



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, January 27, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Spadafore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Carol Wood
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar- arrived at 5:32 p.m.
Councilmember Brandon Betz
Councilmember Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Samantha Harkins
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen Assistant City Attorney/Council Research Assistant
Heather Sumner, Deputy City Attorney
Amanda O'Boyle, Assistant City Attorney
Nathan Triplett
Michael Redding

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13, 2020 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Nathan Triplett; City of Lansing Member; Capital Area Transportation Authority Board (CATA); Term to Expire September 30, 2021

Council President Spadafore explained to the Committee that Mr. Triplett has served on this Board in the role of an East Lansing resident, however now is being recommended for

appointment to fill the City of Lansing position due to a recent vacancy and him moving into the City.

Council Member Spitzley recapped back to 2019 when the Council heard complaints on labor issues with the CATA workers and encouraged Mr. Triplett in his City position on the Board to work with those employees on their contracts. Mr. Triplett confirmed there were two issues in 2019, one being the union representing the CATA operators and they are working on that now, and the second was CATA services with an outside contractor. Council Member Wood spoke to Mr. Triplett on the senior population in the City and issues they encounter why trying to utilize Spec Tran and their services. She encouraged him to work with CATA on addressing the routes so the residents do not have to ride for extended periods of time when it should have been a quick 10 minutes trip. Mr. Triplett agreed that there is a problem with that system and they are striving to make sure the riders are able to be serviced for convenience of routes. Council Member Wood then asked him how he intends to reach out to the communities and Mr. Triplett confirmed as an authority member he is always available to go to any organization or neighborhood meeting. Council Member Betz asked about the Board's plans to consider extending their lines and accessibility, particularly in his Ward; Ward 1. Mr. Triplett confirmed they are always looking for and open to new ways to create a network to service the community and work with other agencies on doing so. Council Member Betz then inquired into what Mr. Triplett's plans would be for promoting green initiatives in public transportation. Mr. Triplett confirmed he has focused on that since 2018 and since that time they have adopted a sustainability plan and began the initial initiatives. They have also partnered with BLW on getting 100% renewable resources. Council Member Wood asked him how much of the Tri-County Regional Planning money was being used for energy efficient CATA vehicles. Mr. Triplett confirmed that there have been some initial purchases and they will be tested this year. Council Member Jackson asked Mr. Triplett if his approach on the Board will change since he is coming from East Lansing and will now be serving the City of Lansing. Mr. Triplett noted that a lot will remain consistent but the challenge in Lansing is for transportation in the hub and Lansing has to be central to all conversations. He added that currently one challenge for CATA is that Eaton County and Delta Township have not opted into the CATA Authority, however CATA services those areas by taking CATA riders there.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF NATHAN TRIPLETT TO THE CATA BOARD. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Michael Redding; At Large Member; Board of Review; Term to Expire June 30, 2021

Council President Spadafore noted that this position will require the training in February to be ready to serve at the March Board of Review.

Council Member Wood asked Mr. Redding why he thought he was qualified to serve in this position, and Mr. Redding said that because of his years as a resident/tax payer in Lansing he believed he would be able to assist on the Board, but until he has gone through the training he would not be able to fully answer what his role will be. Council Member Wood then asked if he would engage the community on their concerns with the taxes and the tribunal addressed by the Board of Review, and Mr. Redding acknowledged he would.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL REDDING TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – 3rd Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority

Council President Spadafore recapped that a discussion was held at the last Committee meeting and there were no noted concerns or reservations.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE 3RD AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE LANSING ENTERTAINMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY.

Council Member Wood asked if it was approved at Council tonight when it would take effect, and Mr. Smiertka replied by outlined the steps needed with the county, and the Office of the Great Seal it could take 30 days.

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Other

{Closed Session}

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN AT 5:58 PM TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act; To consult with the City Attorney to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute. Specifically, to discuss a written legal opinion from the City Attorney provided under attorney-client privilege.

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) of the Open Meetings Act; to consult with the City Attorney in connection with specific pending litigation. An open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Lansing City Council.

Block 100 v. City of Lansing, Lansing Building Authority
Burwell as Personal Representative for the Estate of Phillips v. City of Lansing, Anderson, Liskiewicz, Kelley, Ouderkirk & Ridenour
Chen, Le v. Lansing Police Dept., Garcia, and Fearnow
City of Lansing v. Angavine Holdings LLC (Appeal of State Tax Commission)
City of Lansing v. Brassington, Gillespie, Burke, and Powers and intervening defendant Lansing Firefighters Association, Local 421
City of Lansing Treasury v. Brown, Rachel
City of Lansing v. Colman, Michael
City of Lansing, et al. v. Purdue Pharma, et al. (Opioid Litigation)
City of Lansing v. Reynolds, Patrick (Appeal)
Doe, Jane v. City of Lansing, Lansing Public Schools, Lansing Board of Education, Yvonne Canul, Mark Coscarella, Donna Pohl, Matthew Priebe, Kimberly Petroff, and other unidentified Does
Funches, Blakie, et al. v. City of Lansing, et al.
Funk v. City of Lansing, et al.
Gardner v. Evans, et al. /Holsey v. Weiber, et al. (Consolidated) / Hill v. Whitford, et al.
Greenwave Naturals, LLC v. Lansing City Clerk (Appeal)
Jackson & Lansing Railroad Co. v. South St LLC, SC Environmental Services, LLC, John Kendrick Sears, Norfolk Southern Railway Co., City of Lansing, Jelsema Concrete Construction, Inc., and Hamilton Mutual Insurance Co.,
Lansing v. Starr Indemnity & Liability Co. - York
LE Battle Creek v. Clerk, City of Lansing, Lansing Medical Marihuana Commission
Lynn, Michael v. City of Lansing

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service v. CoL
Motorists Mutual Insurance Company v. City of Lansing, et al. AND La Fille Gallery, LLC, et al. v. City of Lansing, et al. (Consolidated)
Spalding, Estate of v. Eaton County, City of Lansing, Ingham County, et al.
Trevino, HydroWorld v. Blackburn, Allen, Carter, Shields, and City of Lansing
ELNA Investment Company, LLC v. BWL, et al. (BWL)
In re Rail Freight Fuel Surcharge Antitrust Litigation (BWL)
McLaren Health Care Corp. v. City of Lansing (MTT)
Linwood Penn LLC (MTT)
EFH (MTT)
Pamela Frog LLC (MTT)
Amerco Real Estate Co. (MTT)
Durga Property Holdings, Inc. (MTT)
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Lanrop, LLC (MTT)
RE Fund Lansing LLC (MTT)
Lansing Properties I, LLC (MTT)
Lansing Country Club (MTT)
D & F Terminal LLC (MTT)
Crown Enterprises (MTT)
Everett Plaza (MTT)
Washington Equity Partners (MTT)
Darling Building LLC (MTT)

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, CARRIED 7-1.

{Reconvene}

Council President Spadafore reconvened the Committee of the Whole at 6:49 pm.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 10, 2020