



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Pehlivanoglu called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

PRESENT

Council Member Trini Pehlivanoglu, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Kost, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Joe Neller
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP
Andy Markowich Markovic

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 27, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Markowich updated the Committee on the bowling alley demolition. They have submitted for the demolition license, and if there is an issue they will use Michigan Demolition. They have started asbestos removal and should be done by end of week. Once the license is obtained they will apply for the permit and apply with the State for removal.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

ORDINANCE – Amending Chapter 1060, Section 1060.08 to authorize the Code Official to abate nuisance

Council Member Pehlivanoglu was before the public for public hearing on June 9, 2025 with no questions or concerns.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1060, SECTION 1060.08. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Zoning Code 1250.02.08 and Michigan Public Health Code

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted this was a continued discussion based on the meeting in May. It was brought to Committee attention due to a resident who was wishing to address this for their property. Ms. Hagen- Lawrence confirmed they looked into other municipalities for similar, focused on community similar in size and density. All areas they looked at prohibited living in RV in a residential zoned, many speak to just the parking of, and they provided the Saginaw FAQ on prohibits. All follow

the state where it has to be hooked up. Mr. Van Fossen stated the department position is a concern if Council took the approach. RV's are in the top 5 complaints for proper maintenance and storage, and permanency hook-up. If Council wanted to pursue because the City does not have "campground" zoning, and if people want to use a temporary means of housing while they fix up their home, they would refer them to a campground for proper hook ups. They would caution using 30 day temporary, it would be a lengthy complaint process on the City's side and could end up in court, and compliance be difficult for the administration. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence added that there is one community located that does allow, for a very limited scope and situation; Owosso. This is outside of density compared to the City of Lansing. In Owosso they allow occupancy on residential properties, and has to be owner or family, and inspection has to occur in 24 within arriving on property, and limited to 30 days. Committee discussed briefly about the work on clarification and FAQ found from comparable communities.

DISCUSSION – Parking Ordinance – Enforcement on Unregistered Vehicles

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted the residents that were interested in this discussion, were not able to attend today. Council Member Hussain referred to an email from the resident who voiced a concern on the policy to prove registration. Mr. Van Fossen clarified the parking team stated there was a citation for Ms. Laura Walters, and there was no current tab. The vehicle owner can contact parking office and prove, in lieu of tab, the violation could be addressed. In the specific case, there were details that might have been left out. Council Member Kost referred to the original email, the vehicle was just registered, but not actually registered at the time. If tabs need to be replaced, it is minimal cost, and this is a process with expired are more expensive. Council Member Hussain asked for this to be on the agenda because the ordinance is new, and was asking for this internal process for enforcement.

OTHER

DISCUSSION – Make Safe or Demolish(MSD) and Ingham County Tax Foreclosures

Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated this began with the Ingham County Treasurer, which was relayed that on an annual basis, there are 1-2 properties in the MSD process that are headed for tax foreclosure. The timelines between City action and MSD process, move quicker then County process in taking over for sale of tax foreclosure. Essentially there could be 1-2 properties demolished by the City where the City can not recoup funds from the County as owners. The inquire is to if there is a process where MSD process can address these types of properties. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence the question is what the option is, if there is a property that has gone through MSD and given deadline, and County states they own it and it does not need to be demolished. The City as the right to rescind and require legislative action by Council, and a suggestion is it can be done with extreme caution with danger with precedence setting, and in this case the property in question was one of the oldest on the NEAT team, but in the end Council does have options. Mr. Van Fossen noted his understanding it was 1342 Walnut, and a legacy order that was not torn down in the normal timeline. There was an environmental survey done and found Ingham County Tax foreclosure office got involved. Discussions are held with City and County for the auction packet on pending items. In the case of 1342 Maple, the Treasurer does not believe it needs to be torn down, and 2 years ago Council passed order to make safe or demolish, and EDP needs to see the charge from Council through. To OCA point, Council has the powers to consider. Discussions should begin sooner, before hearings, before making it through the process, and if so that time has passed for consideration. Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted the discussion started with the property, but opened the overall process.

Council Member Kost stated that Mr. Fox stated Maple Street, not Walnut. Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated it could have been her error. Mr. Van Fossen stated there are two, 1342 Walnut, and 308 Cesar Chavez, and Maple was pending but they did pay taxes. Council Member Hussain asked how is the County determining that it does not need to be demolished. Mr. Van Fossen stated he was not aware, but the City end is exhaustive on making a determination on demolition. Council Member Kost asked, how far out can the City go, sitting on property. When Council makes an order, and it is done, does the State law let the administration wait as long as they choose. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence did not have an answer and can look into it and get back to Committee. Council Member Kost asked when the Demolition Board meets again. Mr. Van Fossen stated the next demolition hearing will be Wednesday July 9th, looking to be at the neighborhood empowerment center at 5:30,

and will send the draft agenda/list. Council Member Kost asked if there are commercial on the list, and Mr. Van Fossen stated he will send the draft.

DISCUSSION – 30 Oldest NEAT Properties and their Status – Economic Development & Planning Office

This topic will be on the agenda quarterly, and Mr. Van Fossen submitted a list dated 6/9/2025. As items come off, they are on, but stricken and newer ones have been added to the end. Mr. Van Fossen first spoke to the ones that have been removed, yellow is active MSD or in process as ruled by Council. They have requested access to inspect, but if not granted they get a search warrant. Council Member Kost asked about the 1342 property was put on hold, and Mr. Van Fossen stated they expected the County here, so with out that will proceed with the environmental testing. In addition the department has hired a building safety officer, and they are handling the investigation process. Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked about department staffing levels, and Mr. Van Fossen stated they hired a code enforcement internally from premise. Pending HR approval on the other two vacant code vacancies, where HR is supposed to do the job offers. There are testing currently in premise division this week, and the intention is to have a good selection. Council Member Kost referred back to the list today, and compared to the last list, 417 W. Oakland, and it was noted it is a tagging with the system. Regarding 1521 REO Road, Mr. Van Fossen stated there is history with the owner, did work and permits, but they are not allowing building safety to final the permits. Council Member Kost noted it is good to see activity, and appreciate Council being backed up.

Council Member Hussain asked about 324 Hosford that was spoken about in public comment last night. Mr. Van Fossen stated a zoning letter was sent out, and the department has been in communication with LPD and LFD with their involvement.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Submitted by: Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

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Approved by the Committee on July 8, 2025 as corrected.