

CAPTIONING
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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

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>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, IT'S JUNE 14th,
9:01 A.M. I'M CALLING TO ORDER THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.
WE'LL START WITH INVOCATION AND PLEDGE BY COUNCILMEMBER NATE KILTON.
>> [INAUDIBLE]
[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: IF WE HAVE ANYONE WHO'S GOING TO BE MAKING
APPEARANCES AND SPEAKING BEFORE THE COMMISSION TODAY, YOU'LL BE SWORN
IN BY KIMBERLY KERWIN.
AND COULD WE SHUT THAT BACK DOOR, PLEASE?
NEED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.
ALL IN FAVOR, AYE.
OKAY, THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS.
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION, WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FILLED OUT
CARDS.
THE FIRST IS -- RAMMY, JORDAN MILLER, AND LOUIE MINARDI.
>> PLEASE COME ON UP, SIR.
WELCOME.
>> MY NAME IS SAD RAMMY, AND I AM A CAB DRIVER FOR 14 YEARS, AND I
AM ONE OF THE GUYS WITH A PERMIT FOR \$55,000 FOR 2013.
I'M HERE JUST I WANT TO SAY THAT TAMPA IS NOT LIKE NEW YORK OR MIAMI.
WHO HAVE BEEN HAVING THE AUCTION PERMIT FOR EVEN BEFORE THE CELL PHONE
EXISTED.
THE CAB COMMISSION GIVE MORE THAN 600 CAB PERMITS SINCE THEY'VE BEEN
CREATED IN 1976.
AND IN 46 YEARS, THEY'VE BEEN BLOCKING ALL CAB DRIVERS FROM HAVING
A CERTIFICATE PERMIT.
AND SURPRISING JUST IN FOUR MONTHS BEFORE YOU -- THE CAB COMMISSION
APPROVE 15 CERTIFICATE FOR CAB DRIVERS IN TWO-WEEK PERIOD THAT THEY
CAN BE IN THE FIRST AUCTION EVER.
I HOPE AND I BEG YOU TO CONSIDER REFUND OUR MONEY BACK.
MANY OF US BORROWED MONEY FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO MAKE THESE
PAYMENTS.
SINCE YOU ARE GIVING UBER AND LYFT MONEY BACK, I HOPE YOU CAN CONSIDER
TO PAY US OUR MONEY BACK.
AND THAT'S IT.
THAT'S THE ONLY THINGS I CAN --
>> THANK YOU, MR. RAMMY, AND I WILL REFER TO STAFF TO, IF YOU HAVEN'T

MET STAFF, THE DISCUSSION, TO CONTACT STAFF AFTER THE MEETING.

>> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS.

MY NAME IS JORDAN MILLER.

I'M WITH THE MILLS PASKER DIVERS FIRM.

WE REPRESENT THE PLAINTIFFS IN THE DRIVE SOCIETY CASE, WHICH I BELIEVE IS ON YOUR AGENDA TODAY.

AND I SPOKE TO YOU ALL AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING REGARDING THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL BETWEEN OUR CLIENTS AND THE PTC.

AND I CAME TO CLARIFY WHAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS A MISCONCEPTION OF ONE COMPONENT OF THAT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS THE MONETARY REQUEST THAT WAS INCLUDED.

AS WAS SAID IN LAST MONTH'S MEETING, OUR CLIENTS WERE TOLD FROM THE DAIS THAT THEY NEEDED TO SUE THE PTC TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE AS UBER AND LYFT WERE ALLOWED TO OPERATE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

AND THAT'S WHAT WE DID.

WE FILED THE LAWSUIT.

WE WERE, WE HAD TO LITIGATE THAT LAWSUIT.

THERE WAS NO SETTLEMENT OFFER EARLY ON IN THE SUIT EXCEPT FOR IN PASSING WE WERE TOLD THAT MAYBE YOU COULD WORK OUT THE SAME DEAL AS UBER AND LYFT RECEIVED BUT THAT DEAL MADE NO SENSE FOR OUR CLIENTS BECAUSE UBER AND LYFT OPERATE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF VEHICLES AND HAD TO PAY IN THE SIX FIGURES AND THAT COULDN'T BE DONE BY OUR CLIENTS.

OUR CLIENTS CONTINUED TO PAY ATTORNEYS FEES AND THAT'S THE MONETARY PORTION OF THE SETTLEMENT WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTING.

IT'S NOT ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT.

IT'S JUST RECOUPING OUR ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR SUING THE PTC, WHICH AS MANY OF YOU ALL WERE HERE IN THAT NOVEMBER MEETING, WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO DO.

NOW WE'RE BEING TOLD THE PTC IS REJECTING OUR SETTLEMENT OFFER BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T INCLUDED ANY COMPONENT OF MONETARY DAMAGES IN OUR LAWSUIT SO WE'RE BEING TOLD THE SAME THING AGAIN.

SUMMARY JUDGMENT FOR ONE STATE COURT LAWSUIT TOMORROW.

SO WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION RECONSIDER THIS VERY FAIR SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO LITIGATE, CONTINUING TO INCUR ATTORNEY'S FEES ON YOUR SIDE AND CONTINUING TO REQUIRE US TO INCUR ATTORNEY'S FEES.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: OKAY, I KNOW THAT THERE'S A HEARING THIS WEEK, AND -- YES, SINCE THERE IS A PENDING HEARING I AM GOING TO ASK THAT YOU SPEAK WITH COUNSEL AND SEE HOW THE HEARING GOES TOMORROW.

BUT AGAIN, MY BEST ADVICE IS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: OKAY, THANK YOU.

MR. MINARDI?

YOU PASS?

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT SEEING THERE IS NO ONE ELSE TO SPEAK, I NEED A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT.

AND A SECOND?

ALL IN FAVOR, AYE.

THANK YOU.

COUNSELOR.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

I HAVE TWO ITEMS UNDER MY REPORT.

THE FIRST IS THE STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE DRIVE SOCIETY LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST THE PTC.

MR. MILLER IS CORRECT, THERE IS A HEARING TOMORROW MORNING AT 9:00 BEFORE JUDGE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, WHICH IN ESSENCE IF IT IS GRANTED MEANS THAT JUDGMENT IS GRANTED IN FAVOR OF THE PLAINTIFFS.

WE DO HAVE OUTSIDE COUNSEL REPRESENTING US ON THAT PARTICULAR MATTER, AND I WILL CERTAINLY PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO THIS COMMISSION AFTER THAT HEARING.

I DON'T ANTICIPATE THE JUDGE WILL BE RULING AT TOMORROW'S HEARING. SO UNLESS THERE ARE ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT WOULD CONCLUDE THAT ITEM UNDER MY REPORT.

>> I WOULD SUGGEST PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE HEARING AND THE JUDGE'S OPINION ONCE WE GET IT, THAT WE WILL CONSIDER HAVING A SHADE MEETING LIKE WE DID WITH THE UBER AND LYFT TEMPORARY OPERATING AGREEMENT SO PTC BOARD AS A WHOLE CAN DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT IT WANTS TO TRY TO PUT TOGETHER SOME SORT OF SETTLEMENT WITH THESE OTHER TNCs AND THE GENTLEMAN UP HERE WAS CORRECT.

WE TOLD THEM FROM THE DAIS THE ONLY WAY TO GET SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT OR OPERATING ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WITH THE OTHER TEAMS WAS TO SUE US, AND WE'VE DONE THAT.

I THOUGHT THE IDEA OF THEM HAVING TO SUE US WAS RIDICULOUS AT THE TIME.

I STILL BELIEVE IT IS, BUT IF THAT'S THE PATH THAT WE FORCED THEM TO GO DOWN, I THINK IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT WE GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO SOME SETTLEMENT DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF TOMORROW'S HEARING.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: AND THIS IS NOT A CHALLENGING QUESTION BUT I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE TERM SHADE MEETING.

>> THAT'S SOMETHING WE USE IN TEMPLE TERRACE THAT WHEN THERE IS PENDING LITIGATION THAT WE CAN DO IT OUTSIDE OF THE SUNSHINE.

JUST LIKE WE DID WITH UBER AND LYFT.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: OKAY.

>> YES, AND COUNCILMAN'S CORRECT, THAT'S IN ESSENCE WHAT A SHADE MEETING IS.

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SHADE MEETING ARE EXTREMELY STRINGENT, AND IF NOT FOLLOWED TO THE T CAN RESULT IN SUNSHINE LAW VIOLATIONS, SO YOU HAVE TO PLAN AND NOTICE THAT HEARING VERY, VERY CAREFULLY.

THE OTHER OPTION IS WE COULD CONDUCT INDIVIDUAL BRIEFINGS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS, AND THEN COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH A PROPOSAL AT THE NEXT MEETING.

SO THERE'S A COUPLE OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU.

>> IF I MAY, WHAT DID WE CALL THE MEETING THAT WE HAD TO DISCUSS THE UBER AND LYFT?

>> YEAH, THAT WAS IN FACT A SHADE MEETING.

>> OKAY.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: FORGIVE ME, I WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE TERM.

>> THAT'S OKAY.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?

I DID FAIL TO READ INTO THE RECORD.

I HAVE A MEMO FROM COMMISSIONER LES MILLER, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCE, I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th, 2017, PTC MEETING.

PLEASE READ MY REASON FOR ABSENCE INTO THE RECORD.

AND ALSO, FROM COUNCILMAN VIERRA RECEIVED AN E-MAIL THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING DUE TO A CONFLICT AS WELL.

ALL RIGHT.

COUNSELOR?

>> MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ITEM UNDER MY REPORT, AND THIS IS REFERENCED BEFORE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, AS YOU'RE AWARE, WE ENTERED INTO TEMPORARY OPERATING AGREEMENTS WITH UBER AND LYFT AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING LITIGATION.

THE TERM IN THE CONTRACT AS IT RELATES TO FEES IS IF THE IT AGREEMENT IS EITHER INVALIDATED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION OR SUPERSEDED BY LAW, THE FEES THAT WERE PAID BY UBER AND LYFT WOULD BE REFUNDED ON A PRO RATA BASIS.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE STATE OF FLORIDA LEGISLATURE DID PASS LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT THE REGULATION TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AS OF JULY 1st, SO AT WHICH POINT, THE TEMPORARY OPERATING AGREEMENT PORTION OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WOULD BE TERMINATED AS OF JULY 1st BY LAW ESSENTIALLY, AND THE FEES WOULD HAVE TO BE FUNDED ON A PRO RATA BASIS WHICH HAVE BEEN CALCULATED BY THE ACCOUNTANT, SO I WANTED TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO THIS COMMISSION AS IT RELATES TO HOSE TEMPORARY OPERATING AGREEMENTS AND THE REFUND ON THE FEES.

>> DO WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON THAT?

>> NO, I THINK THE AGREEMENT WOULD.

BUT IN AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION --

>> I HAVE A QUESTION.

SO IT GOES TO THE MOTION.

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

ARE YOU JUST SAYING THEY GO AWAY JULY 1st?

>> YES.

>> AND THE REASON FOR THAT?

>> THE STATE OF FLORIDA LEGISLATURE ADOPTED LEGISLATION THAT PREEMPTED THE REGULATION, ANY KIND OF REGULATION OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, INCLUDING UBER AND LYFT.

>> OKAY, SO ON JULY 1st, ANY TNC CAN GET THE SAME DEAL AS ANYBODY ELSE?

>> OTHER THAN THE HUGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY THAT DRIVE SOCIETY AND OTHERS

HAVE PAID IN LITIGATION COSTS.

>> WELL, I WOULD SAY THAT BECAUSE OF THE LITIGATION WITH UBER AND LYFT, THEY LIKEWISE HAD LITIGATION COSTS INVOLVED, LYFT IN PARTICULAR HAD HIRED MR. ANDERSON TO REPRESENT THEM IN A LOCAL LEVEL, SO THERE IS LOCAL LITIGATION COSTS ON BOTH SIDES BY ALL PLAINTIFFS AND THIS COMMISSION.

>> OKAY SO WE -- DON'T REALLY NEED A MOTION TO ACCEPT WHAT THE GOVERNOR DID?

>> NO, NO.

>> BUT I CAN WE DO IN RETROSPECT, I THINK WE DO NEED TO MAKE A MOTION, AND I'LL MAKE IT NOW THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF TOMORROW'S MEETING, OTHER THAN A FAVORABLE OPINION TO THE PLAINTIFF THAT WE PROBABLY WON'T KNOW ABOUT UNTIL SOMETIME LATER.

I MOVE THAT WE HAVE A SHADE OR OTHER TYPE OF MEETING AS A BODY OF PTC MEMBERS TO DISCUSS SETTLEMENT OPTIONS WITH DRIVE SOCIETY AND OTHER SIMILARLY SITUATED INDIVIDUALS.

>> AND IF I MAY COMMENT, IT MAY SOME TIME FOR A JUDGE TO ISSUE AN ORDER.

I'M NOT SURE THAT THIS BODY IS GOING TO BE IN EXISTENCE BY THE TIME THE ORDER COMES DOWN.

>> THAT'S WHY I SAID PENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF TOMORROW'S DECISION, SO I THINK YOU KNOW, WHAT WE WOULD VOTE ON TODAY AT LEAST IN MY OPINION IS THAT, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER HAPPENS TOMORROW HAPPENS.

AND THEN WE WOULD SCHEDULE A MEETING THAT MAY NEED TO BE RESCHEDULED OR CANCELED DEPENDING ON WHAT THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS, BUT I THINK BASED ON YOUR COMMENTS EARLIER ABOUT NOTICE AND EVERYTHING ELSE, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE AT LEAST MOVE DOWN THAT ROAD.

>> IS THERE A SECOND?

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: AND IF I UNDERSTAND, YOU DON'T ANTICIPATE A RULING TOMORROW?

>> TYPICALLY THE JUDGES, BECAUSE IT'S A COMPLEX MOTION THAT'S BEEN FILED.

THE JUDGES OFTENTIMES WANT TO TAKE IT UNDER ADVISEMENT AND PREPARE A WRITTEN ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THAT.

THAT CAN TAKE MONTHS.

IT JUST DEPENDS ON HOW LONG THE JUDGE TAKES TO GET TO THE MATTER, SO, YOU KNOW, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE COMMISSION MAY NO LONGER BE IN EXISTENCE AT THE TIME THAT THE JUDGE MAKES THAT RULING.

I DID WANT ALSO TO MENTION THAT THERE IS A QUESTION JUST SO YOU'RE AWARE WHETHER THE COMMISSION AT THIS POINT IN TIME WOULD BE ABLE TO LEGALLY PAY DAMAGES IN THIS CASE, AND LET ME EXPLAIN THAT.

HOUSE BILL 647 SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE GOVERNOR SECTION 1 OF THAT BILL STATES THAT EFFECTIVE UPON THIS ACT BECOMING A LAW, THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SHALL NOT INCUR ANY ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS OR INDEBTEDNESS AND SHALL AVOID WASTING ASSETS.

AT THIS POINT IN TIME IT'S UNCLEAR WHETHER THAT POSITION WOULD

PRECLUDE THIS COMMISSION FROM PAYING ANY KIND OF MONETARY DAMAGES TO THE PLAINTIFF OR ANY OTHER PLAINTIFF.

AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE OTHER LITIGATION PENDING.

SO I JUST WANTED THAT POINTED OUT TO THIS COMMISSION SO YOU'RE AWARE THERE MAY BE SOME ADDITIONAL LEGAL ISSUES POSED BY HOUSE BILL 647.

>> WE CAN MAKE -- EXCEPT FOR THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT FOR THE GOVERNOR'S RECENT SIGNING, WE CAN MAKE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDLESS OF THE, WHILE THE JUDGE OR REGARDLESS OF THE JUDGE'S OPINION THAT WE CAN DO THAT PRIOR TO HIS OPINION, CORRECT?

>> DEPENDING UPON WHETHER THAT PARTICULAR PROVISION -- I THINK THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS YES SO LONG AS IT DOESN'T INVOLVE ANY KIND OF MONETARY DAMAGES.

THAT PIECE IS IN QUESTION BECAUSE OF THAT PROVISION IN THE HOUSE.

>> I THINK AGAIN BASED ON WHAT YOU JUST SAID, I THINK IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THAT MEETING AND THAT YOU BE PREPARED TO TELL US WHETHER OR NOT THAT PARTICULAR POSITION PRECLUDES US FROM OFFERING UP ANY MONETARY CONSIDERATIONS.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: AND HOW DIFFICULT WOULD IT BE FOR YOU TO PREPARE THE NOTICE?

>> THE ISSUE WITH THE SHADE MEETINGS, AND WE WENT THROUGH THIS WITH THE UBER AND LYFT MEETINGS.

YOU ARE VERY LIMITED IN WHAT YOU CAN DISCUSS IN THE SHADE MEETING, AND IT IS BASICALLY CONFINED TO WHAT THE NOTICE STATES.

I WILL TELL YOU THAT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LITIGATION, THE SHADE MEETING TRANSCRIPT BECOMES A PUBLIC RECORD.

AND AS WITH THE UBER AND LYFT LITIGATION, THAT SHADE MEETING TRANSCRIPT BECAME A PUBLIC RECORD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

IT WAS REQUESTED BY THAT LAW FIRM THAT HAD FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE PTC ALLEGING PUBLIC RECORDS VIOLATIONS.

IT'S KIND OF A TRICKY WEB IF YOU WILL WITH SHADE MEETINGS.

CERTAINLY WE CAN CONDUCT ONE IF THIS COMMISSION CHOOSES TO DO THAT. BUT WE HAVE TO AS A COMMISSION PRETTY MUCH STAY ON SCRIPT AS TO WHAT IS DISCUSSED IN THAT MEETING.

>> SURE.

>> IS IT YOUR OPINION THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A WORKSHOP OR MEET INDIVIDUALLY?

WOULD THAT BE A BETTER WAY TO GET A SENSE OF THIS COMMISSION'S WAY OF FEELING OUT THE SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUITS THAT SOUND LIKE THEY'RE ALL MOOT ANYWAY.

>> I THINK YOU COULD DO INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS.

CERTAINLY WE CAN MANAGE THAT OR WE CAN ALSO HAVE A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL SETTLEMENT, CERTAINLY WE CAN DO THAT FOR YOU.

TO YOUR POINT ABOUT THE SHADE MEETINGS, THERE'S LITIGATION IN THIS AREA INVOLVING SHADE MEETINGS THAT THAT'S WHY I'M A LITTLE CAUTIOUS ABOUT CONDUCTING SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS VIA SHADE MEETING AS OPPOSED TO OTHER MECHANISMS.

>> I THINK AS PTC COMMISSION WE NEED TO AIR OUR VIEWS ON WHERE WE NEED TO GO WITH THIS, AND IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE GOING DOWN A ROAD WE DON'T NEED TO GO DOWN AND I'M NOT READY TO SIMPLY MAKE A MOTION THAT WE SETTLE WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS, BUT I'M ONLY ONE PERSON.

YOU NEED TO GET A SENSE OR DIRECTION OF WHERE WE WANT TO GO.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: AND SO IF I MIGHT INTERJECT, I SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A MEETING OR MEETINGS AS WELL.

I DON'T KNOW THAT SHADE MEETING IS NECESSARILY THE WAY TO GO, ALTHOUGH I'D BE SUPPORTIVE.

BUT MAYBE THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY IS TO DO INDIVIDUAL BRIEFINGS, EITHER BY PHONE OR IN PERSON.

AND DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A MOTION TO INSTRUCT OUR COUNSELOR TO SET UP MEETINGS TO HAVE THE DISCUSSIONS WITH US, WITH MEMBERS OR STAFF, WE CAN --

>> I CAN AMEND MY ORIGINAL MOTION.

I MOVE THAT WE INSTRUCT COUNSEL AND STAFF TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH PTC MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF WE SHOULD OR WOULD AND THE DETAIL OF SETTLEMENT WITH DRIVE SOCIETY AND OTHERS CURRENTLY SUING US.

AND I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT INCLUDING COUNSEL I'D LIKE TO HAVE OUR DIRECTOR THERE AS WELL.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: IS THERE A SECOND?

ALL IN FAVOR, OPPOSED?

THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS.

>> THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

THANK YOU.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: MR. JACKSON.

>> THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS.

EACH MONTH I RYE TO COME HERE AND GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION OF THE PTC PENDING ITS DISILLUSION.

I THINK NOW WE'RE AT THE POINT WHERE WE KNOW IT'S DEFINITELY GOING TO BE DISSOLVED.

THE FIRST AND PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT ORDER OF BUSINESS THAT I WANTED TO UPDATE YOU ON IS ESSENTIALLY AFFECTING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE PTC. MS. CULLEN'S GOING TO PASS AROUND A DRAFT REDUCTION AND FORCE POLICY THAT I PLAN TO PROVIDE TO CIVIL SERVICE AT THE CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S MEETING.

I'VE ALREADY MET WITH THEM INDIVIDUALLY.

MS. OSTER WAS INVOLVED WITH DOING THAT.

WE THINK THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST AND MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE EMPLOYEES IS TO DO IT THIS WAY.

IT PROVIDES THEM SOME ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND MAYBE SOME ADDITIONAL TRANSFER OF TIME SHOULD THEY FIND EMPLOYMENT AT ANOTHER CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYER.

WE PROVIDED A DRAFT OF CIVIL SERVICE.

I PLAN TO PROVIDE IT TO THEM TODAY.

IT LISTS POSITIONS CURRENTLY WITH THE PTC.

THE POLICY REQUIRES AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT CIVIL SERVICE PROVIDE A LOT OF RESOURCES AND ASSETS TO THEM WITH THE HELP OF FINDING EMPLOYMENT IN THE FUTURE, HELP OF FINDING EMPLOYMENT IN THE FUTURE SHOULD THEY NOT ALREADY HAVE EMPLOYMENT.

AS YOU KNOW MANY OF THE EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN ON JOB INTERVIEWS AND MANY HAVE ALREADY LEFT, AND I EXPECT A FEW MORE.

MAYBE NATURAL ATTRITION AS WE MOVE ON BUT IT IS POSSIBLE AT THE END OF THE PTC THAT THERE WILL BE EMPLOYEES THAT DON'T HAVE POSITIONS AT THAT TIME.

SO I THINK WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS HAVE THE BOARD.

WE WANT TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO HANDLE THE PERSONNEL MATTERS, AND I THINK MS. OSTER MIGHT HAVE THE LANGUAGE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO OUR RULES.

>> WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST IS TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO MR. JACKSON TO ADDRESS ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE STATUS OF EMPLOYEES AS PART OF THE DISSOLUTION AND WIND DOWN OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE PTC.

>> WHERE DOES THE COUNTY STAND ON THIS?

IT SEEMS TO ME THIS HITS ME PRETTY HARD.

I GOT TO TELL YOU THAT ALL DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH UBER AND LYFT, IT WAS OH, THEY HAVE FAMILIES TO FEED.

THEY HAVE MOUTHS TO FEED.

OUR PTC INSPECTORS AND STAFF ALL HAVE FAMILIES AND MOUTHS TO FEED TOO.

IS THERE ANY INDICATION THAT HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY IS GOING TO PICK UP OUR STAFF?

>> I'VE HAD MANY MEETINGS WITH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION, STAFF, AND THERE IS INDICATIONS THAT SOME WILL PROBABLY MAKE THEIR WAY OVER TO EMPLOYMENT.

AND WITH THE COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE TAX COLLECTOR WHO WILL PLAY A ROLE IN THE NEW STRUCTURE MAY WANT TO HAVE PERSONNEL FROM PTC BECAUSE OF THE INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE.

SO THE ANSWER IS YES, AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE, AND CERTAINLY IT IS TOUGH.

IT IS A HARD THING.

THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

HERE I COME IN FEBRUARY AND THE FIRST THING I TELL THEM IS IF YOU NEED A JOB, YOU NEED TO START LOOKING FOR ONE BECAUSE THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES.

THEY HAVE KNOWN THAT SINCE FEBRUARY 13TH AND PROBABLY EARLIER.

SO I'VE BEEN ASSISTING ALL THAT I CAN IN ORDER TO GET THEM ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT.

BUT WE NEED TO DO THIS IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS AT THE END SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE A POSITION, WE NEED TO FOLLOW THE CORRECT POLICY.

>> I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT ISN'T THERE -- IS THERE SOME WAY TO GET A GUARANTEE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE OR FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, NOT ON PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS BUT ON POSITIONS?

>> LIKE I SAID, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION STAFF, I CAN'T SPEAK FOR TAX

COLLECTOR BUT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR STAFF HAVE A COUPLE POSITIONS, MAYBE MORE.

JUST DEPENDS ON THE STRATEGY AND THE INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

THEY WANT TO USE ON THE NEW STRUCTURE, LIKE WHAT RESOURCES THEY ARE GOING TO NEED.

BUT EVEN THEN I AM GOING TO TELL YOU, IT WON'T BE A TRANSFER NECESSARILY.

IT WILL BE OPEN RECRUITMENT FOR WHICH PTC EMPLOYEES APPLY FOR AND GIVEN THEIR EXPERIENCE YOU WOULD THINK THEY WOULD BE A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE BUT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION IS NOT A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYER ANY LONGER SO THEY WOULDN'T BE TRANSFER LIKE THAT ANYWAY.

IT WOULD BE A NEW EMPLOYMENT.

>> OKAY.

AND LET ME JUST GET ON MY SOAP BOX FOR A MINUTE.

I HAVEN'T SEEN -- I'M NOT PRIVY TO ANYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, BUT I HAVE NOT SEEN ENSURING CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PTC INSPECTORS AND STAFF THAT HAVE DONE A PHENOMENAL JOB THROUGH A LOT OF CHANGES AND THROUGH A LOT OF TIMES WHEN THERE WAS MORE CONFUSION THAN THERE WERE RULES.

I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT THERE'S A, THEY ENSURE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR TNCs AND TAXIS.

I DON'T SEE THAT HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

TWO OF THE THINGS THAT DON'T SEEM TO BE ON THE FOREFRONT FIRST OF WHICH IS TOW TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES.

YOU KNOW FULL WELL THAT OUR PTC PEOPLE SPEND A LOT OF TIME PLAYING REFEREE WITH TOW TRUCK AND AMBULANCE ISSUES.

THERE'S NO MENTION OF THAT OTHER THAN MAYBE IT'S GOING TO GO, THE TOW TRUCK ISSUE IS GOING TO GO OVER TO CODE ENFORCEMENT.

OUR GUYS ARE DEALING WITH 2:00 A.M. PHONE CALLS AND MEDIATING BETWEEN TOW TRUCKS AND INDIVIDUALS, AND MANY TIMES IT'S INDIVIDUALS THAT CAN LEAST AFFORD THE IMPOUND FEES OR NOT HAVING THE VEHICLE.

AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY LESS EFFICIENT WAYS OF DOING THAT FOR THE TRAVELING PUBLIC.

AND THE OTHER IS I STILL FEEL LIKE THERE'S A BIT OF A VOID WHEN IT COMES TO SAFETY TO TRAVELING PUBLIC IN THE CURRENT PLAN.

I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME OF THAT TIGHTENED UP AND I KNOW THERE ARE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT OH, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME SORT OF PERIOD OF TIME WHERE THERE MIGHT BE MORE CONFUSION.

WELL, YOU KNOW, THE TRAVELING PUBLIC DOESN'T DESERVE THAT.

TRAVELING PUBLIC DESERVES KNOWING THAT WHEN THEY GET INTO A CAB OR A TNC OR A NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE OR THEIR CAR GETS TOWED THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY.

NOT OH, WE'LL TRY THIS, MAYBE IT WORKS, MAYBE IT DOESN'T.

AND YOU KNOW I THINK WE'VE ALL SEEN THAT SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT I AND SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES SHARED ABOUT UBER IN PARTICULAR, THAT THE NEWS IS COMING OUT THAT NOW STARTS AT THE TOP, THAT THOSE

PARTICULAR PROBLEMS WE DISCUSSED WERE ENGRAINED AT THE VERY TOP LEVELS OF UBER.

I DON'T SEE HOW TAKES THAT INTO CONSIDERATION.

AGAIN I WOULD LOVE TO SEE IF POSSIBLE SOME BETTER GUARANTEES FROM THE COUNTY AND THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE THAT OUR PTC EMPLOYEES THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN ARE NOW LOOKING FOR JOBS THAT THERE'S AT LEAST SOME GUARANTEE FOR SOME POSITIONS WHEN THE TRANSITION FINALLY TAKES PLACE.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: AND TO ADDRESS SOME OF THAT, COUNTY COMMISSION DO NOT GIVE AUTHORITY TO, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO START DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE UNTIL THE LAST MEETING.

WE HAD TO DELAY THAT INSTRUCTION, SO THAT IN PART IS WHY YOU'RE NOT SEEING MORE DETAILS, WE WILL SOON HAVE A DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR US TO LOOK AT.

I KNOW I'VE HAD NUMEROUS MEETINGS AS WELL AS OUR COUNSELOR AND DIRECTOR WITH MR. MERRILL AND WITH MR. BELDON TO FIND EMPLOYMENT, A PLACE FOR THESE FOLKS TO LAND THAT HAS BEEN A GREAT CONCERN OF MINE IS I PARTICIPATED DURING THE RECESSION.

WE HAD TO ADDRESS THAT TIME AND TIME AGAIN, AND IT WAS DIFFICULT. THE TOW TRUCK AND AMBULANCES YOU'LL SEE THAT BEING ADDRESSED, PUBLIC SAFETY AS THAT ORDINANCE IS DRAFTED AND COMES TO US.

I WANT TO SEE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT IT'S COMING AND WE'LL HAVE THAT PRETTY QUICKLY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR TIME FRAME IS.

MAYBE THIS AFTERNOON AROUND 1:00.

>> ABSOLUTELY, COMMISSIONER.

>> AND I ALSO WILL SAY THAT IF IT HASN'T BEEN CONFIRMED THAT KEVIN BECKNER WHO'S NOW THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SERVICE, HE AND I ARE WORKING TO GET ON ONE ANOTHER'S CALENDARS.

HE'S BEEN MEETING WITH STAFF, AND PLAN TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF TRANSITION AND WHERE TO LAND.

THE STATE HAS DISSOLVED THE AGENCY AS YOU KNOW, AND THAT WAS SOMETHING WE SAW PLAY OUT IN THIS BOARDROOM TIME AND TIME REGRETTABLY AGAIN. SO WE'RE TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE POOR HAND THAT WE'VE BEEN DEALT.

>> I APPRECIATE THAT AGAIN BUT I THINK SOME OF COULD BE WITHIN YOUR PURVIEW AND HANDS AS A COMMISSION, WHICH THIS IS NOW GOING TO BE YOUR BABY, YOU KNOW.

SO I THINK THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COMMISSION COULD PUT SOME PRESSURE ON THE REST OF THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO HIRE AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN SO THAT THEY'RE NOT --

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: AND IT IS A PRIORITY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: MR. JACKSON?

>> JUST BACK TO THE MOTION THAT WE MAY NEED SO I CAN MOVE FORWARD ON THE PERSONNEL ISSUES.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: OKAY.

WE NEED A MOTION TO GIVE THE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO -- YOU WANT TO RESTATE THAT MOTION FOR ME, PLEASE?

>> YES, MR. CHAIR.

IT'S TO DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO MR. JACKSON RELATED TO ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE STATUS OF EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THE DISSOLUTION AND TRANSITION OF THE PTC.

>> ALL IN FAVOR?

SECOND?

THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS.

>> THE SECOND THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS, AND IT'S TIMELY BECAUSE OF THE COMMENTS FROM MR. POGORILICH, I WANT TO BRIEF YOU ON THE DRAFT ORDINANCE, AND SINCE WE JUST GOT THE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOCC LAST WEDNESDAY TO BEGIN DRAFTING THE ORDINANCES, I NOW LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE PLAN TO INCLUDE IN THOSE.

SO ESSENTIALLY WE'RE GOING TO BE DRAFTING TWO NEW ORDINANCES AND AMENDING A THIRD.

THE FIRST ORDINANCE WILL DEAL WITH TAXIS, LIMOS, AND VANS.

AND IN THAT, I'VE BEEN CONTINUALLY MEETING WITH INDUSTRY FOLKS, IN FACT I HAD AN HOUR AND A HALF MEETINGS A WEEK AGO GOING THROUGH THE CHECK LIST OF THINGS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND THINGS WE THINK ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE RIDING PUBLIC, SO TO ADDRESS FIRST OF ALL WE'LL ADDRESS THE COMPANIES I FELT MEAN, ALL THE COMPANIES ARE GOING TO RUN YOU KNOW VANS AND LIMOS AND TAXIS ARE GOING TO BE LICENSED BY THE COUNTY.

NO, WE'RE NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH A PUBLIC HEARING AND DO A NEED AND NECESSITY CONVENIENCE THING, BUT WE WILL KNOW WHO THEY ARE.

WE WILL ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE THE STATE REQUIRED INSURANCE THAT'S REQUIRED OF THEM, WE WILL KNOW WHAT THEIR VEHICLES ARE, A LIST OF THOSE.

THE DRIVERS WILL HAVE PVDLS, THEY WILL HAVE BACKGROUND CHECKS, LEVEL TWO, JUST LIKE THEY DO NOW.

THE DISQUALIFYING EVENTS THAT WOULD EITHER PREVENT THEM FROM GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR NOT WILL BE ENHANCED AND MORE DETAILED AS THE BOARD KNOWS THAT OUR DISQUALIFYING LANGUAGE FOR PVDLS IS PRETTY VAGUE.

THAT'S WHY YOU SEE SO MANY PVDL APPLICANTS COME UP AND ASK FOR A WAIVER OR APPROVAL.

WE'LL HAVE MORE SPECIFIC GRADUATING YEARS AND TIMELINES WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC OFFENSES SO IT'S NOT JUST YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T TREAT A MISDEMEANOR MARIJUANA CHARGE FROM 20 YEARS AGO THE SAME YOU CAN TREAT A TRAFFIC AND COCAINE FIVE YEARS AGO.

VEHICLES WILL STILL HAVE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

WE'LL ADDRESS THOSE.

HOWEVER, THE INSPECTION WILL BE DONE BY THE COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THEIR ACS CERTIFIED MECHANICS AND THEIR STATEMENTS TO THE COUNTY, AND THEN THE COUNTY WILL THEN WE HOPE GO BACK AND DO RANDOM CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SPOT SWEEPS, WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE SURE

WE'RE PUTTING OUR EYES ON ALL THE VEHICLES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AS OPPOSED TO JUST ONE-MONTH PERIOD OF TIME IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. THOSE ARE ALL POLICY AND STRATEGY DECISIONS. THEY WON'T NECESSARILY BE WRITTEN IN THE ORDINANCE, BUT THE ORDINANCE WILL REQUIRE THOSE TYPES OF MINIMUM PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, SO THAT'S THE ONE ORDINANCE. THE SECOND ORDINANCE WOULD BE THE TOWING ORDINANCE. STAND ALONE TOWING ORDINANCE LIKE MOST COUNTIES DO. THEY DON'T HAVE ALL THE LANGUAGE. THEY WON'T BE BLENDED WITH THE OTHER ORDINANCE. THEY WILL BE STAND ALONES. AND WE INTEND TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION ITEMS THAT WE DON'T HAVE NOW FOR INSTANCE A NUMBER OF COUNTIES MAKE THE TOWING RECEIPTS HAVE ON THERE IN 10-POINT BOLD FACE TYPE WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM. WE DON'T DO THAT REALLY NOW. OTHER JURISDICTIONS INCLUDE AT THE POINT OF SALE THE TOWING COMPANY WHEN YOU GO GET YOUR CAR A METHOD OF NOT PAYING THEM BUT GOING DOWN AND POSTING A BOND IN ORDER TO GET YOUR CAR RELEASES. SO THAT THE DISPUTED TOW CAN BE SETTLED LATER DOWN COURTHOUSE. THOSE ARE VERY GOOD, STRONG CONSUMER PROTECTION ITEMS WE DON'T HAVE NOW. WE INTEND TO PUT IN THE NEW ORDINANCE. THE THIRD ORDINANCE WILL JUST BE AN AMENDMENT. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HAS AN ORDINANCE NOW THAT DEALS WITH AND BRINGS IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLANNING COUNSEL. THEY HAVE ALL THE AMBULANCES THERE NOW. THE ALS. BLS IS GOING TO GO WITH THEM. I MET THE PLANNING COUNCIL IN MAY. THEY'RE FULLY IN SUPPORT. I MET WITH THE OWNERS OF THE BLS INDUSTRY. THEY'RE IN SUPPORT. THAT'S A NATURAL LANDING SPOT FOR THE AMBULANCE SECTION AND WHAT THE PTC DOES NOW SO THEY'LL BE ROLLED INTO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR WHICH THERE ALREADY IS A COUNTY ORDINANCE THAT GOVERNS THEIR ACTIVITY. SO THOSE ARE THE THREE ELEMENTS, THE THREE ORDINANCES THAT WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH WHILE WE WIND THIS DOWN. TIMING WISE WE HOPE TO HAVE SOME DRAFTS HERE IN THE NEXT, YOU KNOW, FEW WEEKS. WE DON'T REALLY KNOW. ONE AT A TIME. AND IN THE MEANTIME, IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOCC MEETING, I SENT INDIVIDUAL E-MAILS TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFERING MYSELF UP TO BRIEF THEM INDIVIDUALLY ONGOING. AND I'VE ALREADY HAD ONE YESTERDAY, WE GOT ONE NEXT WEEK, JUST SO

THAT I CAN MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS CLARITY AND NO CONFUSION ABOUT WHERE WE'RE GOING AND MORE IMPORTANTLY OBTAIN THEIR INPUT ON WHAT THEY'D LIKE TO SEE AND WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THEM.

SO WHEN WE GET TO THE AUGUST MEETINGS OF THE BOCC, AND WE HOPE TO BRING THE ORDINANCES BACK FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION, WE'LL ALL BE ON THE SAME PAGE.

I CAN'T TELL YOU EVERYONE IS GOING TO BE IN AGREEMENT, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND INDUSTRY.

WE WANT IT TO BE SMOOTH.

WE WANT EVERYBODY TO UNDERSTAND AND WE WANT THE ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE SO THAT WE CAN REPLAY THE STRUCTURE OF THE PTC.

THAT'S MY SPEECH ON THE STRUCTURE SO FAR BUT I'M GLAD TO LISTEN TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT.

>> I WANT TO GET BACK TO YOUR FIRST ORDINANCE ON THE TAXIS AND ALL THE RULES THAT YOU JUST MENTIONED.

DOES THIS APPLY TO TAXIS ONLY OR TNCs AS WELL?

>> WE ARE PREVENTED FROM DOING ANYTHING WITH TNCs EFFECTIVE JULY 1. NOBODY IN THE ENTIRE STATE OTHER THAN THE STATE CAN DEAL ANYTHING WITH TNCs.

ZIP.

>> SO TNCs EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE OPERATING IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ARE FOLLOW STATE RULES.

>> STATE RULES EFFECTIVE JULY 1.

>> AND TAXIS STILL ARE UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE COUNTY.

>> UNLESS THE COUNTY DOESN'T WANT TO REGULATE TAXIS.

SOME DON'T.

>> SO NOW WE'RE NOW GOING TO TELL THE TAXIS THE STATE SAYS IT'S OKAY FOR A TNC TO HAVE A LEVEL ONE BACKGROUND CHECK BUT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR THE MORE EXPENSIVE LEVEL TWO.

WHICH WE THINK IS A BETTER WAY TO DO IT.

>> AND THEY DO TOO.

THE INDUSTRY WANTS THE LEVEL TWO.

NO QUESTION.

>> AGAIN, I THINK IT'S FRUSTRATING.

>> ONTO MY NEXT LOGISTICAL.

INTERNALLY A COUPLE, HIT ON A COUPLE THINGS.

MS. KERWIN AND I HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH RECORDS MANAGEMENT.

THERE'S LOT OF LOGISTICAL THINGS THAT'S GOING TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PTC.

HER AND I HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH MEETING WITH THE COUNTY RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND WE'VE BEEN BEGINNING TO BOX AND CATEGORIZE AND MANAGE RECORDS SO WE CAN RETAIN THE ONES WE'RE REQUIRED TO RETAIN AND DESTROY THE ONES WE'RE ALLOWED TO DESTROY.

I'VE BEEN MEETING WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOLKS CONTINUALLY.

IN FACT THE TAX COLLECTOR I.T. FOLKS AND THE COUNTY I.T. FOLKS HAD A MEETING YESTERDAY IN ORDER TO WORK ON A TRANSITION WITH THE SERVERS

AND THE SOFTWARE THAT WE USE.
THERE WASN'T A TERMINATION CLAUSE IN THE LEASE AGREEMENT.
SO THERE SHOULD BE NO PENALTY.
WE JUST GOT TO PROVIDE THEM NOTICE AND THE LEASE WILL TERMINATE
BECAUSE OF THE LAW THAT WAS SIGNED IN BY THE GOVERNOR.
WE'VE BEEN CANCELING CONTRACTS AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS SINCE THE
VERIZON CELL PHONE PLAN HAS BEEN CANCELED, THE SUN PASS ACCOUNT HAS
BEEN CANCELED, SO WE'RE DOING ALL THOSE TYPES OF THINGS.
I ALREADY MENTIONED THE BOCC MEETING ON JUNE 7th.
WE'VE GOT THAT DONE.
LAST MONTH MS. OSTER AND I ATTENDED AND MET WITH THE PORT AUTHORITY
GENERAL COUNSEL AND THE CFO.
AS YOU KNOW IN THE PAST PTC HAS BEEN PRETTY INVOLVED WITH THE PORT
AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO WHAT THEY WANTED TO SEE OUT THERE, AND WE
MET WITH THEM ON THE TRANSITION.
ESSENTIALLY THEIR MAIN PRIORITY IS TO ENSURE IN THE NEW STRUCTURE
THE NEW ORDINANCE THAT WE STILL INCLUDE THERE ADDITIONAL INSURED TO
HAVE THE PORT AUTHORITY NAMED IN THEIR ADDITIONAL INSURED IF THEY
WANT TO DO BUSINESS ON PORT AUTHORITY PROPERTIES.
SO WE THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE OKAY TO DO THAT.
AND SO THAT WAS REALLY THEIR MAIN POINT AND WE'LL TRY TO ENSURE THAT
HAPPENS GOING FORWARD.
SO THAT WHEN THE NEW STICKERS ARE DONE AND NEW PERMITS ARE DONE BACK
IN OCTOBER, THERE'LL BE A DESIGNATION IF THEY'RE GOING TO OPERATE
IN A REPORT IF THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO ISSUE A PORT AUTHORITY STICKER.
WE MET WITH THE BLS FOLKS.
I CONTINUE TO MEET WITH INDUSTRY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT AND NOW IT'S
A GOOD TIME TO TALK ABOUT THE TAX COLLECTOR RELATIONSHIP.
I'VE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH MR. BELDON AND HIS STAFF, DIRECTOR
LEVEL, AND BRENNAN CHIARAMONTE WHO IS HERE TODAY.
I AM GOING TO ASK HIM TO COME UP HERE TODAY TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF.
BRENNAN IS GOING TO BE THE POINT PERSON DEALING WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR
AND JUST SO YOU KNOW THE TAX COLLECTOR'S ROLE IN THE NEW STRUCTURE
IS GOING TO BE AS THE CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE.
IF YOU WALKED INTO THE PTC YOU WILL SEE A FRONT COUNTER WHERE WE DO
ALL OF OUR BUSINESS.
THE TAX COLLECTOR DOES THAT EVERY DAY, IN A VERY, VERY GOOD WAY, AND
HE'S BEEN KNOWN FOR THAT AND KNOW FOR HIS PROCESSES AND THEY
VOLUNTEERED.
WE'RE APPRECIATE OF THAT.
MIKE MERRILL THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HAS BEEN IN MEETINGS WITH ME
WITH TAX COLLECTOR, AND WE ALL THINK THAT'S A GOOD PARTNERSHIP.
I TALKED WITH BRENNAN AND E-MAIL WITH HIM ALMOST EVERY DAY, AND I
WANT TO INTRODUCE HIM TO THE BOARD, AND HE WILL RUN POINT ON THE
TRANSITION GOING FORWARD.
VERY CONFIDENT THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR'S GOING TO DO AN EXCELLENT JOB
WITH THE FRONT END CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT OF HAD NEW STRUCTURE AND

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION WILL DEAL ON THE BACK END WHICH WILL BE THE ENFORCEMENT, COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION, RANDOM INSPECTIONS, ALL THAT ON THE BACK END.

THE FRONT END WILL JUST BE WHAT THEY DO BEST, WHICH IS THE CUSTOMER SERVICE POINT AT THE FRONT COUNTER.

AND I'M GOING TO LET BRENNAN SAY A FEW WORDS TO THE BOARD.

>> GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER.

BRENNAN CHIARAMONTE WITH THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY.

AS WAS STATED LAST WEEK, THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE IS COMMITTED TO BEING A PARTNER REALLY TO ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY IT SEEMED LIKE A NATURAL FIT FROM THE CUSTOMER SERVICE SIDE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES WOULD TRANSITION NICELY INTO OUR AGENCY.

OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THAT PROCESS AS EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE FOR THE USERS OF OUR SERVICES.

THOSE RECEIVING THE LICENSES AND THE PERMITS AND WHATNOT.

WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH CONSUMER PROTECTION.

AS THE ORDINANCE IS DEVELOPED, WE'LL REALLY START HONING SOME OF THOSE PROCESSES AND ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP TODAY REGARDING EMPLOYMENT.

WE'RE STILL AT THE EARLY STAGES.

WE LAID OUT A VERY HIGH LEVEL BUSINESS PLAN AND PRESENTED THAT LAST WEEK.

BUT AS THE ORDINANCE IS DEVELOPED WE'LL BE ABLE TO HONE AND DEVELOP THE POLICY THAT WILL SUPPORT THOSE INITIATIVES TO ENSURE TAT WE MEET THE NEEDS OF WHAT WE'RE TASKED TO DO.

HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU GUYS MIGHT HAVE.

>> I SEE NONE.

LOOKING FORWARD TO GOOD RELATIONSHIP.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, BRENNAN.

AND THE FINAL THING UNDER THE TRANSITION UPDATE, ACTUALLY NOT TRANSITION, I GUESS UNDER DIRECTOR'S REPORT, I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT PURSUANT TO MY TEMPORARY AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD HERE, THERE WAS A REQUIREMENT TO ATTEND AND TAKE A PUBLIC RECORDS AND ETHICS TRAINING.

I'VE SCHEDULED THAT JUNE 27th AT THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE, SO I WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT REQUIREMENT IN MY CONTRACT. THAT WAS PART OF -- I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE MY BOARD WAS BEING COMPLIED WITH.

SO THAT IT IS FOR MY PTC TRANSITION UPDATE.

IF THERE ARE THOSE QUESTIONS, I WILL MOVE ONTO ITEM B.

WE WANT TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE HOLDERS DURING THE PTC BOARD MEETING JULY 26th NEXT MONTH, SO AS YOU KNOW, WE REDUCED THE 2017 PERMIT FEES A COUPLE OF MEETINGS AGO AND

WE MADE A STRONG EFFORT TO TRY TO GET AS MANY PERMITS PAID AND UP TO DATE AS WE COULD.

WE'VE DONE THAT.

WE ALSO, AND I'LL DEAL WITH THIS IS NUMBER C AND THIS IS THE REFUNDS THAT WE NEEDED TO REFUND.

SO NOW WE'RE LEFT WITH THE REMAINING PERMITS OUTSTANDING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS THAT HAVE NOT PAID THEM SO THE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM IN THE PTC RULES IS THE FORCED REVOCATION FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS FOR NONPAYMENT OF THE PERMITS.

IN YOUR BACKUP THERE'S A LIST AND I THINK MS. KERWIN MAY HAVE EVEN UPDATED IT BECAUSE SOMEONE EVEN PAID YESTERDAY OF THOSE COMPANIES SUBJECT TO REVOCATION SHOULD THE BOARD WANT TO DO THAT FOR NONPAYMENT OF PERMITS.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: YOU NEED A MOTION?

>> MOTION TO SCHEDULE IT FOR DURING THE PTC BOARD MEETING AND THEN WE'LL DO IT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

I WILL HAVE AN UP TO DATE LIST POINT SHOULD OTHERS COME AND PAY.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD?

>> QUICK QUESTION.

I ASSUME SOMEONE ON THE LIST HAVE OR WILL BE CONTACTED BEFORE THAT MEETING?

>> WE'VE BEEN DOING THAT FOR MONTHS ALL THE WAY TO THE POINT THAT I'VE SENT INSPECTORS TO THEIR DOOR AND KNOCKED ON THEM.

WE'VE BEEN CALLING OR E-MAILING.

ANYONE OUT OF TOWN, WE'VE SENT MAILINGS TO MULTIPLE E-MAILS.

WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN DO.

SOME OF IT IS THAT THEY NO LONGER PLAN TO DO BUSINESS.

SOME SAID I AM NOT DOING IT BECAUSE THE PTC IS GOING AWAY, DO WHAT YOU GOT TO DO.

REALLY I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF THEM BUT IT'S A MIXED BAG ON WHY THEY DON'T DO IT.

>> I MOVE WE HOLD THE REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE OWNERS HEARING DURING OUR JULY 26th, 2017, BOARD MEETING.

IS THERE A SECOND?

ALL IN FAVOR, AYE.

SOME OPPOSED?

THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS.

>> CAN I GET A POINT OF CLARITY?

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: YES.

>> I HAD THAT MEETING ON MY CALENDAR FOR THE 18th.

I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OTHER MEMBERS ABSENT DID NOT HAVE THAT DATE.

>> LET ME DOUBLE CHECK MY CALENDAR.

>> YES, PLEASE DO.

PERHAPS I HAD IT WRONG.

>> I THINK IT'S THE 26th.

>> I JUST HAD IT WRONG THEN.

>> IT WAS RIGHT BASED ON THE INFORMATION YOU WERE GIVEN.
>> SO ITEM C UNDER DIRECTOR'S REPORT IS JUST SIMPLY THE BACKUP THAT'S INCLUDED.
JUST SO YOU KNOW THE NUMBERS.
IF YOU LOOK AT THE BACKUPS INCLUDED FOR THE PERMIT FEE REFUNDS.
WE'VE LOOKED AT ALL THE REFUNDS.
IT WAS A PRETTY STRONG UNDERTAKING.
I HAVE TO GIVE SHOUT-OUT FOR WORKING WITH THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO GET THAT DONE.
THAT'S NOT A SIMPLE TASK.
THE CHECKS HAVE GONE OUT.
WE VERIFIED NEARLY EVERYBODY RECEIVED A CHECK.
SOME OF THEM DIDN'T GET IT BECAUSE OF BAD ADDRESSES.
WE ARE HAVING THOSE RE-SENT BUT THE PTC HAS REFUNDED UPWARDS OF \$100 IN 2017 PERMIT FEES BEFORE THE BOARD TOOK ACTION TO REDUCE THE FEES.
I JUST WANTED TO BRING THAT UP TO THE BOARD SO THEY KNEW THAT WE HAD ACCOMPLISHED THAT.
THAT CONCLUDES THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.
UNLESS SOMEBODY HAS A QUESTION.
>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: OLD BUSINESS?
MS. OSTER?
>> YES, MR. CHAIR.
THIS IS FOR THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE FOR THE LAST TIME THE EMERGENCY RULES THAT IT PASSED IN NOVEMBER FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.
THE LAST DATE THESE RULES CAN BE EFFECTIVE WOULD BE JUNE 30th, AND THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE STATE PREEMPTION CREATED BY THE BILL THAT REGULATES TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.
SO IF THERE ARE ANY TNCs THAT ARE OPERATING UNDER THESE RULES, THEY HAVE UNTIL JUNE 13th TO BE GOVERNED BY THEM.
BUT THE FLORIDA'S ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT REQUIRES THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THEM AT EVERY BOARD MEETING.
>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: SO FOR THE LAST TIME NEED A MOTION TO EXTEND?
>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.
>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: ALL IN FAVOR, AYE?
OPPOSED?
THANK YOU.
NEW BUSINESS.
>> YEAH, BOARD MEMBERS, WE HAVE TWO ITEMS UNDER NEW BUSINESS.
ONE IS WE REQUEST A MOTION FROM THE BOARD TO MOVE THE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED PTC BOARD MEETING FROM AUGUST 9th TO AUGUST 21st.
TWO REASONS FOR THAT.
ONE IS WE'RE HAVING A MEETING ON JULY 26th.
IT DOESN'T MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF SENSE TO DO A MEETING TWO WEEKS LATER BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY IS WE PLAN TO BRING BACK BEFORE THE BOARD OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON AUGUST 2nd AND AUGUST 16th HAD PROPOSED ORDINANCES.

SO DEPENDING ON WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE TWO MEETINGS, WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THE PTC BOARD MEETING AFTER THAT SO THAT THAT MAY BE THE FINAL PTC BOARD MEETING AND WHATEVER ACTION NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE TO DISSOLVE THE BOARD WE CAN DO THAT AUGUST 21st.

WE CAN'T DO THAT I THINK UNTIL BOCC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADOPT THE NEW ORDINANCES FOR THE NEW STRUCTURE.

SO WE'D LIKE TO JUST MOVE THE MEETING FROM AUGUST 9th TO AUGUST 21st.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> AL HIGGINBOTHAM: ALL RIGHT, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE.

OPPOSED?

MEETING'S BEEN MOVED TO THE 21st.

>> THE FINAL ITEM ON NEW BUSINESS IS WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC HEARING, A LIMOUSINE CERTIFICATE EXECUTIVE CARRIERS INC.

THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR A LIMOUSINE CERTIFICATE AND ONE LIMITED PERMIT. THE PTC STAFF CONCURS WITH APPROVING.

>> MOVE APPROVAL.

>> ALL IN FAVOR, AYE.

OPPOSED?

ALL RIGHT.

THERE IS NO OTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS.

>> THANK YOU.