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The Committee on Finance meets this day in Committee Room "A" at 10:30 o'clock a.m. Present: Chairman Laudati and Messrs. O'Connor and Loughran.

Also present are City Controller Keegan, Finance Director Cashman and Budget Officer Moran. (W.E. McWilliams, Assistant Clerk.)

The Clerk reads the following communication received from Mr. James J. Boylan, Business Agent of Local Union 978, to which is attached petition bearing some 200 signatures:

"A petition against the proposed Hackney License Fee raise has been adopted by the members of Teamsters & Chauffeurs Local Union 978 and has been signed by many drivers outside of the Union. Enclosed you will find the petition.

While we agree the initial cost (1st Hackney License) puts your people thru a lot of research before a license is granted, we agree the granting of a 1st Hackney License should carry a higher fee.

However the "take home" pay of a cab driver thru the years has been far below the average job "take home" pay, with longer working hours (average work week is sixty to sixty-six hours- average hourly pay is fifty-five cents) we feel that a raise in the cost of Hackney License Fee's at this time would be an added burden to our drivers.

The State Chauffeurs License (\$2.00) pictures for Hackney License (\$1.00) Hackney License (\$1.50) Total (\$4.50) is already a burden.

We hope you will take the matter of our petition into serious consideration before you adopt new License Fee's."

Considerable discussion ensues as to the proposed increase in Hackney Drivers License Fee.

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, it is voted to rescind previous action of the Committee on June 10, at which time the Committee voted to recommend an increase in fee from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, it is voted to recommend an increase in fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Budget Officer Moran suggests that the Committee act upon the suggested new licenses as recommended by the Public Administration Service.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Loughran, it is voted to recommend the following fee structure be approved.

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Automobile Storage License:

The Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Public Administration Service i.e., a fee of \$10.00 - \$100.00 in cases of storage of four cars or more, but that there be no charge when said garages are used by residents on the premises.

Fumigator License: Recommend \$5.00 fee.

Gas Station License: In this connection the Committee recommends one fee be charged and based on storage capacity.

Mechanical Amusement Devices: Music Vending Machines:

Vending Machines License: On the above three items the Clerk is directed to contact several other cities to ascertain, if possible, just what the procedure is in their respective cities.

Sale of Fire Arms License: Recommends \$50.00 fee.

Awning License: Refuse recommendation.

Marquee License: Refuse recommendation.

Projecting Sign: Refuse recommendation.

Bartender: Refuse recommendation.

Storage of Chemicals License: To await report from the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Mr. Loughran at this time suggests to the Committee what he considers another source of revenue. He informs the Committee that many outside Agencies are now using the City Incinerator to burn combustible material and it is his belief some sort of an arrangement should be made wherein the City should charge some fee for this use.

He states it is his understanding that the City of New York has some sort of fixed charges for this service.

After further discussion on this matter, the Clerk is instructed to write the City of New York and ascertain just how this operation is handled by that City.

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 o'clock a.m. to meet again Monday, July 11, 1955 at 10:30 o'clock a.m.

William E. McWilliam
Assistant Clerk

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