

## Item 24-0760: Continue negotiations with Bird Rides for a 2024 Memorandum of Understanding

### Common Council

Wed, Jun 19, 2024 7:00PM

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 1:33:46

Alright, moving on to the item from municipal services committee. Item 24-0760 regarding continuing negotiations with Bird rides. The motion coming out of committee, just to be clear, was a motion to direct staff to discontinue negotiations with Bird Scooter for 2024. And that's coming with a recommendation for approval from committee. We have a motion and a second to approve. Alder Hartzheim.

#### Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 1:34:22

Thank you, chair. Part of the reason that I pulled this out was because of the recommendation sort of a negative/positive kind of thing. Wanted to make sure everyone was clear on that. But also during our discussions in municipal services for this item, there were some disparaging remarks made about city staff in regards to whether they were working with the particular scooter service, and I take that—I don't take that lightly and I'm very disturbed by that. So I want to make sure that everyone in the public is aware that this city has worked very hard to work with Bird. It may—it will—assuming this vote goes through, it will not work for 2024, but there will be something in the future potentially. Thank you.

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 1:35:08

Alder Van Zeeland.

#### Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 1:35:10

Alder Hartzheim stole a lot of what I was gonna say. I work near downtown so I have used the Bird scooters and thought that I may support going forward, but I was very uncomfortable with the communications with the representatives from the company, and it really turned me off from moving forward. Thank you.

#### Mayor Jake Woodford 1:35:34

Any further discussion? We have a motion and a second to approve. An aye vote would discontinue negotiations with Bird for 2024. Please cast your votes. Motion passes 14 to one. That item has been approved.