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Re: 20250318 Noticed Meeting with CM J Carlucci & CM Johnson re: 2025-0159

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Henry Cook Room, City Hall

Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

Attendees: CM Joe Carlucci, CM Dr. Rahman Johnson, George Foote, Andrew Powers, Shawnah Esteves, Ryan Cowette, Jimmie Carter, Damian A. Bell, Trista Carraher, Thomas Register, Laura Hartung, Paul Wright, Ola Cargile, Velma Ross, Mary Staffopoulos, Jessica Wright, Torrey Lewey.

I. Welcome and Introduction (meeting convened at 4:00pm)

Councilmen J. Carlucci and R. Johnson welcomed attendees to the Noticed Meeting.

II. Discussion about 2025-0159

CM Johnson noted that he has heard from some food truck vendors and asked for clarification and background from CM J Carlucci

CM J Carlucci said that the origin of this bill was concerns voiced by constituents in District 5. He also clarified that the State pre-empts the City from making any restrictions on food trucks except via zoning. His only concern is about fire hazard/safety, he clarified that he has no concerns about Food trucks otherwise and has also spoken with Chief of JFRD who echoed the safety concern at gas stations.

CM Johnson then sought further clarification from JFRD about current handling of inspections. A notable concern was the size of the staff that monitors food trucks. 1 person in one division and 1.5 in the other. CM Johnson also asked for input from the food truck owners in attendance. We heard from Shawnah Esteves, Jessica Wright, Ryan Cowette, and Torrey Lewey. All noted that they did not operate at gas stations. They voiced various concerns about food truck regulations in general and that there are many operators that, unfairly, avoid the laws. The Councilmen noted that they would be open to hearing more about the concerns at another time.

III. Closing Remarks

The Councilmen thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.

JC/gjf

NOTICED ON: Monday, March 17, at 3:45 p.m., pursuant to 15.103(c), *Ordinance Code*

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