

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

April 19, 2022 at 5:15 PM

Chairman T. Sapienza called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen T. Sapienza, Stewart, Fajardo, Burkush

Absent: Alderman Sharonov

1. Communication from Matthew Normand, City Clerk, regarding a rate increase request from several members of Manchester's taxi industry.

Chairman Sapienza stated this is a big increase but we haven't had an increase since 2009. We all know what gas prices are doing and prices for everything.

Alderman Stewart moved to approve the rate increase.

Alderman Stewart stated I just want to echo that it is a big jump. I don't know the history of the group or if they have come in here prior to my being office. I think doing this in increments would have been easier for folks to digest but given that it has been 13 years and gas has certainly increased a lot since then, especially in the last few months, we should approve this.

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated if you have a concern over the price increase, you could sunset this ordinance for say a year and then you can revisit it to see how the gas prices are. Obviously this is reflective of the gas prices and their concern is that the drivers pay out of pocket for the gas. If there is a concern about the price increase being too high, that is an option that is available. You could sunset it at a time certain and revisit it at that time. So you could give them the price increase now and if gas prices fall then maybe it won't be such a big jump the next time.

Chairman Sapienza asked how does the committee feel about that.

Alderman Stewart answered it makes sense to me.

Alderman Fajardo stated I agree and I appreciate that this would force them back to the table for a more regular conversation regarding rates.

Alderman Stewart amended his motion to approve the rate increase for a year.
Alderman Fajardo duly seconded the motion as amended.

Chairman Sapienza stated maybe when they come back they can bring us some information about what other cities are doing and the cost that the drivers have to pay.

City Clerk Normand responded I can get that information for the committee when we discuss this in a year.

Chairman Sapienza called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Stewart**, duly seconded by **Alderman Fajardo**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clerk of Committee