



EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Friday May 19th, 2017

12:00 p.m.

Belize City Hall Council Chambers

Members to be attending

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| 1. Mr. Darrell Bradley | Mayor |
| 2. Mr. Dean Samuels | Deputy |
| 3. Mrs. Alifa Elrington | Councilor |
| 4. Dr. Alain Gonzalez | Councilor |
| 5. Mrs. Hyacinth Latchman Cuellar | Councilor |
| 6. Mr. Kevin Singh | Councilor |
| 7. Mr. Michael Theus | Councilor |
| 8. Mr. Dion Leslie | Councilor |
| 9. Mr. Philip Willoughby | Councilor |
| 10. Mr. Bernard Pitts | Councilor |
| 11. Mr. Jason Edwards | Councilor |

12. Candice Burke, City Administrator
13. Lesbeth Butler, Administrative Officer

Persons to be attending by invitation

1. Floyd Williams, City Engineer
2. Marilyn Ordonez, Director of Finance
3. Sharlene Rudon, Director of Administration
4. Margaret McKenzie, Legal Counsel
5. Marilyn Garvin, Internal Auditor

Agenda Items

1. Prayer
2. Mayor Announcements
3. Pending Petitions from members of the public
4. Motions relating to Council business or sitting
5. Adjournment
6. Setting the date for the next Council meeting



MINUTES OF EMERGENCY CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING
Friday May 19th, 2017
Belize City Hall

Present:

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| 1. Mr. Darrell Bradley | Mayor |
| 2. Mr. Dean Samuels | Deputy Mayor |
| 3. Mr. Jason Edwards | Councilor |
| 4. Mr. Kevin Singh | Councilor |
| 5. Mr. Michael Theus | Councilor |
| 6. Mr. Bernard Pitts | Councilor |
| 7. Mrs. Hyacinth Cuellar | Councilor |
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| 1. Mrs. Lesbeth Butler | Administrative Officer |
| 2. Ms. Candice Miller | City Administrator |

Present by invitation:

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| 1. Mrs. Marilyn Garvin | Chief Internal Auditor |
| 2. Mr. Floyd Williams | City Engineer |

Absent:

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| 1. Ms. Alifa Elrington | Councilor |
| 2. Mr. Dion Leslie | Councilor |
| 3. Mr. Alain Gonzalez | Councilor |
| 4. Mr. Philip Willoughby | Councilor |
| 5. Mrs. Marilyn Ordonez | Director Finance |
| 6. Mrs. Margaret McKenzie | Director Legal |
| 7. Ms. Sharlene Rudon | Director Administration |

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Hyacinth Cuellar opened the meeting with a prayer.

Adoption of Minutes

The last minutes of the last meeting was not reviewed.

was a lengthy discussion on her request after which it was decided that Ms. Moya needs to get no objection letters from other regulatory bodies (namely, Ministry of Natural Resources, Department of the Environment, Fire Department, Land Utilization Authority (LUA) and the Trade License board) before applying to the Belize City Council. Consultation is also needed with the businesses in the surrounding area as well as with the Court. Floyd was ask to also consult with Ms. Patnett as she is familiar with this request.

MOTION DEFERRED.

- i. Request was made by Atlantic International Bank Ltd. to place a directional sign on reserve opposite the Farmers Market Complex. After discussion it was concluded that permission must be granted by Ministry of Works as the area is considered part of Central American Boulevard and that is their jurisdiction.
NOT APPROVED.

3. Ms. Miller stated that she received a request from the BTL Park Association requesting 6 reserved parking spaces at half price which will be \$300.00. All Councilors present voted in favor of granting the reserve parking spaces at half price.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mayor Bradley suggested that parking meters be installed in this area as it would generate some revenue for the Council.

5. Councilor Pitts updated the he meet with Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Bevans from the Traffic Department in reference to the lifting of the taxi moratorium. They discussed several concerns one being the criteria that to license a vehicle for taxi the vehicle cannot be older than 10 years, that is 2007. He stated that they have received several concerns with this and requested that Council revisit this decision and change the criteria from 10 years to 2001. All Councilors present voted in favor of changing the criteria to 2001. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. The Mayor asked that a certain standard be maintained and no license be given for derelict vehicles. He asked that this be done at the discretion of the Manager, Mr. Jenkins.

7. Councilor Pitts also brought up a concern that there is too many taxi owners. He requested that the owner of the taxi be the person responsible to pay the fees and not the taxi driver. It was discussed that if the drivers are already paying the fees it would be double billing to have the taxi owner pay as well.

8. Ms. Miller suggested that the owner pays a trade fee, however this needs to be approved by Council.

9. Councilor Pitts said that if taxi drivers can show proof of their agreement they can be given a taxi license when they purchase their own vehicle and the license be rescind from the taxi owner.


10. Another concern brought up by Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Bevans was the issue of when the vehicle being used for taxi is out of service and they want to license another vehicle. It is difficult to monitor when the vehicle is back in operation.

11. From the total of 18 taxi association 12 have paid and 6 is pending to make payment. Once all taxi owners start to pay it will be \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 in revenues monthly.

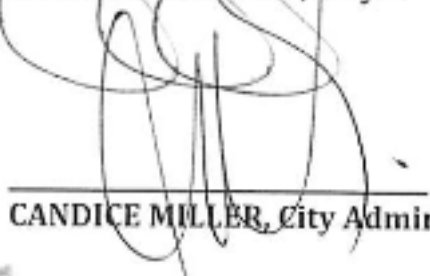
12. Councilor Singh questioned the independent taxi men who are not unionized. Councilor Pitts said that they can still pay the \$20.00 monthly fee. Ms. Miller

suggested that the independent taxi men pay their fees yearly to avoid the Council having to track of \$20.00 monthly from all these individuals.

13. The Mayor asked that Mrs. Garvin get the Audit Committee revitalized.
14. Councilor Theus stated that M&D Diner at BTL Park made a request to expand their shop. He said the he has received the drawing and costing. The cost is \$11, 474.00. The Mayor said that the Council would finance half the cost and it needs to be documented that the property belongs to the Council.
15. Ms. Miller suggested that the cost be offset with the increase in rent. The Mayor stressed that this needs to be documented.
16. The Mayor stated that the Council needs to respond to Stevannie Duncan in reference to a claim brought against the Council on behalf of a lady who fell in a man hole. He stated that this not an actionable case.
17. The Mayor moved for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Cuellar motioned that the meeting stands adjourned; Councilor Singh seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.** All Councilors present voted in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



DARRELL BRADLEY, Mayor



CANDICE MILLER, City Administrator





**Belize City Council
RESOLUTION NO. 16 of 2017**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF SIGN ON COUNCIL
RESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, is a body corporate established by Sec 3 (1) of the Belize City Council Act, CAP 85 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council having been duly elected by the residents of Belize City mandated to serve the citizenry and entrusted with the general rule and good governance of Belize City,

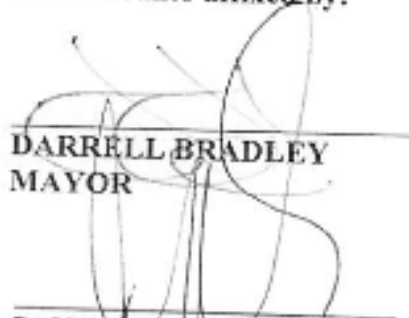
Whereas, the Council offers the leasing of public reserves to residents that meet the requirements and subsequent inspections from the Planning Unit,

Whereas, the Seventh Day Adventist Church has applied for and submitted renderings of a sign, to be installed in front of their lot at 965 Mahogany Street, Belize City,

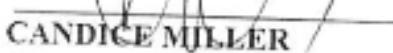
Now therefore, be it resolved that the Council supports, approves, and confirms

- The leasing of the reserve in front of lot # 965 Mahogany Street for the installation of a sign by the Seventh Day Adventist Church which shall read "*Belize Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement Belize Mission*".

In pursuance of an order of the Belize City Council made on the 19 day of May 2017, the Common Seal was hereunto affixed by:



**DARRELL BRADLEY
MAYOR**



**CANDICE MILLER
CITY ADMINISTRATOR**





RESOLUTION NO. 17 of 2017
A RESOLUTION TO AMMEND THE CRITERIA FOR TAXI LICENSES

WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, is a body corporate established by Sec 3 (1) of the Belize City Council Act, CAP 85 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council having been duly elected by the residents of Belize City mandated to serve the citizenry and entrusted with the general rule and good governance of Belize City,

Whereas, the Council through the Traffic Department, is tasked with the responsibility of inspecting and issuing licenses to drivers and motor vehicles within the municipality as guided by the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act of Belize CAP 230

Whereas, the Management of and the Councilor with responsibility for the Traffic Department engaged and met with several taxi associations to discuss the lifting of the taxi moratorium and the criteria of obtaining taxi licenses,

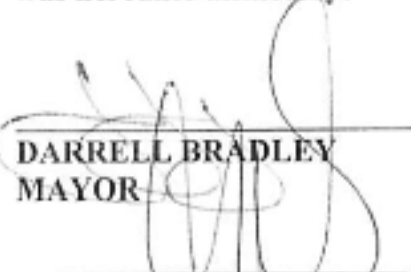
Whereas, the Council currently requires that the manufacturing year of a motor vehicle to be licensed as a taxi shall be no more than ten (10) years from the date of application,

Whereas, the Council and the taxi associations completed consultations and are desirous of changing the required manufacturing year,

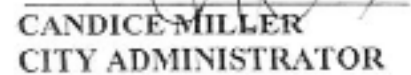
Now therefore, be it resolved that the Council supports, approves, and confirms

- That the manufacturing year of a motor vehicle to be licensed as a taxi shall be no older than year 2001 from the date of application,

In pursuance of an order of the Belize City Council made on the 19 day of May 2017, the Common Seal was hereunto affixed by:



DARRELL BRADLEY
MAYOR



CANDICE MILLER
CITY ADMINISTRATOR





**Belize City Council
RESOLUTION NO. 18 of 2017**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 6 PARKING SPACES FOR BTL PARK
ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the Belize City Council, is a body corporate established by Sec 3 (1) of the Belize City Council Act, CAP 85 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,

AND WHEREAS, the Belize City Council having been duly elected by the residents of Belize City mandated to serve the citizenry and entrusted with the general rule and good governance of Belize City,

Whereas, the Council offers the leasing of public reserves to residents that meet the requirements and subsequent inspections from the Planning Unit,

Whereas, the BTL Park Association, a duly incorporated body, applied to lease a portion of the public reserve on Newtown Barracks in front of the BTL Park for Reserve parking.

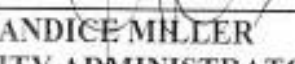
Now therefore, be it resolved that the Council supports, approves, and confirms

- The leasing of the reserve on Newtown Barracks to the BTL Park Association at half price, which shall be used for six (6) reserved parking spaces for the Association.

In pursuance of an order of the Belize City Council made on the 19 day of May 2017, the Common Seal was hereunto affixed by:



**DARRELL BRADLEY
MAYOR**



**CANDICE MILLER
CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

