Taxicab Licensing Board

Official Minutes April 10, 2013 10:00 am City Hall Second Floor Conference Room

Individuals Present:

Board Members: Thomas Aspell (City Manager), John Duval (Chief of Police), Michael Santa (Code Administrator)

City Staff: Danielle Pacik (Deputy City Solicitor), Eugene Blake (Health and Licensing Officer), Keith Mitchell (Deputy Chief of Police), Cathy Babson (Paralegal)

Applicant: Joseph Hamel

Call to Order

City Manager Thomas Aspell called the meeting to order at 9:55 am. Deputy City Solicitor Danielle Pacik Swore in Joseph Hamel, Eugene Blake and Keith Mitchell.

Special Hearing

Mr. Aspell asked Mr. Hamel to explain the basis for his appeal. Mr. Hamel stated that he felt that his letter seeking an appeal stated his points, and he briefly reiterated his position. He stated he would like an explanation regarding the denial.

Mr. Blake explained that he denied the application based on the recommendation of Deputy Chief Mitchell due to the criminal background check and driving record.

Mr. Hamel stated that he had not previously been notified that the denial was based on his criminal record. He stated that he went to Mr. Blake previously to ask about the basis for the denial. Mr. Hamel stated that during that conversation, he was not provided an explanation for the denial. Mr. Hamel stated that he is certain about what was discussed during the conversation because he "recorded it on his tablet." During the hearing, he also stated that "I'm sorry but that's what I felt I needed to do since I felt I was getting the brush off." Mr. Blake responded that was "interesting."

Mr. Hamel then stated the he did not believe that the denial of the license should be based on his criminal record, and he referenced his record over the last two years which he believes demonstrates an improvement.

Mr. Hamel's driving and criminal record was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Hamel responded that there were no dug related or violent crimes, and explained that he has improved his record.

Mr. Hamel stated the he would like to be given the opportunity to drive a taxicab, and that he would be willing to receive a probationary taxicab license. A discussion then commenced regarding whether Concord Cab Company was willing to hire Mr. Hamel.

A deliberation was then commenced among the Board members. There was a unanimous decision that the license for Mr. Hamel should be denied based on his driving and criminal record.

Old Business/New Business

There was no new or old business to address.

Adjournment

Mr. Aspell moved to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded by Chief Duval. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.