

>> YES, SIR, THERE IS.

>> VICTOR CRIST: I HEAR WE DID REALLY WELL YESTERDAY.

>> WE DID AND THERE ARE TWO ITEMS UNDER MY REPORT AND I'LL START WITH THE FIRST ONE. WHICH IS WHAT MR. CHAIR IS REFERENCING. THOMAS AND HIS COMPANY BLACK PEARL LIMOUSINE FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THIS COMMISSION CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE MINIMUM FARE RULE. AT THE TIME, THE MINIMUM FARE RULE WAS AT \$50. NOW IT'S AT \$30. WE HAD ORAL ARGUMENTS BEFORE THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL YESTERDAY. THOSE ARGUMENTS WERE PRESENTED BY ROB BRAZEL FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THERE WERE ALSO

INTERVENERS REPRESENTED IN THOSE ARGUMENTS. THE ARGUMENTS WENT VERY WELL. MR. BRAZEL DID AN EXCELLENT JOB. AND I ACCEPT AND I'M HOPEFUL FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME IN THAT REGARD. THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL CAN DO A NUMBER OF THINGS. THEY CAN ISSUE A PER CURIAM AFFIRMED, WHICH MEANS AFFIRMING THE LOWER COURT'S DECISION IN FAVOR OF THE PTC OR THEY CAN ISSUE A WRITTEN OPINION. IF A PER CURIAM AFFIRMED IS ISSUED, THEN WE COULD HEAR BACK FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL VERY SHORTLY, MAYBE A WEEK OR TWO. IF THE WRITTEN OPINION IS FORTHCOMING IT WILL TAKE POTENTIALLY A COUPLE OF MONTHS, BUT I ANTICIPATE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME AND THE COMMISSION WAS WELL REPRESENTED BY ROB BRAZEL AT THE MANAGING ATTORNEY. SO UNLESS THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, THEN I AM GOING TO MOVE ONTO THE SECOND PART OF MY REPORT. OKAY. SEEING NONE, AS YOU RECALL, AT THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING IS -- THIS COMMISSION AUTHORIZED MOVING FORWARD WITH SELECTED PIECES OF LITIGATION INVOLVING THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES. THE SPECIFIC PIECE OF LITIGATION THAT THIS COMMISSION APPROVED MOVING FORWARD ON WAS THE APPEAL OF CITATIONS THAT HAD BEEN ISSUED TO UBER THAT HAD BEEN APPEALED LIKewise TO THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. WE HAVE TAKEN THOSE STEPS THROUGH OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT PIECE OF LITIGATION, AND THERE ACTUALLY HAS BEEN A PLEADING FILED REQUESTING THAT THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL ENTER THE PREVIOUSLY STAYED ORDER, REINSTITUTE THE APPEAL, AND SET THE MATTER FOR ARGUMENT AT THE COURT'S CONVENIENCE. WE ANTICIPATE AN ORDER FORTHCOMING VERY SHORTLY GRANTING THE ORAL ARGUMENTS OR SCHEDULING THE ORAL ARGUMENTS, AND WE THINK THEY WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME IN MAY OR JUNE. CERTAINLY IF THAT HAPPENS, WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED, AND IF THERE IS AN OUTCOME IN THAT REGARD, WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED. AND UNLESS THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR PIECE, THAT WOULD CONCLUDE MY REPORT.

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY, QUESTIONS. MOTION TO APPROVE THE ATTORNEY'S REPORT. THOSE OPPOSED? SHOW IT UNANIMOUS. ALSO, ROB, IF YOU ARE LISTENING. THANK YOU. I HEARD YOU DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB YESTERDAY IN PRESENTING YOUR ARGUMENTS, AND I HEARD THAT FROM SOME VERY TALENTED LAWYERS THAT WOULD CERTAINLY KNOW, UNDERSTAND, AND APPRECIATE THAT. MOVING FORWARD, LET'S SEES, WE HAVE OUR DIRECTOR'S REPORT. KYLE?

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. ITEM NUMBER A IS ENTITLED RETIREMENT AND THAT PERTAINS TO MY RETIREMENT. BACK IN THE EARLY PART OF THE YEAR, THE EARLY PART OF THE YEAR, MORE SPECIFICALLY, JANUARY 21st, I BEGAN HAVING COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE CHAIR ABOUT THAT, AND WE AGREED THAT THE BEST PATH TO DO THIS WOULD BE TO TRY TO WORK SOMETHING OUT WITH THESE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AND PASS SOME KIND OF A STATE LAW THAT WOULD GOVERN THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES. AND I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTRACT FROM THAT PROCESS TO BE QUITE FRANK WITH YOU. THAT'S A VERY COMPLEX SITUATION. I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE WORKED IN TALLAHASSEE VERY, VERY HARD AT MAKING AN EFFORT AT IT. SO MY CONTRACT AGREES THAT A 90 DAYS' NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN, SO MY LAST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WILL BE JULY 11TH AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW. I WILL BE RETIRING AND MOVING ONTO SOMETHING ELSE WHICH WILL INCLUDE CYCLING AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

>> VICTOR CRIST: I WANT TO JUST CLARIFY THINGS. KYLE FIRST APPROACHED ME WITH THIS BACK IN JANUARY, AND HE WAS THINKING ABOUT IT, AND HE WANTED TO KNOW MY THOUGHTS. WE SPOKE ABOUT IT. I BROUGHT IN MS. OSTER TO TALK ABOUT IF HE WAS TO DO THIS, WHAT AND HOW WOULD BE THE WAY TO DO IT PER HIS CONTRACT. AND I SPECIFICALLY ASKED HIM AT THAT TIME WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON IN TALLAHASSEE, IF IT'S AT ALL POSSIBLE, COULD YOU POSTPONE ANNOUNCING THIS

UNTIL AT LEAST 30 DAYS AFTER SESSION WAS OVER FOR US TO KIND OF GET THROUGH THE POTENTIAL MIRE THAT WAS GOING ON UP THERE. AND HE AGREED TO DO THAT. SO HE CAME TO ME LAST WEEK, BROUGHT ME THE LETTER THAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY WRITTEN, AND HE HANDED IT TO ME AND WE SAT AND WE TALKED, AND I TOLD HIM THAT I REALLY WISHED, WHILE I APPRECIATE WHAT HE'S DOING AND HOPE THAT ONE DAY I HAVE THE TIME DO THAT WITH MY FAMILY, I REALLY WISHED YOU COULD STAY ON AT LEAST THROUGH THE END OF THIS CONTRACT IN NOVEMBER. AND HE SAID THAT, YOU KNOW, HE WOULD CONSIDER THAT BUT AT THIS POINT, YOU KNOW, HE WAS FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS OF COUNSEL, AND DOING THIS THE REQUIRED WAY PER HIS CONTRACT. I WANTED YOU TO NOT BE BLINDSIDED SO, I ASKED MS. OSTER IF I COULD SEND IT OUT AND SHE SAID THAT YOU KNOW IN ORDER TO PREVENT A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF SUNSHINE JUST IN CASE ONE OF YOU WERE TO HAPPEN TO RESPOND BACK, IT WOULD BE SAFER IF SHE SENT IT OUT, AND SHE DID. SO THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS AND THAT THAT THE MEDIA TRIED TO DRAW. IT WAS SIMPLY THE IRONY OF THE TIMING. DISCUSSION?

>> WE HAD HAD DISCUSSION EARLIER IN THE YEAR ABOUT YOUR RETIREMENT AND YOUR DESIRE TO PURSUE MORE TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, AND I ADMIRE THAT. I'VE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU, AND NOT LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN YOU WOULD MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT I WISH YOU THE BEST. HOPE THAT YOU WOULD RECONSIDER, BUT UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF WANTING TO SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY, AND DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A CYCLIST, BUT BE CAREFUL ON THE ROADS OUT THERE.

>> YES, SIR, THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

>> VICTOR CRIST: COUNCILMAN KEEL.

>> I THINK YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB AND THIS HAS BEEN A TIME IN THE PTC NOT MUCH FUN TO BE IN YOUR SHOES AND YOU'VE TAKEN ALL THE LICKS AND HITS AND KIND OF ROLLED WITH IT, AND DONE THE VERY BEST JOB THAT I THINK ANYONE COULD'VE DONE IN THAT POSITION. AND I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. I'VE RETIRED A COUPLE TIMES ALREADY IN MY LIFE, AND I KEEP FINDING WORK AGAIN OR WORK FINDS ME AGAIN. SO IF THAT HAPPENS TO YOU, YOU LET ME KNOW IF I CAN BE A REFERENCE FOR YOU.

>> THANK YOU, SIR, I APPRECIATE THAT TREMENDOUSLY.

>> VICTOR CRIST: DAVE?

>> WELL, I THINK, FIRST OF ALL, THERE IS A SILVER LINING.

WE'VE GOT 90 DAYS TO CHANGE YOUR MIND, SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. BUT SHOULD YOU STICK TO YOUR GUNS, AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU MAY, I JUST WANT TO APPLAUD YOU FOR YOUR STEADFASTNESS AND DEDICATION TO THIS ORGANIZATION. YOU CAME IN HERE AND WE HAD A SLEW OF PROBLEMS, AND YOU HAVE WITH YOUR TEAM CLEANED UP 90% OF THEM. I THINK OBVIOUSLY THE UBER LYFT WORK OUT TAKES UP A LOT OF YOUR TIME NOW, AND I KNOW WHEN YOU'RE OUT IN THE PUBLIC SOMETIMES IT'S NOT EASY FOR YOU. AND YOU HAVE, YOU HAVE REMAINED STEADFAST AND YOU HAVE REMAINED DEDICATED TO FINDING A FAIR AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION. I APPLAUD YOU AND HOPE THAT IN 90 DAYS WE CAN CONVINCE YOU TO STAY. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN, I APPRECIATE IT.

>> VICTOR CRIST: THE PTC TODAY IS NOT THE PTC OF YESTERDAY.

YOU KNOW, THIS ENTIRE ORGANIZATION OVER THE LAST 36 MONTHS HAS GONE THROUGH A COMPLETE OVERHAUL. WE HAVE NEW OPERATION GUIDELINES, POLICIES, PROCEDURES. WE ARE ANNUALLY AUDITED FINANCIALLY. OUR BOARD DOES AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT AS WELL. WE HAVE NEW STAFF. FOR THE MOST PART WE EVEN HAVE A NEW BOARD. WE HAVE NEW BOARD POLICIES. EXCUSE ME, MY ALLERGIES. WE HAVE NEW BOARD GUIDELINES. WE HAVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN

PLACE. WE HAVE THE MOST INCREDIBLE STAFF. THE ORGANIZATION THAT YOU HAVE ASSEMBLED OF PROFESSIONALS IS SECOND TO NONE. AND YOU KNOW, THIS AGENCY IS OUT THERE DOING A TOUGH JOB IN A TOUGH ENVIRONMENT WITH JUST A SKELETON CREW OF INDIVIDUALS ON A VERY SLIM BUDGET, AND THEY'RE GETTING A GREAT JOB DONE. AND PROTECTING THE PUBLIC AND ENSURING BEST VALUES. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THAT LEGACY TO THAT END AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN OUR DISCUSSIONS, WE'RE GOING TO WANT TO TALK ABOUT NEXT STEPS, AND I HOPE THAT WE FOLLOW THE SUCCESSES OF OUR ACTIONS OF THE PAST. MEMBERS, WHAT WE DID IN THE PAST IS CONDUCT A STATE AND NATIONAL SEARCH. WE HAD AN OPEN, AND VISIBLE AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS. WE HAVE AN APPOINTED SEARCH COMMITTEE THAT WENT THROUGH ALL OF THE DATA AND BROUGHT BACK FOR THIS BOARD'S CONSIDERATION THEIR RECOMMENDATION. AND IT WORKED OUT WELL. WE GOT KYLE. AND YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO MOVE THROUGH THIS AS SWIFTLY AS WE CAN WHILE KYLE IS STILL HERE BECAUSE I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD BE APART OF THIS PROCESS.

>> THANK YOU YES, SIR.

>> VICTOR CRIST: ONE LAST THING IN CLARIFICATION. THIS MORNING I READ YOUR E-MAIL THAT WENT OUT, KYLE, AND WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE POINT THAT YOU WERE TRYING TO MAKE HERE, YOU KNOW, YOU ARE RETIRING FOR A LEGAL DEFINITION, THE LETTER IS CALLED A LETTER OF RESIGNATION. SO FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE, THAT'S THE PROPER DEFINITION AS CATEGORIZED IN YOUR CONTRACT, AND THERE WASN'T ANY INTENT OR MISINTENT OR ACCIDENTAL MISCHARACTERIZATIONS. IT WAS JUST LAWYERS BEING LAWYERS. AND I HOPE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND.

>> YES, SIR, I DO.

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY. MEMBERS? NOTHING ELSE. WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON WHILE I STILL HAVE MY VOICE. B2 COMMUNICATIONS, EXTENDING THEIR CONTRACT.

>> YES, SIR. AS YOU MAY RECALL, THE COMMISSION VOTED TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH B2 COMMUNICATIONS UNTIL THE END OF MARCH. B2 COMMUNICATIONS IS ASSISTING WITH PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION AS WELL AS HANDING MANY OF OUR SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS. AFTER WORKING CLOSELY WITH COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT OFFICE, WE'RE ABLE TO SEND OUT AN RFP OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. THAT WENT OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES. THE BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO REVIEW THE RFP SUBMITTED FOR THIS SERVICE AT APRIL 27th AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE 18th FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING. THEREFORE, I'M REQUESTING THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH B2 COMMUNICATIONS BE EXTENDED UNTIL THE RFPs CAN BE REVIEWED AND A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT CAN BE OFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE. I RECOMMEND THIS EXTENSION WOULD BE TO B2 COMMUNICATIONS NOT TO EXCEED 90 DAYS SHOULD THERE BE SOME UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCE, BUT AT THE OUTSIDE I THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE EXTENDED JUST UNTIL THE COMMITTEE CAN MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AND BRING IT FORWARD TO THIS BOARD FOR PURPOSES OF OUR OFFERING A LONG-TERM CONTRACT TO WHOEVER IS AWARDED.

>> VICTOR CRIST: MEMBERS, DISCUSSION? SEEING NONE, QUICK COMMENT. KYLE PARKS, CAN YOU STAND FOR A MOMENT? EVERYBODY CAN SEE WHO YOU ARE. WE HAVE KYLE AND KYLE. WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF THAT? I'VE WORKED IN THE ADVERTISING INDUSTRY SINCE 1982 RUNNING AN AGENCY OF MY OWN, AND I WORKED WITH PR, AND ADVERTISING AND MARKETING PROFESSIONALS FROM ALL LEVELS, FROM CHICAGO TO NEW YORK TO L.A. TO MIAMI AND BACK AGAIN THROUGH MY EFFORTS IN THE AMERICAN ADVERTISING FEDERATION AND SHARING CLIENTS. KYLE, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WHEN OUR KYLE BROUGHT YOU ON BOARD. I'D NEVER MET YOU THROUGH THE AD SEG OR THE 4As OR THE TRADITIONAL GROUPS BUT I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU IN THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING WITH US, I'VE BEEN INCREDIBLY IMPRESSED. YOUR PROFESSIONALISM, YOUR ETHICS, YOUR CALM DEMEANOR AND YOUR VALUABLE

CONNECTIONS AND HOW THEY RESPECT YOU IS REMARKABLE AND YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT ASSET TO OUR TEAM. IS THERE A MOTION?

>> WE MOVE TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR NO MORE THAN 90 DAYS.

>> VICTOR CRIST: ANY DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? UNANIMOUS. DIRECTED TO MOVE FORWARD.

>> THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS OLD BUSINESS AND MORE SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA IS RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE MEETING. RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON MARCH 22nd AND AT THIS MOMENT I WILL BRING UP MR. POGORILICH.

>> IF YOU WILL RECALL AT THAT MEETING YOU WERE PRESENTED WITH 16 POTENTIAL RULE CHANGES. 13 OF THOSE WERE APPROVED PER RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL PTC FOR APPROVAL. WE HELD ONTO THOSE AND HELD ONTO DISCUSSION OR APPROVAL OF THOSE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE LATEST LEGISLATIVE SESSION. SINCE THERE HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY NO OUTCOME AND NOTHING HAS BEEN CHANGED AS A RESULT OF LEGISLATION, WE HAVE 13 RULES THAT WERE VETTED BY THE RULES AND POLICY COMMITTEE THAT WERE ALL APPROVED TO BRING TO THE FULL PTC FOR APPROVAL, AND I WOULD ASK FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THOSE 13 RULES THAT HAVE BEEN FULLY VETTED IN THE COMMITTEE.

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY, WE MAY HAVE A LEGAL PROBLEM AT THIS POINT IN ORDER TO DO THAT, AND WHAT IT WOULD BE IS THAT THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF RULES THAT ARE LEFT IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT WE'VE RUN OUT OF TIME.

WE'VE NOT FINISHED CONSIDERING THAT COULD TAKE THESE EXISTING RULES AND BE IN CONFLICT. SO UNTIL WE HAVE FULLY VENTED ALL OF THE RULE PROPOSALS RULES, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A FULLY INFORMED DECISION HERE, AND WE COULD HAVE RULES THAT ARE CONFLICTING WITH RULES. THIS IS A VERY CUMBERSOME PROCESS, BUT THE EASIEST WAY TO DO IT WOULD BE TO HOLD OUT 30 MORE OR SO DAYS, HAVE ALL THE POTENTIAL RULE CHANGES AT OUR FINGERTIPS, REVIEW THEM ALL AND MAKE OUR DECISIONS FULLY INFORMED AND NOT HAVE A SITUATION OF CONFLICTING CIRCUMSTANCES. COUNSEL?

>> MR. CHAIR, CERTAINLY WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AND SEE IF THERE IS A POTENTIAL CONFLICT WITH OTHER RULES. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE ARE A SELECT GROUP OF FEES THAT WOULD HAVE LIMITED OR MINIMAL IMPACT ON ANY KIND OF DISCUSSIONS INVOLVING THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES. YOU KNOW, AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE REQUIRING TAXICABS TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS. I THINK THAT'S, YOU KNOW --

>> VICTOR CRIST: WOULD YOU BE ABLE AT THIS TIME TO BE ABLE TO GO THROUGH AND CHERRY PICK SO THAT WE WOULDN'T RUN INTO IT CONFLICTS?

>> ABSOLUTELY, AND THEN I CAN ALSO BRING BACK LEGALLY DRAFTED RULES THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH. OF COURSE, IF THIS COMMISSION APPROVES THEM AT THAT TIME, THEN WE WOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT PROCESS.

>> VICTOR CRIST: SO ARE YOU SUGGESTING MOVE FORWARD NOW WITH THE CHERRY PICKED RULES SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE CONFLICTS?

OR ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT WE COME BACK IN 30 DAYS AFTER YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THEM?

>> I THINK AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I'M NOT SURE WHAT ELSE IS GOING TO BE COMING OUT OF THE RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE.

I KNOW THERE'S BEEN SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT MAYBE PROVIDING SOME MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT THESE RULES. I KNOW SOME OF THEM LIKE THE CREDIT CARDS, THAT'S JUST THE EXAMPLE. THE GREEN VEHICLE, THINGS OF THAT NATURE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE VERY LIMITED IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.

>> VICTOR CRIST: SO IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE LEANING TOWARDS RECOMMENDING THAT

WE HOLD OFF ON THIS UNTIL WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT ALL THE RULES LOOK LIKE.

>> WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT. AND I'M HAPPY TO REVIEW THAT TO SEE IF THERE'S A CONFLICT WITH ANY OF THE OTHER RULES THAT MAY BE COMING OUT OF RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE.

>> IF YOU COULD SPEAK INTO THE MIC. SO YOUR RECOMMENDATION IS TO WAIT 30 DAYS OR THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT LEGAL ISSUES, AND I WANT TO HEAR FROM DAVID IF YOU DON'T MIND. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT WAITING?

>> YOU WOULD HEAR FROM ME IF YOU MINDED OR NOT, QUITE FRANKLY.

HERE'S THE THING. WE HAVE FULLY VETTED 13 OF THE 16 RULES THAT WERE PRESENTED TODAY TO THE RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE. WE ARE FACED WITH NEW RULE CHANGES MONTHLY. LET'S APPROVE THESE AND IF THERE IS A CONFLICT, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE SUGGESTED RULE CHANGES ARE GOING TO GO. THERE IS A PROCESS FOR THAT. THAT PROCESS TAKES TIME. WE'RE AT THE INFANTILE STAGE OF DISCUSSING THE NEW RULES. THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO DO, I DON'T THINK WE'VE GOT ANY INPUT FROM THE AFFECTED PARTIES YET, CORRECT? THAT'S THE FIRST STEP.

I SEE NO REASON TO NOT IMPLEMENT THESE RULES NOW, AND IF WE DISCOVER A CONFLICT LATER, WE CAN CHANGE THE RULES JUST LIKE WE NORMALLY DO.

JUST LIKE OUR NORMAL PROCEDURE IS. WHEN WE VETTED THESE 13 RULES THAT WERE APPROVED BY THE POLICY TO BRING TO YOU TODAY, THEY WERE FULLY VETTED FOR CONFLICTS. THEY WERE FULLY VETTED FOR LEGALITY. AND THEY WERE BROUGHT TO YOU AFTER THAT VETTING. SO I SEE NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD ON THESE 13 AND APPROVE THEM, PUT THEM IN PLACE, AND AS TIME GOES ON, AND NEW RULES ARE PRESENTED, NEW SUGGESTED RULES ARE PRESENTED, AND WE GO THROUGH THE PROCESS LIKE WE DID WITH THESE 13, IF THERE IS A CONFLICT, WE CAN ADDRESS IT AT THAT TIME. WE HAVE NO, RIGHT NOW WE'RE BETTING ON THE BLIND.

WE DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A CONFLICT. WE DON'T KNOW THAT THE SUGGESTED RULES ARE GOING TO GO ANYWHERE. I SEE NO REASON TO HALT THIS PROCESS BECAUSE SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN. MOTION TO APPROVE THE 13 RULES.

>> VICTOR CRIST: AS CHAIR I AM GOING TO GO AHEAD AND EXERCISE MY RIGHT IN DEBATE AND TO MAKE A MOTION THAT IS NONDEBATABLE. I AM GOING TO PASS THE GAVEL TO MY LEFT SINCE --

>> I DID MAKE A SECOND.

>> VICTOR CRIST: HE DID MAKE A SECOND. PER ROBERTS RULES THERE IS ANOTHER MOTION THAT CAN BE MADE THAT SUPERSEDES THAT'S NONDEBATABLE AND THAT'S A MOTION TO LEAVE PENDING INDEFINITELY, AND I'M MAKING THAT MOTION BECAUSE I PERSONALLY KNOW THAT THERE'S ADDITIONAL RULES THAT ARE IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT WILL BE DIRECTLY IN CONFLICT WITH SOME OF THESE, AND THAT THIS IS AN EFFORT TO TRY TO THWART THAT. AND I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS BEING FAIR TO THE PUBLIC, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S BEING FAIR TO THIS BOARD. BECAUSE IT'S ASKING YOU TO MAKE A DECISION BLIND.

>> OKAY, SO THERE IS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO LEAVE THIS INDEFINITELY. NOW WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE FLOOR TO LEAVE THIS PENDING INDEFINITELY.

>> VICTOR CRIST: WE CAN ALWAYS BRING IT BACK BUT IT'S PENDING UNTIL WE BRING IT BACK.

>> IS THERE FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>> YES. I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE. WE ARE NOT TRYING TO CIRCUMVENT ANYTHING. THE RULES THAT WERE PRESENTED SPECIFICALLY, I THINK IT WAS CALLED OPTION B AT THE TIME, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO GET OUT OF COMMITTEE, WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO BE TWEAKED, WE DON'T KNOW THE IMPACT ON THE 13 RULES. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS WE HAVE 13 RULES THAT WERE APPROVED, AND

ACTUALLY, COMMISSIONER CRIST, YOU MOTIONED TO APPROVE MOST OF THESE THAT WERE APPROVED FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL PTC FOR APPROVAL THAT HAD BEEN FULLY VETTED AS WE NORMALLY DO, AS NEW RULES ARE PROPOSED, AS NEW RULES GO THROUGH THE PROCESS. IF THERE IS A CONFLICT, WE WILL HANDLE THE CONFLICT WHEN THE CONFLICT ARISES. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT A, AS COMMONLY HAS BEEN KNOWN AS OPTION B WE EVEN GET OUT OF COMMITTEE. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THAT OPTION B WILL BE TWEAKED SOMEHOW. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE INPUT FROM THE AFFECTED PARTIES YET. I CAN TELL YOU THAT MOST LIKELY OPTION B IN ITS CURRENT FORM WILL NOT BE THE OPTION B THAT ULTIMATELY GETS OUT OF COMMITTEE. THERE ARE NO REASON TO NOT APPROVE THE 13 RULES THAT HAVE BEEN FULLY VETTED AND MOTION BY YOU MR. CRIST FOR APPROVAL BY PTC.

>> VICTOR CRIST: MR. KEEL, THE MOTION I MADE IS NOT A DEBATABLE MOTION, AND WE ARE IN DEBATE, BUT SINCE IT IS MY MOTION, WE HAVE TO VOTE ON MY MOTION NOW FIRST. I WILL CLOSE. AND WHILE I DID SUPPORT THOSE OTHER RULE CHANGES, I SUPPORTED THEM WITH THE IDEA THAT ALL OF THE RULE CHANGES WOULD BE COMING BEFORE THIS BOARD COLLECTIVELY SO THAT THIS BOARD WOULD BE ABLE TO OPENLY AND INTELLIGENTLY AND DILIGENTLY LOOK AT ALL THE OPTIONS AND THEN MAKE YOUR DECISION. AND TO WAIT ANOTHER 30 DAYS SO THAT YOU COULD HAVE ALL THE CARDS ON THE TABLE AND SEE THE GAME IN PLAY IS A VERY REASONABLE, PRUDENT THING TO DO. AND I THINK WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IS A BLINDSIDE TO RAILROAD THROUGH JUST HALF THE RULES, TO SHUT DOWN ANY DISCUSSION ON THE OTHER HALF OF THE RULES, AND FRANKLY, THAT IS UNFAIR TO THE PUBLIC WE SERVE, AND UNFAIR TO THIS BOARD BECAUSE YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO MAKE A DECISION WITHOUT HAVING ALL THE FACTS IN FRONT OF YOU. AND THAT'S JUST UNFORTUNATE. AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, I DISAGREE WITH THAT, AS A CHAIR OF THE BOARD, I DISAGREE WITH THAT, AND I AM UTILIZING THE PROCESS NOW AS THE PROCESS PROVIDES FOR THROUGH ROBERTS RULES AND I'M ASKING FOR A POSTPONEMENT BY UTILIZING THE MOTION TO TEMPORARILY POSTPONE INDEFINITELY. WE CAN BRING THEM BACK WHEN WE HAVE ALL THE CARDS TO LOOK AT.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION.

>> VICTOR CRIST: GO AHEAD.

>> I WANT TO RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH OUR COUNSEL, AND THAT IS WILL BE IN VIOLATION OF ANY POLICY OR PROCEDURE IF WE DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH --

>> I'M SORRY, COUNCILMAN?

>> WOULD BE WE IN VIOLATION MOVE FORWARD WITH THE 13 VETTED RULES, WOULD WE BE IN VIOLATION?

>> I THINK THAT IT'S WITHIN THE -- I'M SORRY?

>> NO, GO AHEAD.

>> I THINK IT'S WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THIS COMMISSION WHETHER THEY WANT TO APPROVE THE RULES OR NOT. CERTAINLY I'M HAPPY TO TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT THOSE TO SEE IF THERE'S A CONFLICT WITH WHAT MIGHT BE COMING THROUGH AT SOME POINT. IT IS AT THE PLEASURE OF THIS COMMISSION.

>> ALL RIGHT, IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM?

SEEING NONE, WE ARE GOING TO VOTE TO TEMPORARILY POSTPONE THIS ITEM.

WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF TEMPORARILY POSTPONING THIS ITEM, SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. ALL THOSE OPPOSED, NO. SHOW OF HANDS, PLEASE. AYES? AND NOES? OKAY. IT FAILS. SO DO YOU WANT THE GAVEL BACK, SIR?

>> VICTOR CRIST: ALL RIGHT, WE'RE ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO MOVE THE RULES FORWARD.

>> MR. CHAIR, IF I MAY, JUST AS A MATTER OF PROCEDURE SO THAT THIS COMMISSION UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE NEXT STEPS WOULD BE, IS THAT THERE WOULD BE LEGAL DRAFTSMANSHIP OF THE RULES. THEN A NOTICE IN THE PAPER WOULD BE MADE

SPECIFYING WHAT THOSE CHANGES WOULD BE. IF SOMEONE WERE TO REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING ON THOSE PROPOSED RULES, WE WOULD HAVE TO AFFORD THEM ONE VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE WITH THE ORIGINAL RULES THAT AFFECTED TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, SO AT SOME SUBSEQUENT TIME IF THIS COMMISSION HAS A DIFFERENT POSITION ON IT, AS WE GO THROUGH THIS APA PROCESS, WE CAN CERTAINLY RECONSIDER THAT AND TAKE THAT UP AT THAT TIME.

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY. WE HAVE PROPOSED RULES FOR CONSIDERATION OF THIS BOARD. IS THERE ANY OTHER FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THEM? WE HAVE A MOTION TO MOVE THEM FORWARD? SEEING NONE. ALL IN FAVOR, AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. THE AYES HAVE IT. THEY MOVE FORWARD. OKAY. UNDER THIS CATEGORY, BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD, I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC THAT ARE HERE TODAY AND TO THE CAB COMPANIES SMILING OUT IN THE AUDIENCE, THE RULES THAT JUST PASSED MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT, NOT ALL OF THEM BUT SOME OF THEM, FOR TNCs TO COME INTO THIS MARKET AND OPERATE. THE RULES THAT ARE ON THE TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE OPEN THE DOOR FOR NEW ENTERPRISE, NEW BUSINESS, NEW TECHNOLOGIES, TNCs AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT MAY COME DOWN THE LINE IN THE FUTURE. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. SO I'M GOING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MY RECOMMENDATION IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH OPENS THE DOORS FOR OPEN, FAIR, AND JUST COMPETITION. IT IS FAIR TO THE CAB COMPANIES, IT IS FAIR TO ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESSES THAT WANT TO COME TO THIS MARKET AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY AND CHOICE TO THE CONSUMER. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THAT. I KNOW THE CAB COMPANIES ARE NOT HAPPY WITH ME RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M TRYING TO DO WHAT I KNOW IS RIGHT. AND I HAVE TO GO HOME AND LIVE WITH MY CONSCIENCE. AND THIS AGENCY FOR FAR TOO LONG HAS BEEN HERE PROTECTING THIS MARKET AND KEEPING THE DOOR CLOSED. AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN AS A CITIZEN AND AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO OPEN THAT DOOR. IF THAT CREATES HARD FEELINGS, THEN I'M SORRY BUT THAT'S FAIR AND I'M ALL ABOUT BEING FAIR. SO THE PROPOSAL BEFORE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING TAKES BASICALLY THE SAME LANGUAGE AND REQUIREMENTS THAT THIS BOARD VOTED TO SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION ADOPT AS A BILL, AND THAT DAN RAULERSON FILED ON BEHALF OF THIS AGENCY AS A BILL. AND RESPECTING THE BUSINESS MODEL OF THE TNCs AND THEIR DESIRE TO REMAIN PRIVATE BECAUSE OF COMPETITIVE REASONS PUT THE ONUS OF ENFORCING IT, POLICING IT, AND IMPLEMENTING IT ON THEM. AND THEN REQUIRED THEM TO SIGN A LEGAL AFFIDAVIT SWEARING THAT IT HAD BEEN DONE AND ALLOWING US TO GO IN AND DO SPOT CHECKS TO MAKE SURE. AND IF IN THE EVENT WE FOUND THAT IT WASN'T, NOT ONLY WOULD THEY BE POTENTIALLY FORFEITING THEIR LICENSE TO OPERATE IN THE COUNTY AND SUBJECTED TO FINES, BUT THEY WOULD ALSO BE IN CRIMINAL CONTEMPT OF THE COURT. SO IT REALISTICALLY WOULD'VE BEEN A WAY TO GET WHAT THIS BOARD WANTED TO SEE DONE, BUT IN A WAY THAT WOULD'VE FIT INTO THE MODEL OF THE TNC BUSINESSES. WHETHER WE WANT TO CONSIDER IT HERE, WHETHER WE WANT TO MOVE IT FROM HERE, REALLY IN 24 MONTHS IS GOING TO BE IRRELEVANT BECAUSE THE STATE'S GOING TO DO IT ANYWAY. AND THAT'S NOT SPECULATION, THAT'S FACT. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS, YOU KNOW, WE COULD HAVE A SITUATION NOW WHERE WE MAY HAVE TO GO BACK AND RECONSIDER RULES THAT WE HAVE SENT TO THE STATE FOR CONSIDERATION WITH POTENTIAL CONFLICTS.

ALL RIGHT, MOVING FORWARD, KYLE?

>> QUESTION?

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> WHAT'S CONFUSING TO ME, MR. CHAIRMAN, IS THAT YOU SUPPORTED ALL THESE RULES THAT YOU NOW SAY ARE NOT SAVORY, FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD, AND THAT CONFUSES THIS MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION AS TO WHY YOU WOULD SUPPORT THIS,

AND THEN HERE YOU NOW IMPLY THAT YOU MAY HAVE SECRET INFORMATION OR SOMETHING THAT'S NOT GENERALLY KNOWN TO THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS THAT WOULD WANT TO, WOULD MOTIVATE YOU TO USE A MANEUVER THROUGH ROBERTS RULES TO SUSPEND THIS, AND I JUST ASK HAVE YOU LOST CONFIDENCE WITH THE BOARD AND THE MEMBERS HERE IN THE MISSION THIS COMMISSION HAS? IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE THAT THE REST OF THE MEMBERS SHOULD KNOW, SINCE WE OPERATE IN SUNSHINE, I WOULD MOST WELCOME YOU TO SHARE THAT WITH US.

>> VICTOR CRIST: WHAT I'LL SHARE WITH YOU IS I VOTED TO MOVE THESE FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION, BUT I WAS EXPECTING, I WAS NOT EXPECTING TO VOTE ON THEM TODAY. I WAS EXPECTING THE REPORT TO BE WHAT TOOK PLACE IN THE COMMITTEE, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE RULES COMING FORTH IN THE FUTURE, ONCE WE WERE FINISHED WITH OUR WORK. I WAS BLINDSIDED WITH A MOTION TO ACCEPT THEM TODAY, AND YOU KNOW, KNOWING THAT THERE'S ADDITIONAL RULES WE RAN OUT OF TIME FOR CONSIDERATION THAT WERE FORTHCOMING WANTED TO STALL THE VOTE ON THESE SO THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO LOOK AT ALL THE RULES AT THE SAME TIME. IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE POLICY DIRECTION THIS BOARD CHOOSES TO TAKE, AND IF BOARD CHOOSES TO TAKE THE DOOR FOR FREE ENTERPRISE AND COMPETITION AND HONOR WHAT THE PUBLIC IS DEMANDING WHAT THEY WANT AND LISTENING TO THE PUBLIC, THEN WE MAY NOT WANT TO GO WITH THESE, ALL OF THESE OTHER RULES, WE MAY WANT TO GO WITH A HYBRID OF SOMETHING IN BETWEEN THEM AND SOMETHING ELSE THAT IS OFFERED. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS I HAVEN'T LOST CONFIDENCE. I WAS JUST BLINDSIDED.

>> COUNSELOR?

>> AS A MATTER OF CLARIFICATION, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE COMMISSION TO BE AWARE OF THE DIFFERENT BATCHES OF RULES THAT ARE OUT. THERE BECAUSE IT'S VERY CONFUSING. WE HAVE SO MANY THAT ARE AT THE SUBCOMMITTEE LEVEL. WHAT IS ANTICIPATED AND WHAT IS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE IS AN ORIGINAL PROPOSAL BY THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY IN 2015. THAT IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION TODAY, AND IT'S NOT THE RULES THAT I SEE IN MY BACKUP MATERIALS. THE OTHER SET THAT WAS UNDER DISCUSSION IS A PROPOSAL BY UBER. SO IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THOSE TWO SETS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE AS I BELIEVE THE THREE OPTIONS THAT WERE DISCUSSED BY MR. CHAIR. I THINK THIS BATCH APPEARS TO ME TO BE A MISCELLANEOUS SET OF RULES THAT PROBABLY HAVE VERY LIMITED IMPACT ON THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES LIKE I HAD MENTIONED EARLIER THAT CREDIT CARD REQUIRING TAXICABS TO USE A CREDIT CARD. SO I THINK THAT MOVING THIS BATCH THAT'S THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION OR BACKUP MATERIALS DOES NOT PRECLUDE DISCUSSION BEFORE THE RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE ABOUT THOSE THREE OPTIONS THAT ARE RELATED TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, AND AGAIN, THAT WOULD BE THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL BY THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY. MR. CHAIR'S PROPOSAL AS WELL AS UBER'S PROPOSAL SO I WOULD IMAGINE THAT THAT MEETING WILL STILL TAKE PLACE WITH THESE THREE OPTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION. THIS APPEARS TO BE KIND OF LIKE AN ANCILLARY MISCELLANEOUS BATCH OF RULES, LIKE, YOU KNOW, CREATING SOME KIND OF CATEGORY FOR GREEN VEHICLES, THINGS OF THAT NATURE THAT SHOULD HAVE VERY LIMITED IMPACT ON THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.

>> SO WE ARE NOT SHUTTING THE DOOR ON FREE ENTERPRISE AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NEW COMPANIES WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY TO OPERATE HERE IN THE FUTURE, AS I UNDERSTAND THIS.

>> NOT ACCORDING TO MY REVIEW. IT'S VERY CONFUSING BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY. ALL OF THOSE OPTIONS THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES. I BELIEVE THE AGENDA HAS ALREADY BEEN SET, AND THE BACKUP

MATERIALS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED, AND ALL OF THOSE OPTIONS ARE STILL ON THE TABLE FOR DISCUSSION BEFORE THE RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE.

>> AS YOU STATED A FEW MOMENTS AGO, THIS IS GOING TO BE NOTICED, AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR APPEAL AND DISCUSSION BEFORE THEY'RE IMPLEMENTED.

>> YES, AND I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY ALREADY MADE IT TO THE WEB SITE, SO THERE'S ALREADY BEEN A NOTICE OF THAT HEARING OR THAT MEETING, I THINK IT'S AT THE END OF APRIL, MAYBE APRIL 26th. SO THE TNC PROPOSALS STILL ARE SCHEDULED FOR THAT MEETING.

>> GOOD.

>> THESE RULES ARE MORE KIND OF LIKE OPERATIONAL RELATIVELY NONCONTROVERSIAL RULES THAT RIN YOUR BACKUP.

>> THANK YOU.

>> IF I MAY JUST MAKE ONE COMMENT. I APOLOGIZE IF YOU FELT LIKE YOU WERE BLINDSIDED. HOWEVER AT THE LAST RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WHICH YOU WERE IN ATTENDANCE, WE DISCUSSED EXACTLY WHAT WE JUST DID. SO IT WASN'T, IT WAS OUT IN THE OPEN, IT WAS TRANSPARENT. THERE WAS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN. WE DISCUSSED AT THAT RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE THAT WE WOULD BE BRINGING THESE RULES TO THE FULL PTC FOR APPROVAL SINCE THEY WERE FULLY VETTED, AND THEY WERE ONLY PUT INTO ABEYANCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO COME UP WITH A PLAN, WHICH DIDN'T HAPPEN.

>> VICTOR CRIST: , YES, THAT'S TRUE BUT WE DIDN'T SET THE DATE BY WHICH THEY WOULD BE BROUGHT FORWARD FOR A VOTE, AND BECAUSE WE LEFT WORK UNFINISHED, IT WAS A REASONABLE ASSUMPTION THAT THEY WOULD ALL BE BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE SAME TIME SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE ALL OF THE PLAYING CARDS IN THE GAME. AGAIN, I AM NOT DISAGREEING WITH THE RULES. I AM DISAGREEING WITH THE WAY THE PROCESS WENT DOWN. AND THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE JUST AN INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION NOT AN ACTUAL VOTE NOT A DEBATE. BUT YOU KNOW THIS IS POLITICS AND WE ARE FREE TO DO THE WILL OF THIS BOARD AND WE DID.

BUT AT THIS POINT WE CAN MOVE ON BUT I WILL BE WORKING ON A PROPOSAL THAT WILL BE A HYBRID THAT WILL BE HOPEFULLY A CONSENSUS THAT WILL ENABLE TNCs TO OPERATE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SAFELY. IT WILL NOT BE BENDING TO UBER OR BENDING TO LYFT OR BENDING TO THE CAB COMPANIES. FRANKLY IT WILL BE BENDING TO THE CONSUMER AND THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. AND THAT'S WHAT MY EYE IS ON. MAKING SURE THAT WE TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE.

AND HOPEFULLY WE'RE ABLE TO GET SOME MEANINGFUL REFORM DONE. ALL RIGHT. DAVE, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ON THE COMMITTEE.

YOU ARE A GOOD CHAIRMAN. YOU SET A GOOD AGENDA, AND I DON'T, PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME. I'M NOT TAKING THIS PERSONAL. THIS IS JUST BUSINESS, AND I WAS JUST BLINDSIDED AND WANTED TO POSTPONE IT SO THAT WE HAD ALL THE ISSUES AT THE TABLE AT THE SAME TIME.

>> IF I FEEL LIKE YOU WERE BLINDSIDED BUT I FELT LIKE IT WAS CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT THESE RULES AND ONLY THESE RULES WOULD BE BEING BROUGHT TODAY.

IF THAT WASN'T MADE CRYSTAL CLEAR, I WILL TRY TO DO A BETTER JOB OF THAT NEXT TIME.

>> VICTOR CRIST: ALL RIGHT AND I DO APPRECIATE THAT. MR. HIGGINBOTHAM?

>> WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE REFERENCE THAT I BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COMMENT THAT THIS IS POLITICS, AND SOME WAY I DON'T HAVE AN EYE ON THE CONSTITUENTS. WE ARE ALL WORKING VERY HARD TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT, BUT I DON'T SEE, I JUST ASK THAT I BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COMMENT THAT THERE'S POLITICS THAT PLAY A ROLE IN MY QUESTIONING AND MY SECONDING OF THE MOTION. I HAVE THE UTMOST FOR WHAT YOU ALL DID IN THE COMMITTEE WORK, AND BASE MY DISCUSSION ON THE, YOU KNOW, ON JUST WHAT REFLECTED IN THE REPORT AND IN

THE MINUTES. I HAVE NO OTHER COMMENTS THAN JUST ANYTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS WHERE I WAS CONCERNED.

>> VICTOR CRIST: AND I APPRECIATE THAT REASSURANCE. ALL RIGHT. MOVING FORWARD. MR. COCKREAM?

>> THANK YOU, SIR. THE NEXT IS THE INDIVIDUAL PROPOSAL BY THE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO THE RULE, AS A RULE CHANGE RELATED TO SLOW MOVING VEHICLES OPERATING IN DOWNTOWN TAMPA. THIS PROPOSED RULE WOULD ESSENTIALLY CREATE A SUBCATEGORY TITLED NONLUXURY LIMOUSINE AND PLACE THE SLOW MOVING VEHICLES UNDER THAT NEWLY CREATED SUBCLASS. CURRENTLY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RULES SUBMIT THAT SLOW MOVING VEHICLES BE CONSIDERED AS A TAXI AND THEY PURCHASE A TICKET. A COMPANY OPERATING SLOW MOVING VEHICLE TO PURCHASE A CERTIFICATE AND A PERMIT FOR EACH VEHICLE, HOWEVER, THE SLOW MOVING VEHICLE WOULD HAVE A DIFFERENT PERMIT THAN THAT OF A TAXI. THE FLOW CHART DETAILED IN THE OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS IN YOUR BACKUP AND WAS DISCUSSED FROM RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE AND SHOULD ANY COMMISSIONER HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR REITERATION, KAREN IS IN THE AUDIENCE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SLOW MOVING VEHICLES AND HOW THAT WOULD WORK HERE, I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH KAREN FOR BETTER PART OF A YEAR. SHE HAS BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY ON TRYING TO GET THAT OPERATION HERE. THERE IS CERTAINLY FROM MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE A NEED TO HAVE THAT SERVICE DOWNTOWN. MR. CHAIR, I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME OF THAT AS WELL, AND KAREN I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STEP UP TO THE DAIS FOR JUST A MOMENT IF YOU DON'T MIND, PLEASE. KAREN STANDS AT THE READY IF BOARD MEMBERS HAVE COMMENTS, CONCERNS, OR QUESTIONS AT THE SPECIFICS OF THIS. IT WAS THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL THAT THEY WERE GOING TO FUND THE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP BEING THEY WERE GOING TO FUND 100% OF THIS PROJECT, AND WHICH WOULD NOT BRING IT UNDER OUR PURVIEW FOR THE FIRST TWO TO THREE YEARS AND DURING THAT TWO TO THREE YEAR PERIOD TRY TO CREATE A SITUATION WHERE THEY COULD BE UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PTC. SO INITIALLY THEY WOULD NOT BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT BE TAKEN COMPENSATION IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM WHICH WOULD HAVE THEM OUTSIDE OF OUR JURISDICTION. THE MOMENT THAT THEY TAKE COMPENSATION, THEY THEN FALL UNDER OUR JURISDICTION. SO I THINK THE COMMENTS AS LAST LEFT WERE THAT WE WERE GOING TO DO WHATEVER WE COULD TO TRY TO WORK FORWARD WITH MAKING IT HAPPEN. SHOULD THEY START TOMORROW UNDER THE CURRENT BUSINESS MODEL WHERE THEY TAKE NO COMPENSATION, ADVERTISING, TIPS, ANYTHING. THEY WOULD NOT FALL UNDER OUR JURISDICTION BECAUSE OF THAT.

>> VICTOR CRIST: YOU KNOW, IT'S REMARKABLE THAT THE CHAMBER'S WILLING TO DO THIS, AND THAT THE DOLLARS HAVE BEEN GENERATED. IT'S REMARKABLE THAT YOU ALL ARE WILLING TO TAKE THIS ON, FUND IT, AND MAKE IT HAPPEN. WHEN YOU LOOK AT MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS GROWING AND GROWING FAST AND BECOME POPULAR, MOST ALL OF THEM HAVE THIS, AND IT'S A VERY FUN AND COOL AND EASY WAY TO GET AROUND DOWNTOWN AND GET AROUND INEXPENSIVELY. SO IT'S LONGTIME IN COMING HERE IN TAMPA.

I KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE VERY POPULAR AND IS THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO MOVE IN.

>> GREAT, THANK YOU AND IT ABSOLUTELY IS OUR GOAL SET A FAIR SET OF RULES AND FEES THAT WOULD ALLOW A PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANY TO JUST COME IN AND DO THIS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PTC SO I APPRECIATE THIS RULES MAKING PROCESS AND YOU KNOW AND MOSTLY OKAY WITH WHAT'S BEEN PROPOSED. JUST HAD A COUPLE CLARIFYING QUESTIONS TO WORK WITH KYLE ON.

>> I JUST HAVE A COMMENT. I THINK I MENTIONED THIS LAST TIME YOU WERE HERE. THE RULES BEING PROPOSED, I KNOW WE HAVEN'T FINALIZED THE LANGUAGE YET.

WE HAVE TWEAKING TO DO BUT GENERALLY SPEAKING THE RULES ARE PRETTY SIMPLE. THAT THEY ARE GOING TO CARRY THE INSURANCE WE SUGGESTED, THEY ARE GOING TO SUBMIT TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS AND THEY ARE GOING TO GO ABOUT THEIR LIFE MAKING MONEY. IT CAN BE DONE AND IT CAN BE DONE SIMPLY AND AGAIN I COMMEND YOU TO COMING TO US AND I COMMEND YOU TO COOPERATING WITH US AND I WISH YOU LOTS OF SUCCESS.

>> THANK YOU. APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION?

>> MR. CHAIR, IF I MAY SAY ONE THING IN RESPECT TO COUNCILMEMBER RIDDICK'S PRESENCE, ONCE WE GET THOSE DETAILS WORKED OUT ABOUT THAT BUSINESS MODEL THERE WILL BE A PROPOSAL TO THE TAMPA CITY COUNCIL. IT WOULD CERTAINLY, I ECHO THE COMMENTS OF KAREN WE WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT THAT TOO BUT THERE ARE A FEW TWEAKING THINGS WE WILL BE BRINGING THAT TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS WELL FOR ENDORSEMENT AND DISCUSSION.

>> VICTOR CRIST: KYLE, CAN YOU RECITE YOUR RECOMMENDATION SO WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE SECONDING?

>> THE RECOMMENDATION IS GOING TO BE JUST TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SLOW MOVING VEHICLE PROPOSAL. IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE VETTED BY COUNCIL. SPECIFIC TERMINOLOGY IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE VETTED. THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL MORE STEPS, ADVERTISING, DEBATE, OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO FILE A MOTION IF THEY WANT TO DISPUTE IT. SO THERE WERE SEVERAL MORE STEPS FOR THE MOTION RIGHT NOW WOULD BE TO MOVE IT FORWARD WITH COUNCIL LOOKING TO DECONFLICT IT WITH ANY STATUTE OR SPECIAL ACT FOR A, AND B, SO WE CAN REFINE THE VERBIAGE.

>> VICTOR CRIST: VERY GOOD. IS THERE A MOTION?

>> CAN I MAKE THE MOTION? SO MOVED.

>> VICTOR CRIST: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. ANY DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR, THOSE OPPOSED? KYLE?

>> I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL TO OUR CITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS. IT SPEAKS VOLUMES. AND IT'S A PLEASURE WORKING WITH KAREN AND THE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN VERY, VERY PATIENT IN THIS PROCESS.

>> VICTOR CRIST: THIS IS A HUGE STEP FORWARD FOR TAMPA AND FOR THIS AGENCY BECAUSE IN YEARS PAST THIS AGENCY HAS STOOD IN THE WAY OF THIS HAPPENING, AND NOW THAT THIS DOOR IS BEING OPENED, THAT'S A HUGE POLICY CHANGE. AND YOU KNOW, AGAIN, THAT'S ALL PART OF THE NEW PTC, A RECEPTIVE PTC, SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE PARTNERSHIP AND AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. KYLE?

>> THANK YOU, SIR. UNDER NEXT CATEGORY BE NEW BUSINESS, REQUEST FOR VARIANCE/WAIVER. AAA AFFORDABLE TAXI INC IS REQUESTING A WAIVER TO PERMIT A 2005 DODGE GRANT CARAVAN WITH 341,000 MILES THE REQUEST TO WAIVER OF RULE, A STANDARD TAXICAB IF CURRENTLY PERMITTED CANNOT EXCEED 10 MODEL YEARS AT THE POINT OF THE ANNUAL INSPECTION. AFTER INSPECTION AND DUE TO THE CONDITION OF THIS VEHICLE, STAFF RECOMMENDS DENYING THE WAIVER FOR THIS REQUEST. THE VEHICLE HAS ABSOLUTELY SEEN ITS DAY. AND THAT DAY HAS COME AND GONE. HOWEVER, STAFF WOULD RECOMMEND A SIX-WEEK EXTENSION UNTIL MAY 31st, ALLOWING THE OWNER A TIME TO FIND A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE FOR THAT. I THINK THAT WOULD BE A REASONABLE APPROACH. THERE ARE BACKUP PHOTOGRAPHS THAT ARE IN YOUR AGENDA THAT SHOW THAT VEHICLE.

>> SECOND.

>> VICTOR CRIST: ALL IN FAVOR? THOSE OPPOSED? SHOW IT UNANIMOUS, KYLE.

>> NEXT ONE IS DOP, DRIVER OWNER PROGRAM. SEPTEMBER 2015 THIS COMMISSION GRANTED A WAIVER TO REQUEST TO ALLOW A DOP PERMIT HOLDING TO EXPAND THEIR PAYMENT PERIOD FROM FIVE YEARS TO TEN YEARS TO PAY FOR THEIR PERMIT. ON APRIL 6th, WE HELD A DRIVER OWNER PROGRAM, A DOP OPTION, AND THERE WERE THREE PERMITS THAT WERE AWARDED. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THIS COMMISSION ALLOW THAT THE THREE NEW DOP PERMIT HOLDERS BE ALLOWED THE TEN-YEAR WINDOW INSTEAD OF THE FIVE AS STATED IN THE RULES IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THEIR PERMIT, AND THIS IS SPECIFICALLY IN REFERENCE TO CHAPTER 1-2 PAGE 10 OF THE RULES THAT SAY THAT A DOP OWNER HAS A FIVE-YEAR WINDOW, WHEREAS WE BASICALLY FINANCE THAT COST, AND WE OFFER TO THE LAST ONES TO ALLOW THAT TO TEN YEARS, AND I WOULD ASK THAT THESE THREE BE ALLOWED AND AFFORDED THAT SAME OPPORTUNITY UNTIL WE CAN CHANGE THE RULES OR HAVE A PROPOSED RULE CHANGE AND DO THAT THROUGH THE PROPER PROCESS OF THE RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE.

>> SECOND.

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION. WE HAVE A SECOND. ANY DISCUSSION? SEEING NONE. ALL IN FAVOR, AYE. THOSE OPPOSED? KYLE, SO DIRECTED.

>> THANK YOU, SIR. THE NEXT ONE IS PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HANDICAB ATS, ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, LLC. DURING THE FEBRUARY MEETING IT WAS APPROVED BY THIS BOARD TO HAVE A CONTINUANCE ON A MONTH BY MONTH BASIS NOT TO EXCEED A SIX-MONTH PERIOD. ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS HAS APPLIED FOR A HANDICAB CERTIFICATE AND 25 HANDICAB PERMITS. THE HEARING OFFICER SUSAN MOORE RECOMMENDED GRANTING THE CERTIFICATE AS WELL AS PERMITS. HOWEVER, ATS REQUESTED A MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE OF THIS BOARD ON MAKING A DECISION ON THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND NECESSITY. DURING THE FEBRUARY COMMISSION MEETING, A MOTION WAS PASSED TO GRANT THE CONTINUANCE AND ASSESS THE STATUS OF THE CONTINUANCE ON A MONTH BY MONTH BASIS. I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH MR. STEVEN ANDERSON WHO IS GENERAL COUNSEL FOR ATS. HE HAD TO BE OUT OF THE STATE FOR ANOTHER ISSUE, BUT RELAYED TO ME AT THIS POINT THAT IT'S JUST STATUS QUO, AND HE WOULD ASK THAT THE CONTINUANCE GO UNTIL NEXT MONTH. THIS WAS ALL RELATED TO THE VA CONTRACT AND SOME APPEALS AND SO FORTH, SO NO NECESSARY FURTHER ACTION BY THIS BOARD OTHER THAN TO KEEP IT AT THE STATUS QUO, WHICH IS ADDRESSED THE ISSUE MONTH BY MONTH.

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY, WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. DEBATE, DISCUSSION? SEEING NONE. ALL IN FAVOR, AYE. THOSE OPPOSED. SHOW IT UNANIMOUS. KYLE, SO DIRECTED.

>> THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT UP IS FOR PUBLIC VEHICLE LICENSE DENIAL APPEALS. MR. CHRIS MAYS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STEP UP TO THE DAIS HERE FOR A MOMENT, PLEASE. PTC STAFF HAS REVIEWED MR. MAYS' RECORD AND BASED ON HIS PAST, THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THAT ARE IN CONFLICT THAT WOULD ON ITS FACE VALUE ANYWAY DENY HIM HIS PVDL, SO MR. MAYS, THIS IS A TIME FOR YOU TO STATE CONCERNS AND THINGS THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN YOUR PAST AND MITIGATE THAT AND CONVINCED THE COMMISSION AS TO WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND WHY.

>> OKAY. FIRST OFF, HELLO, GENTLEMEN, LADIES.

I REALLY, I WASN'T EXPECTED TO SPEAK BUT I'M GLAD I'M GETTING A CHANCE TO. IT'S JUST SO FUNNY BECAUSE I'M AN --

>> EXCUSE ME. SORRY TO INTERRUPT. HAVE ALL OF THE PVDL APPLICANTS, WAS EVERYBODY SWORN IN OR NOT? ALL THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEIR PVDLs, I NEED TO HAVE INSPECTOR SAUNDERS SWEAR THEM IN, SO IF YOU WILL STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND. [SWEARING IN]

>> THANK YOU, I'M SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION, MR. MAYS.

>> THAT'S FINE.

IT'S AMAZING HOW WHEN YOU'RE 15, 16 YEARS OLD, YOU COULD MAKE A DECISION THAT CAN IMPACT YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE AND IT'S JUST SO FUNNY I WAS HAVING THIS CONVERSATION AND WE WERE AT ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS AND I HAD A TOURNAMENT AND I HAD A COUPLE YOUNG GIRLS MAKING SOME DECISIONS THAT COULD BE KIND OF COSTLY LATER NO MATTER HOW GREAT OF AN ATHLETE THEY ARE, IT'S GOING TO AFFECT THEM. WHEN I WAS 16, I WAS A HIGHLY RECRUITED ATHLETE, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, AND I MADE A DECISION TO GO TO McDONALD'S WITH SOME GUYS I REALLY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW. AND SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT DAY THAT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT MY COACHES WAS TELLING ME WITH THE COMPANY THAT I KEPT AND THE ACT THAT WAS COMMITTED BY ME BEING WITH THOSE GUYS IS GOING TO AFFECT ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. AND I DIDN'T GET IT THEN. I REALLY DIDN'T GET IT BECAUSE I WAS LIKE COACH I'M ONLY 16 I'LL BE OKAY. BUT I'M FINDING MYSELF AT THE AGE OF 39 AFTER OWNING SEVERAL BUSINESSES, AFTER HAVING A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FIND JOBS, WHEN THIS CAME UP, WHEN I, BECAUSE I HAD NO DREAMS OR ASPIRATIONS OF OWNING A LIMOUSINE LICENSE OR A CAB, ANYTHING DEALING WITH TAXI SERVICES, BECAUSE I WAS ALREADY DOING THIS. I WAS ALREADY TAKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHEN THEY NEEDED TO GO TO A DENTIST APPOINTMENT, IF THEY NEEDED TO GO TO A JOB INTERVIEW, I WOULD TAKE THEM TO SEARS OR TAKE THEM WHEREVER TO GET THEIR CLOTHING. TAKE THEM TO THEIR JOBS. EVEN CREATING JOBS BY OPENING UP A CLEANING COMPANY SO I COULD HIRE SOME OF THEM. AND NOW THIS PART OF IT WHERE THERE IS A NEED FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE RIDES TO GO BACK AND FORTH TO THEIR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS, AND I'M ALREADY DOING THIS. I'VE STARTED IT, AND I'VE BEEN DOING IT IN POLK COUNTY, PINELLAS COUNTY, BUT YOU KNOW, IN ORDER TO OPERATE FROM PICKING UP IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY WE HAVE TO GET IT, THEY CALL IT A HAC LICENSE. SO I PROCEEDED TO GET THIS. I FIND MYSELF UP HERE SPEAKING TO YOU GENTLEMEN AND LADIES SPEAKING TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS 16 AGAIN. SAME SPEECH I WAS GIVING MY GIRLS THIS WEEKEND, AND WHAT I AM HERE TO SAY IS THAT YES, I WAS WITH SOMETHING HAPPENED WHEN I WAS 16. I WAS AROUND THE WRONG CROWD THAT ULTIMATELY AFFECTED ME GOING TO COLLEGE, ULTIMATELY AFFECTED MY ATHLETIC CAREER, AND IS STILL, IT'S NOT STOPPING MY LIFE, GOD HAS BLESSED ME TO STILL BE PROSPEROUS, BUT IN ORDER FOR ME TO PICK UP SOME OF THESE MEDICAL CLIENTS THAT NEED TO GO TO THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS THAT LIVES IN TAMPA, THEY LIVE IN RIVERVIEW, OR IF THEY LIVE IN WHEREVER IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, I HAVE TO HAVE THIS LICENSE. SO I WOULD ASK YOU GENTLEMEN AND LADIES TO NOT THINK I AM SAYING I WAS INNOCENT OR FIGHT ANYTHING BACK THEN. WHEN I WAS 16 I KNOW THAT I MADE THAT MISTAKE BY HANGING WITH THE WRONG CROWD PERIOD, BUT I'M HERE TO SAY THAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS 16. I'M 39 YEARS OLD NOW.

>> VICTOR CRIST: CHRIS, I THINK WE GOT YOUR POINT. I THINK YOU MAY HAVE SAIL, BUT LET'S TEST THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER HAGAN HAS A COMMENT.

>> MR. MAYS, I'M A LITTLE BIT OLDER THAN YOU, BUT LONG TIME AGO I WAS AN ATHLETE MYSELF, AND I WAS FORTUNATE TO PLAY D1 LEVEL, BUT I MADE SOME STUPID AND IMMATURE DECISIONS MYSELF AND ENDED UP CUTTING MY CAREER A LITTLE BIT SHORT. I CAN RELATE TO THAT. ALSO ADMIRE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A COACH. I'VE BEEN A COACH FOR SEVERAL YEARS MYSELF. IT'S CLEAR YOU HAVE YOUR HEAD ON STRAIGHT AND YOU'RE VERY ARTICULATE AND I'M HAPPY TO MOVE APPROVAL OF THIS LICENSE.

>> SECOND.

>> VICTOR CRIST: WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND. DISCUSSION? SEEING NONE, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE. THOSE OPPOSED? GOOD JOB, CHRIS.

>> THANK YOU, SIR.

>> VICTOR CRIST: THANK YOU.
>> YOU CAN SEE STAFF AFTERWARDS AND WE'LL ACCOMMODATE THIS SITUATION.
>> THANK YOU.
>> VICTOR CRIST: MR. COCKREAM, NEXT ONE.
>> THANK YOU. MR. CHARLES ROUTH. MR. ROUTH HAS BEEN DENIED HIS PUBLIC VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE. MR. ROUTH NOW IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO DISCUSS THAT WITH THE BOARD.
>> YES, SIR, THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY. I TOO HAVE MADE SOME DECISIONS IN LIFE WHEN I WAS YOUNGER. I HAVE SINCE BEEN CLEAN. I HAVE BEEN MARRIED, I HAVE TWO CHILDREN I TAKE ON THAT ARE NOT MY OWN, AND I ASK THAT YOU GUYS APPROVE THIS TODAY.
>> VICTOR CRIST: IS THERE SOMEONE HERE THAT WANTS TO EMPLOY YOU? TALK ON YOUR BEHALF?
>> GOOD MORNING. STEVE STICKILY, REPRESENTING CROCKETT'S TOWING AND TRANSPORT.
>> WE WOULD LIKE CHARLES TO RECEIVE HIS PVDL. HE DID MAKE MISTAKES IN 2006 AND HE HAD MISTAKES LONG IN HIS LIFE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE HIS INCOME TO SUPPORT A FAMILY THAT HE HAS TAKEN ON. WE DO OUR OWN BACKGROUND CHECKS. WE DO VIGILANTLY KEEP AN EYE ON THEIR PROCESS THROUGH THE COMPANY, AND COUNSELING AND TRAINING WITH THEM, BUT WE WOULD KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, WHETHER IT WOULD BE A TEMPORARY PVDL OR A PERMANENT ONE BUT WE LEAVE THAT UP TO THE BOARD. WE REALLY LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO GO OUT HERE AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY.
>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY. IS THERE QUESTION OUR DISCUSSION?
>> I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS. DO YOU DO DRUG TESTS?
>> YES, WE PRE-EMPLOYMENT, POST-ACCIDENT, AND REASONABLE SUSPICION. WE ALSO DO BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL EMPLOYEES WHO COME THROUGH. WE ARE A AAA VENDOR AND THEY HAVE VERY HIGH STANDARDS ON BACKGROUND CHECKS ON EMPLOYEES ALSO. >> ANOTHER QUESTION. THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BATTERY IN 1997, INVOLVEMENT OF THAT CHARGE, DID YOU TAKE CLASSES OR GET HELP OR WHAT WAS -- OTHER THAN BEING CHARGED TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.
>> IN 97, I BELIEVE THAT WAS THROWN OUT. IT WAS ACTUALLY AN INCIDENT THAT, IF IT'S, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN I HAD CALLED 9-1-1. I WAS TAKEN TO JAIL AND SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.
>> SPECIFIC TO THE CASE OUR FINDINGS ARE THAT THE STATE'S ATTORNEYS OFFICE EVENTUALLY NOLLE PROSED AND DID NOT FILE ON THE CASE. HE WAS ARRESTED ON THE SCENE BUT NOT PROSECUTED EVENTUALLY BY THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
>> VICTOR CRIST: WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS HERE?
>> MY RECOMMENDATION AND I HAVE KNOWN STEVE FOR QUITE SOMETIME AND THE FACT THAT HE IS HERE SPEAKING FOR THIS EMPLOYEE I THINK SAYS VOLUMES. CROCKETT'S HAS GOT A VERY, VERY SQUARED AWAY SITUATION THERE. I WOULD RECOMMEND GRANTING THE PVDL WITH A PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF SIX TO 12 MONTHS.
>> VICTOR CRIST: SO HE WOULD COME BACK BEFORE US IN SIX MONTHS AND SIX MONTHS AGAIN.
>> WE HAVE DONE THIS IN THE PAST. HE WOULD TOUCH BASE WITH MY OFFICE, MY STAFF MONTHLY, AND PROVIDED THAT THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS MOVING FORWARD, AND HE MADE IT TO EITHER SIX OR 12 MONTHS, WHATEVER THE PLEASURE IS OF THE BOARD WITH NO FURTHER INCIDENTS HE WOULD BE GRANTED A FULL PVLD WITH NO RESTRICTIONS WHATSOEVER.
>> MR. CHAIR, I WOULD MOVE THAT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE SIX MONTHS.
>> I HAVE A QUESTION.

AS PART OF THE PROBATION, WOULD WE BE GETTING, YOU SAID HE WOULD BE COMING TO YOU MONTHLY WITH REPORTS. DOES THAT MONTHLY REPORT INCLUDE DRUG TEST?

>> IT COULD IF THIS, THAT'S THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD.

>> DO WE NEED A MODIFICATION OF THE MOTION?

>> YES, I THINK YOU WOULD.

>> I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD ASK SOMEONE COME TO DO A MONTHLY DRUG TEST. WE HAVE MOVED THIS FORWARD BEFORE WHEN THIS MUCH TIME HAD PASSED WHEN SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED BUT I AM GOING TO PROPOSE MY MOTION AS IT STANDS I THINK IN THIS CASE.

>> AND I WOULD LIKE TO AGREE BECAUSE IF THERE IS ANY SUSPICION OR BEHAVIOR THAT YOU AUTOMATICALLY DO THE TESTING.

>> YES, SIR. IF THIS BATCH OR ANY OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM OR EVEN CUSTOMERS HAVE ANY SUSPICION WE WILL PULL HIM ASIDE AND PROVIDE A SURPRISE URINALYSIS TEST ON HIM AND AS FAR AS REPORTING MONTHLY, I WILL PERSONALLY PLACE IT ON MY CALENDAR MARKING THIS DAY AND EVERY 30 DAYS AFTER THAT I NOTIFY HIM AND OUR DISPATCH THAT HE NEEDS TO REPORT TO THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

>> ENOUGH FOR ME, THANK YOU.

>> VICTOR CRIST: WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR, AYE. THOSE OPPOSED? CONGRATULATIONS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. NEXT IS JUAN RIVERA-MERCADO. MR. MERCADO HAS THINGS IN HIS PAST IN CONFLICT WITH OUR RULES. ARE YOU IN THE AUDIENCE?

MR. MERCADO NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN THE THINGS THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN YOUR PAST AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OF THE BOARD IF YOU MAY.

>> GOOD MORNING, BOARD. I BELIEVE I'M KIND OF NERVOUS, BUT I BELIEVE THAT HAPPENED 24, 25 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS 18.

I TURNED 43 IN 13 DAYS.

I STRAIGHTEN UP SINCE I WAS YOUNG, AND FROM THAT POINT, I GOT IN TROUBLE. I ALWAYS DID THE BEST THING TO DO THE RIGHT THING. I WAS, WE LOOK AT IT FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO TAMPA AT THAT, PENNSYLVANIA AND TAMPA DID UBER. BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICT THEY HAVE, I FELT LIKE I WAS DOING SOMETHING WRONG, SO THAT'S WHY I APPLY FOR THE HAC LICENSE AND WANT TO DO THINGS BY THE LAW AS THEY STAND. AND I'M HERE FOR YOU GUYS TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS, AND SEE IF I CAN GET THE LICENSE AND CONTINUE TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

>> FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD THIS MORNING AND HAVING THIS CONVERSATION WITH US. I APPRECIATE THAT IMMENSELY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MR. CHAIRMAN, DUE TO THE TIME SINCE THIS, THESE THINGS OCCURRED, I WOULD MOVE FOR APPROVAL.

>> SECOND.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION ON THE APPLICATION, MR. COCKREAM. IT SAYS HE DID NOT LIST ALL CONVICTIONS ON HIS INITIAL APPLICATION. HE DID LIST A CONVICTION FOR CRIMINAL MISCHIEF. RECORDS INDICATE HE WAS NOT CONVICTED OF HIS CHARGE. WAS IT JUST MISTAKE, AN ERROR OR?

>> I BELIEVE THAT DUE TO THE TIME THAT THE APPLICANT DID NOT PUT IT ON THERE DUE TO THE TIME BUT I'LL HAVE TO ASK THE APPLICANT ABOUT WHY --

>> YEAH, I WAS UNDER THE -- I THOUGHT THAT CERTAIN TIME LIKE IN PA SOMETIMES LIKE 12 YEARS IF IT PASS A LONG TIME, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN LIKE THE RECORD CLEANS.

>> YOU THOUGHT IT WAS TOO FAR BACK THAT IT WASN'T RELEVANT ANYMORE.

>> YES.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU.

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? IS THERE A MOTION?
>> THERE WAS ALREADY A MOTION.
>> VICTOR CRIST: ALL IN FAVOR, AYE. THOSE OPPOSED? MOTION CARRIES.
>> THANK YOU.
>> VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. MR. VICTOR VARGAS. IF YOU WOULD STEP UP TO THE DAIS. DUE TO ISSUES IN HIS PAST THAT ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE EXISTING RULES, MR. VARGAS NOW IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO HAVE THE DISCUSSION.
>> 14 YEARS AGO, MADE A MISTAKE IN NEW YORK CITY. I LEARNED MY LESSON, KEPT MY LIFE STRAIGHT. I WAS DOING UBER FOR A WHILE BUT WITH ALL THE CONFLICT LEFT AND RIGHT AND I ACTUALLY SECURED A JOB WITH MY LIMO INC. TO WORK OUT OF CLEARWATER. SO I'M HERE TO GET MY PVDL LICENSE TO PROCEED AND WORK WITH THEM.
>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY, MEMBERS WE'VE GOT ANOTHER FILE IN FRONT OF US HERE WHICH IS QUITE OLD. WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?
>> MOVE TO GRANT.
>> SECOND.
>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION, WE HAVE A SECOND. IS THERE DISCUSSION? KIND OF FITS THE SAME SCENARIO OF PRECEDING APPLICANTS. ALL IN FAVOR, AYE. THOSE OPPOSED? CONGRATULATIONS.
>> MR. ANTHONY TRIPP. HE HAS SOME THINGS IN HIS PAST THAT ARE IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH OUR CURRENT RULES. THEY GO BACK QUITE AWAYS. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MENTION THAT ONE OF THESE CASES HAS TO DO WITH AN ALLEGATION OF MISCONDUCT AGAINST A FEMALE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THROUGH OUR INVESTIGATION AND THE COOPERATION OF THE APPLICANT, HE HAS PROVIDED US LEGAL DOCUMENTATION THAT SHOWS US THAT HE IS STILL CURRENTLY WITH THAT PERSON THAT HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE SOMEHOW ASSAULTED. THEY STILL HAVE A MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP AND THAT PERSON CONTACTED MY OFFICE AND EXPRESSED TO MY OFFICE THAT THAT WAS A GROSS MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE LAW, AND THAT SHE IS VERY HAPPY, ET CETERA, I CAN GO ON ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE ABOUT HOW PEOPLE GET CATEGORIZED AND LUMPED INTO A POND BASED ON A SPECIFIC ACTION. BUT MR. TRIPP I'LL OPEN THE IT DAIS TO YOU IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS TO YOU.
>> GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I HAVE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE. I APPLIED FOR A HAC LICENSE. WE DO ROTATION CALLS. WE DO, I'VE BEEN DRIVING FOR 17, 18 YEARS NOW. I LIKE HELPING PEOPLE. [INAUDIBLE] MAKING IT RIGHT. I'VE DONE SOME THINGS IN MY PAST. THAT'S MY PAST. I'M NERVOUS, SORRY. EVERYTHING I HAVE DONE IN MY LIFE, WRONG CROWD, I MESSED UP. I ENDED UP DOING SOME THINGS THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE. TIME HAS PASSED. I'M HAPPILY ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED. EVERYTHING IN HER LIFE MADE ME HAPPY. MY BOSS COULDN'T BE HERE RIGHT NOW. HE'S IN COURT HANDLING ANOTHER CASE. NOT TO DO WITH ME. WE HAD SOME CONTACT WITH BRENT SAUNDERS AND THE PAPERWORK THEY ASKED ME FOR. THE HAC ALLOWS ME TO KEEP MY JOB, PROVIDE FOR MY FAMILY, AND EARN MORE MONEY. ALSO MAKE SURE THAT I'M ABLE TO STAY WITH MY CHILD. I'M 41 YEARS OLD. I HAVE A BRAND NEW CAR. FIRST TIME. I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN ABOVE AND BEYOND. AND I STAND BEHIND YOU OR BEFORE YOU HUMBLY AND ASK YOU.
>> VICTOR CRIST: YOU'RE DOING FINE. DON'T BE NERVOUS. MEMBERS?
>> MR. CHAIRMAN, DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE TIME FRAME HERE THAT'S BEEN SO LONG I WOULD MOVE FOR APPROVAL.
>> SECOND.
>> VICTOR CRIST: YEAH, THERE'S BEEN 14 YEARS HERE, AND JUST ONE OFFENSE LISTED. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR, AYE.

OPPOSED? UNANIMOUS. ANYONE SAY YOU LOOK LIKE THE GOVERNOR?

>> NO.

>> PUT A SUIT ON.

>> JUST BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU GO TO STARBUCKS.

>> VICTOR CRIST: CONGRATULATIONS. YOU DID GREAT SIR.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MENTION THAT HE WAS STRONGLY ENDORSED BY HIS CURRENT EMPLOYER BUT HE COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE HE WAS SUBPOENAED TO A COURT PROCEEDING SO HE WOULD'VE BEEN HERE TO ENDORSE MR. TRIPP AND HIS PROFESSIONALISM AND BEHAVIOR AT WORK, SO THANK YOU FOR, THANK YOU, MR. TRIPP. SEE STAFF AFTER THE MEETING AND WE WILL GET YOU TAKEN CARE OF.

>> MR. CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

>> VICTOR CRIST: ALL RIGHT WE HAVE ONE ORDER OF BUSINESS LEFT AND THEN WE HAVE A BOARD MEMBER WHO NEEDS TO MAKE COMMENT BEFORE THE CLOSE OF OUR DAY. BEFORE WE SHUT DOWN, THERE'S THERE IS THE JOB OF THE PUTTING TOGETHER THE SEARCH COMMITTEE, AND NEXT STEPS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FILLING YOUR SHOES WHICH IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DO. WHAT I AM RECOMMENDING IS THAT WE FOLLOW THE SAME PROCESS AND PROCEDURE THAT WE DID BEFORE THAT WAS SUCCESSFUL, THAT WE DO IT IN THE SUNSHINE, THAT WE DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE, THAT WE OPEN THE DOOR FOR ALL CONTENDERS SO IF THERE IS ANY STAFF THAT WISHES TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION, WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO. IN ADDITION, WE WILL LOOK OUTSIDE OF THE ORGANIZATION AT WHAT'S OUT THERE AND, YOU KNOW, AND THEN MAKE OUR DECISION ON WHAT'S THE BEST FIT. WE HAD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP. THEY DID A GREAT JOB FOR US. WE USED CIVIL SERVICE TO PLACE OUR ADS, TO WRITE OUR ADS, TO SCREEN THE RESUMES WHEN THEY CAME IN TO MAKE SURE THEY MET THE BASIC CRITERIA. THEY DID NOT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY MERELY PERFORMED TASKS ON OUR BEHALF. AND IT KEPT IT THIRD PARTY OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY, AND SEPARATE. AND OBJECTIVE. WHEN WE MET AS A BOARD, WE NARROWED THEM DOWN TO THE FINALISTS THAT WE INTERVIEWED VIA THE PHONE. WE NARROWED THAT DOWN TO THE SECOND GROUP OF FINALISTS THAT WE INTERVIEWED BY PHONE. WE NARROW THAT DOWN TO A GROUP OF FINALISTS THAT WE INTERVIEWED IN PERSON AND THEN WE NARROWED THAT DOWN TO THREE CANDIDATES THAT WE INTERVIEWED ONE MORE TIME. AND IT WAS A GOOD PROCESS, AND A VERY THOROUGH PROCESS. AND IT RENDERED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. I'M RECOMMENDING THAT WE DO THAT AGAIN, AND I OPEN IT UP FOR DISCUSSION.

>> DO NEED A MOTION TO MOVE THAT FORWARD OR JUST DIRECTION TO STAFF?

>> VICTOR CRIST: BE DIRECTION TO THE CHAIR.

>> I WOULD, DO YOU WANT THAT IN THE FORM OF A MOTION?

>> VICTOR CRIST: OKAY, IS THERE A SECOND? WE HAVE A SECOND. DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR, AYE. THOSE OPPOSED? I'D LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND APPOINT TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE OUR VICE CHAIR DAVE POGORILICH. GUIDO MANISCALCO WHO IS NOT PRESENT TODAY. HE IS NOT HERE TODAY SO HE CAN LOSE BY DEFAULT. HARD TO SAY NO WHEN YOU'RE NOT PRESENT. COUNCILMAN DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON IT? BY DEFAULT WE WILL TELL GUIDO THE COUNCILMAN NOMINATED HIM UP. [LAUGHTER] AND MYSELF WILL SERVE AS THE INITIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE AND BRING RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARD TO THE BOARD. IS EVERYONE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT? OKAY. THE HEADS ARE NODDING YES, SO KYLE, YOU AND CINDY WILL BEGIN PREPARING EVERYTHING FOR ME TO SIGN TO MOVE FORWARD.

>> YES, SIR.

>> JUST I HAVE WORKED WITH CIVIL SERVICE ON A NUMBER OF THESE SEARCHES AND I WOULD VENTURE TO GUESS IF YOU ASK THEM, THEY PROBABLY HAVE THE CRITERIA WE SET UP FROM LAST TIME WHEN WE GOT YOU. THEY PROBABLY GOT THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE USED LAST TIME, SO WE SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE A LOOK AT THAT, SEE

RATHER THAN TRYING TO REINVENT THE WHEEL. SEE IF THEY HAVE ALL THAT STILL. I'M SURE THEY DO.

>> YES, SIR, WE'LL BE IN CONTACT WITH THEM.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU.

>> VICTOR CRIST: THIS IS YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE TOO, ISN'T IT? ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL.

>> IT'S ONE OF MY MANY TALENTS.

>> VICTOR CRIST: WELL, IT'S A TALENT WE'RE GOING TO GET FOR FREE.

[LAUGHTER] THANK YOU, DAVE. COUNCILMAN, I UNDERSTAND?

>> YES, I DO. I DO. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, I DID NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION FOR MY SEAT IN PLANT CITY, AND SO IN JUNE, ACTUALLY JUNE 1st, A NEW COMMISSIONER WILL BE SWORN IN IN PLANT CITY IN MY SEAT. I AM IN TEARS ABOUT GIVING UP MY SPOT HERE. I WILL MISS ALL YOU GUYS SO MUCH BUT IT'S BEEN A FUN FOUR YEARS AND I'VE ENJOYED WORKING WITH EVERYONE HERE. EVERYONE HERE HAS BEEN VERY PROFESSIONAL AND IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. I HAVE A CONFLICT NEXT MONTH, SO THIS WILL BE MY LAST MEETING AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU AND WISH YOU THE BEST.

>> VICTOR CRIST: COUNCILMAN, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE BOTH HERE AND IN BEAUTIFUL PLANT CITY AND WISH YOU WELL ON YOUR NEW ENDEAVORS IN PARADISE. AS YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR MOVING TO PARADISE.

>> PART-TIME.

>> VICTOR CRIST: PART-TIME PARADISE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> VICTOR CRIST: ANYTHING TO ELSE TO COME BEFORE US TODAY? SEEING NOT, WE ADJOURN.