

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
4th Floor Law Library
June 9, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman A. John Calamunci and Council Members Carolyn Bloomquist and Lillian V. Ney

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Sanfilippo, Police Chief /Director of Public Safety MacLaughlin, Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund, Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves, Sam Colletti of Brandy Cab, Sam Colletti of Rainbow Cab, Robert Reedy of Golden Cab, Jay Bostaph of Rainbow Cab, Anthony Meeker, Lee Harkness from DJDC, John Whittaker of the Post Journal.

Chairman Calamunci called the meeting to order.

Sam Colletti of Brandy Cab expressed his concerns over increased costs involved with the proposed ordinance amendment that would require the consent of all the passengers in a taxicab before additional fares could be picked up. He presented a petition against requiring that only one fair be carried at a time in a taxicab. Chairman Calamunci explained the concerns of the public over picking up additional fares without the consent of all the occupants of the taxicab. Sam Colletti of Rainbow Cab echoed the concerns of Mr. Colletti from Brandy Cab. Chairman Calamunci explained that the proposed ordinance would not prohibit the practice of picking up multiple fares. It would only require the consent of the other passengers in the taxicab. Robert Reedy of Golden Cab stated that they already do this. Mr. Colletti of Brandy Cab advised the Committee that if customers did not want to share a taxicab, they would have a longer wait. He also wanted to know how this would be regulated. Mr. Colletti of Rainbow Cab expressed concerns over invalid complaints. Chairman Calamunci explained his perception of their concerns and asked how it would affect them, if this was already their practice. Chief MacLaughlin explained how it would be enforced. City Clerk Sanfilippo advised that only written and signed complaints would be considered and that licenses could not be revoked without a hearing. Mr. Reedy explained the process that his company uses with a van. Those present discussed the practice of picking up multiple fares. Mr. Reedy expressed a desire to see guidelines rather than a law. Chairman Calamunci reiterated that if they were saying that they currently asked permission from other passengers, then the ordinance amendment would not affect them.

The following were reviewed:

1. Special Event Application for the Jamestown Farmer's Market. It was noted that there is a possibility that the area being requested will be closed for the installation of a chilled water line.
2. Local Law No. 7 of 2003 to adopt a revised Charter for the City of Jamestown.
3. Request from Charlotte Bubé to close Fulton Street for a block sale. The street must remain clear of obstructions, no parking will be permitted on the street and the barricades must be removed each day after 4:00 p.m.

Carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Councilwoman Bloomquist asked how long the former Speedy Auto Top property on E. 2nd Street would be permitted to remain in its current condition. Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves gave the Committee an update.

Chairman Calamunci noted that the special Public Safety Committee meeting originally scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room to discuss problems with residents of the Hazzard Street area was changed to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2003.

Councilwoman Ney moved to go into Executive Session to discuss specific claims.

Carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following claims were discussed:

Claim No. 16 of 2003, Syvel L. Fields, Infant by Sylvia DuBois; Denied: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Claim No. 17 of 2003, Thomas Whitermore; Denied: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Claim No. 15 of 2003, Harold A. Bull; Denied: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Claim No. 6 of 2003, Laraine Miles; Denied: 3 ayes, 0 nays

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, CMC, RMC
City Clerk