DIVISION 9. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD*

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Sec. 2-120. Composition, organization, terms and compensation; chairman.

The transportation advisory board shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the city council for three-year terms. The terms of three (3) members shall regularly expire on May 1 of each year; all said appointed members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified unless removed from the board as hereinafter provided in subsection (2) of this section. Each board member shall be a resident of the city at the time of appointment and continuously during the term of service on the board.

1) *Ex officio members.* The city manager, and, at his option, his designated representative, and the director of transportation, shall serve as ex officio members without vote. The board is hereby authorized to appoint as ex officio members without voting privileges any additional members. The presence of any ex officio members shall never be considered in determining a quorum for the transaction of board business.

2) *Removal of board members.* Any council-appointed member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the board, except for illness, injury or absence from the city, or who shall fail to attend at least fifty (50) per cent of the meetings in any one (1) year, shall be automatically disqualified as of the adjournment of the regular meeting immediately following the year in which such member attended less than fifty (50) per cent of the regular meetings of such year, as the case may be, from serving on the board, and upon certification of such consecutive absence, or fifty (50) per cent nonattendance, as the case may be, in forfeiture of the chairman of the board to the city secretary, the city secretary shall advise the disqualified board member and the city council that the position is vacant.

3) *Officers.* Following the annual appointment of three (3) new members, the board shall meet at its earliest convenience and shall, by majority vote, elect a chairman who shall preside at all meetings of the board and a vice-chairman who shall preside in the absence of the chairman. The director of transportation or his designated representative shall act as the secretary of the board and shall send all notices for the meetings of the board, keep and preserve the minutes, have custody and keep all documents and papers filed with the board, advise and consult with city officials as to the board's work and recommendations, assist the board and its committees in planning and coordinating its programs, maintain liaison with organized community groups and others effectively situated to carry forward all plans and policies of the board and all transportation-related action which may be approved by the board, and perform such other duties as may be of assistance to said board, consistent with the primary obligations of the director of transportation to city management.

4) *Committees.* The chairman of the board, with the approval of the board, may establish such committees as may be necessary or appropriate to assist the board in its studies and in the performance of its duties. Members of such committees may be appointed from among members of the board or from among the general public, but the board

chairman shall designate voting board members to serve as chairman of each committee. Any committee appointed by the board to study, investigate, advise or consult with them on any matter shall never be authorized or be deemed cloaked with authority to divulge progress results or findings of such study, investigation, advice or consultation to the press or to the public, and any statement so made by such committee shall not constitute official statements or position of the board or the city.

5) *Meetings.* The board shall meet at least once each month and shall meet on the call of the chairman or on call by a majority of its members. The board shall adopt its own rules of procedure for notice of meetings and the conduct thereof.

6) *Quorum.* Five (5) council-appointed members shall constitute a quorum.

(Code 1958, § 21-30; Ord. No. 10079, § 1, 1-20-1971; Ord. No. 10912, § 1, 6-14-1972; Ord. No. 11841, §§ 1, 2, 12-19-1973; Ord. No. 17748, § 5(i), 7-27-1983; Ord. No. 17526, § 1, 3-16-1983)

Sec. 2-121. Purpose and duties of the board.

The purpose of the board is to be responsible for public advisory jurisdiction on public concerns related to traffic safety, mass transportation, taxicab and other surface transportation services in the city. Duties of the board shall include:

1) Researching, developing and implementing coordinated traffic safety programs which meet local needs.

2) Acting in an advisory capacity to the city council and the city manager in the coordination of traffic safety and public transportation activities of the official agencies and departments of the city.

3) Providing a public forum for the discussion of proposed ordinances or actions relating to surface transportation services.

4) Promoting public acceptance of surface transportation programs proposed or initiated by the city.

5) Fostering public knowledge and support of traffic law enforcement and understanding of city transportation problems.

6) Fostering public knowledge and support of public transportation use and developing understanding of transit operating problems.

7) Promoting the education of the public in traffic safety, and city surface transportation services. The board shall have authority to submit recommendations in long-range planning for better traffic safety and improved transit service.

8) The board shall have authority to formulate rules and policies for solicitation, promotion and advertising the activities of the transportation advisory board and to this end the board may receive and expend funds or grants from any individual, firm or corporation or any other source, provided, however, that this delegation of authority shall never be construed as authorizing the board to enter into any contract or create any obligation on

tee part of the city. Such designated resources shall be received and accounted for in accord with the City Charter and shall be expended in city traffic safety programs, programs to improve transit utilization and accident education and prevention programs, only after approval of the transportation advisory board. It is hereby declared to be the intent and policy of the city council that any funds granted by any person, firm or corporation to be used for and on behalf of the transportation advisory board to advertise and otherwise promote the programs and services of the transportation advisory board and to acquaint the public with such programs and services shall, when granted by instrument of trust to the city transportation advisory board, be maintained in a separate trust account of the city.

9) The board may independently review the decisions, orders, and warrants of the director of transportation concerning installations of traffic control devices and regulations, transit route modification, bus fares, taxi rates and applications for governmental grants, and may hear citizen comments concerning these matters; however, the board shall have no power to promulgate official city rules and regulations, orders, warrants, or to effect any change in transit service levels or routes.

10) The transportation board is designated as the appropriate body to conduct any required public hearing for the purposes of obtaining federal financial assistance or meeting other agency requirements. The substance of any comments and review by the board will be summarized in any recommendation to the council.

(1966 Supp., § 21-31; Ord. No. 10079, § 2, 1-20-1971; Ord. No. 11841, § 3, 12-19-1973; Ord. No. 17748, § 5(i), 7-27-1983; Ord. No. 17526, § 2, 3-16-1983)
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