

AGENDA



Thursday, May 27, 2010

**Transportation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 47**

Subject: Approve an ordinance on third reading to renew the Austin Cab I, Incorporated d.b.a. Austin Cab taxicab franchise.

Amount and Source of Funding: Revenue source – taxicab permit fee of \$400 per year per permit. Expected annual revenue, \$63,600.

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Austin Cab I, Incorporated d.b.a. Austin Cab has filed a taxicab franchise renewal application. The existing franchise expires on August 8, 2010. Austin Cab proposes to continue to operate 159 taxicabs to provide taxicab service to the entire city, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The application has been reviewed and all required information is on file with the Austin Transportation Department.

Austin Cab has provided taxicab service in Austin since 1984 and has exhibited the character, experience, and ability to provide taxicab service. The Austin Transportation Department recommends approval of renewal of the taxicab franchise for a 5-year period.

On March 9, 2010, the Urban Transportation Commission voted to recommend approval to grant renewal of the franchise for a one-year period.

The City Charter requires a franchise renewal to be granted by ordinance and read at three regular City Council meetings. The third reading may not occur until 30 days after the first reading. Following is the schedule for the second and third readings:

Second reading – April 29, 2010

Third reading – May 27, 2010.