

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 7, 2010
5:30 P.M.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman, called the meeting of the Legal and Legislative Committee to order, with Councilpersons Berz, Ladd, Rico, Scott, Benson, Gilbert, Robinson and McGary present. City Attorney Michael McMahan and Shirley Crownover, Assistant Clerk to the Council, were also present.

Others present included Vickie Haley, Daisy Madison, Dan Johnson, Randy Ray, Fredia Kitchen, and Richard Beeland.

Chairman Murphy questioned if we wanted to talk about vehicles for hire?

Councilwoman Scott referred to the blanks in the Ordinance, stating that she feared that some individuals would use this "Open for Business" and name their own business hours and everything would be after business hours. She stated that we needed to define "business hours".

Chairman Murphy stated that only one or two wreckers were involved, with no official hours—that they drove their trucks all the time. Councilwoman Scott stated that her point was "after hours". She asked if we could agree they can't charge \$50.00 at 9:00 a.m.?

Councilman Benson stated that the wrecker people want something done about two predators; that we are going to do away with "daylight and dark" and put the cap at \$150.00, and we won't talk about winching; that the cap in Nashville is \$120.00 and it is less in Atlanta; that we will be the highest in the State; that taking away winching, there is justification. He stated that three would be here next week that would ask the Council to do this; that industry PR had been harmful.

Chairman Murphy related to Councilman Benson, who had been out of the room, that his suggestion at the first was to wait until next week; however Councilwoman Scott had a concern.

Councilwoman Scott stated that she had heard nothing about signs—that they don't give the location but only a telephone number; that a contact number is needed.

Councilwoman Berz stated that a full discussion next week would be helpful to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.