



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, June 23, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Brown called the meeting to order at pm

PRESENT

Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice-Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Greg Venker, OCA
Jay West
Katrina Greeley
Rawley Van Fossen, Director EDP
Stan Parker
Patrick Snyder

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 5, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion/Action

COMMUNITY FUNDING – Churchill Downs Neighborhood Summer Picnic

Mr. West thanked everyone for their assistance and the annual picnic brings the community together. Ms. Richmond noted the request is for \$312.54, the final amount for the inflatable is \$362.50.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUEST FOR CHURCHILL DOWNS NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER PICNIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$362.50.

Councilmember Spadafore asked if the money had to be used for city resources or facility rentals, Mr. Venker responded must be a community activity towards events involving children doing activities.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Noise Special Permit; Lansing Housing Commission request to allow for the building of a new 63-unit apartment building at 220. E. Kalamazoo Street

Ms. Greeley noted the 2nd hearing was done, and this is the final allowance for work on Saturday's for only light duty power tools.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; LANSING HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW 63-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING AT 220. E. KALAMAZOO STREET.

Councilmember Brown asked about the email in the packet, Ms. Greeley confirmed it went to the Cherry Hill Neighborhood Organization, and they had no questions and were aware of the constructions. Councilmember Garza confirmed there were no written concerns.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Noise Special Permit; Lansing Housing Commission request to allow for the building of a new 56-unit apartment building at 510 Cherry Street

Councilmember Brown confirmed no concerns written or public at the 2nd hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; LANSING HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW 56-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING AT 510 CHERRY STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #2176, Eastside Community Action Center for \$674 in red tag fees at 1018 Bensch Street

Dr. Parker noted two weeks after purchasing this property they received a bill on red tags, they contacted the previous owner who stated they were unaware of the fees, as well as the title company. As they went through the process the fees were added to the taxes. They are asking that the fees be waived by the Committee, adding they were informed they had 90 days to update the property without any fees.

Mr. Van Fossen explained that the property was tagged in May 2022, the previous owner was making payments then stopped, the first payment was 09/2022 and the last was 05/2024. Referring to the first 90 days, it was not lifted and is subject to fees since previous owners stopped payment and it went into foreclosure. When it goes into auction, department suspends fees until sold and then they resume once purchased, the total as of today is \$674. Councilmember Brown asked if Eastside receives grant funding for rehabs, Mr. Van Fossen confirmed they are a part of a historical award for renovations.

Councilmember Spadafore asked if the Center has taken steps to come off the red tag list. Mr. Van Fossen confirmed final electrical and plumbing permits for 2025, unaware of other safety corrections in terms of the violations. Dr. Parker indicated everything is in order, Mr. Van Fossen noted they haven't been out in a couple months and for them to call if they believe violations have been corrected.

Councilmember Brown asked if Council is able to suspend for 90 days. Mr. Venker answered no with the way the ordinance is written, and cautions taking consideration the nature of the entity that receives the fee. Adding, as part of Council is making sure process was followed. Councilmember Garza inquired about the previous owners not notified, Mr. Van Fossen stated that does not track on their end.

Councilmember Spadafore asked what period the current fees cover, Mr. Van Fossen responded 01/2025 to 06/2025. Dr. Parker believes it is closer to \$1,000, Mr. Van Fossen does not show that amount.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL #2176, EASTSIDE COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER FOR \$674 IN RED TAG FEES AT 1018 BENSCH STREET.

Councilmember Garza inquired what if the amount is higher. Mr. Venker noted the only amount before Council is \$674.

MOTION CARRIED 2-1.

Dr. Parker noted they were unaware this was going to Council tonight and asked if it could be moved to the next Council meeting. The Committee noted it could be pulled and moved.

Other

Ms. Richmond mentioned the next meeting is July 3rd, it was noted there would not be a quorum, so the Committee agreed to move to Monday, July 14th at 4:30pm.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:33pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on July 14, 2025