

TAXI COMMISSION MEETING  
Minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bresciano called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Members: Commissioners Peter Bresciano, Aaron Lawson and Paul Ford, Lieutenant Mark Newport and Deputy City Clerk Dianne M. Kirby

Absent: Councilor Brad Lown

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 17, 2012**

**Commissioner Ford moved to approve and accept the minutes of the December 17, 2012, Taxi Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lawson and voted.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Letter of Resignation – Paul Ford

Chair Bresciano stated that it is with regret that he accepts Commissioner Ford's letter of resignation. Chair Bresciano moved to accept the letter of resignation of Commissioner and requested a letter of appreciation be sent. Seconded by Commissioner Lawson and voted.

Chair Bresciano stated he heard that Commissioner Ford was in the process of selling Blue Star Taxi. Commissioner Ford stated he and his brother's did, in fact, sell both Blue Star Taxi and Regal Limousine Service to Harrison Global out of Massachusetts and that the General Manager Wayne Cipullo was present at the meeting.

Chair Bresciano stated that the Commission is not interested in the issues of the sale, but they are interested in the transfer of the medallions. He stated Section 7.216: Transfer of Medallions of the City of Portsmouth Ordinance states:

No medallion held by a person or business entity shall be transferred to another except in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. Notice of proposed transfer shall be delivered to the Taxi Commission at least 14 days prior to the date of the proposed transfer.
- B. The application for transfer shall contain the name(s) and address (es) of the proposed transferee(s). In the case of a transfer to a business entity, the names and addresses

of the principals of said entity shall be given. A change in such principals shall be deemed a transfer of medallions.

- C. The Taxi Commission shall, in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance, approve or disapprove the fitness of proposed transferees as medallion holders within 14 days after receipt of notice of the proposed transfer and report its findings to the City Clerk.
- D. Any medallion transferred other than in accordance with the foregoing procedure, or without the approval of the Taxi Commission, shall be void and such medallion shall at once be surrendered to the City Clerk.

Chair Bresciano stated under this ordinance he would need to cease operation within Portsmouth and turn in the medallions until all procedures are met. He requested if Mr. Cipullo understood the process for transferring the medallions as he just read. Mr. Cipullo stated he understands and is in full agreement.

Chair Bresciano stated with the approved resignation of Commissioner Ford, the Commission no longer has a quorum with which to continue the meeting. This being said, he adjourned the meeting.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Dianne M. Kirby*

Dianne M. Kirby, Deputy City Clerk