Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives



Steven Kolenberg, Chair

Bradley Michelson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington

Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair Kolenberg, Vice Chair Michelson and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell and Spadaccini. Absent or excused were Reps. Moore and Wallace. Also present was Rep. McMullen; Michael Toma, Law Department; and Jim Travers and Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau.

Chair Kolenberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 1. T30.026	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Deleting Code Section 231-53. 10/31/18 – Submitted by Rep. McMullen 11/20/18 – Held by Committee 5-0-0 12/10/18 – Moved to Pending	Approved as Amended 7-0-0

- Rep. McMullen explained the section should be deleted because the language creates ambiguity.
- Mr. Toma agreed that deleting this language would remove the ambiguity, but new language with more specificity should be inserted to make it clear that there is authorization from the City to tow for any of the violations.
- The Committee discussed various language changes to the section.

A motion to delete Section 231-53 and replace it with section 231-6(D) was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell and Spadaccini in favor).

The Committee discussed the language for amending Section 231-6(D) to read:

"The vehicle shall not be released from custody until the owner furnishes evidence of their identity and pays all towing and storage fees prescribed by this chapter, and pays all penalties for all outstanding parking violations."

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A motion to approve this item as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote of by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell and Spadaccini in favor).

²2. T30.031 REVIEW; Fiscal Requirements of Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau and Opportunities for Process Improvements.

12/05/18 – Submitted by Rep. Miller 12/10/18 – Moved to Pending

Mr. Travers explained what the Transportation Bureau does and what the general budget needs are. There was discussion on this item.

- Most traffic projects are done by grants and the Transportation Bureau has to source its own grants.
- Most requests in the budget are for monies to fund opportunities to get grants.
- There is a request in the budget for a traffic analyst. The position will require grants writing knowledge, as there are technical components required that are beyond the scope of the Grants Dept.
- The budget is requested in consideration with projects that the Bureau is comfortable will be able to be completed in the fiscal year.
- The budget is submitted in line with roadway design and reconstruction and not by specific streets.
- The Transportation Bureau is a very efficient department with a small staff.
- It is important to measure the results of completed projects, so the successes can be reported to the BOR, which would help when requesting the budget.
- Residents need the ability to access project status online.
- There is an expectation of residents that the City should be more digitally efficient.
- What is the revenue that we receive from transportation projects?
- Mr. Travers would like to set up a tour for the Committee to show improvements around the city, and structural issues that need work, such as garages. The Committee and he will work on coordinating this.

Chair Kolenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Kolenberg, Chair

This meeting is on video.

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