



MINUTES

**Committee on Development and Planning
Monday, October 15, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Hussain called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Hussain, Chair
Council Member Spitzley, Vice-Chair
Council Member Washington, Member- excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Eric Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer
Karl Dorshimer, LEAP
Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney
Don Kulhanek, Economic Development and Planning
Karl Tileking
Brent Forsberg
Steven Wilber
Eric Helzer
Karen Conroy
Thadd Gormas

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment taken with respective agenda items.

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Council Member Hussain passed the gavel to Council Member Spitzley.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Spitzley returned the gavel.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION - Listing of all Unsold Tax Reverted Properties in the City of Lansing from the Ingham County Treasurer

Mr. Schertzing confirmed this is the annual list of unsold tax reverted properties in the City, and per statute they all come back to the City unless the City declines and they go back to the County. He then provided a quick overview of the past years auction process, where the number of units were down 40% and the auction produced enough revenue that they were able to cover all the properties and feel they are in the best position in comparison to other years.

Council Member Spitzley asked if any department was approached on this list and asked if they expressed an interest in any particular property. Council Staff confirmed that on October 9th an inquiry was sent to Economic Development & Planning (EDP) and Parks and Recreation. There was no response from Parks and EDP replied via email before the meeting stating they had no interest. Council Member Hussain stated he spoke to the Mayor prior to this meeting and was told they do not have any interest in any of the properties. Mr. Kulhanek confirmed there is no interest in the properties, and if they choose later they are held in the Land Bank and can be purchased from them.

Council Member Hussain asked for an update on the Life O'Riley property. Mr. Schertzing confirmed they continue discussions with the prospective owner, Mr. Dave Sheets, and have made it clear the limitations and what can be done on the site. The prospective owner has represented himself as the middle person on the foreclosure and a developer. Council Member Hussain asked for clarification that currently as it is zoned, he can only build one single family home, and that was confirmed by Mr. Venker.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO DECLINE THE INGHAM COUNTY UNSOLD TAX REVERTED PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF LANSING.

Mr. Tileking spoke to the Committee on his interest and vision of a tiny home village for the former Life O'Riley property. Councilman Hussain expressed his desire to have the neighbors in the area engaged in the process before proceeding with any plan for the site. Mr. Schertzing noted the property has not closed with the purchaser yet so he would provide contact information to Mr. Tileking.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION - Brownfield Plan #70; 735 Hazel LLC; 735 Hazel Street

The applicants provided details on the project for a warehouse and distribution center, and confirmed they are finalizing the addendum on the plan and do not see any reason it will not be finalized by Monday, October 22, 2018. They noted they are also working on a separate agreement with labor, provided a draft, and stated they have a meeting set for October 24th with labor and the general contractor. Regarding bidding and hiring locally, their plan incorporates 4 steps beginning with contractors that are residents in Lansing, if not enough bids will expand to the region, if no competitive bids, will expand State wide. This will include advertisement on the Builders Exchange.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE BROWNFIELD PLAN #70; 735 HAZEL LLC, 735 HAZEL STREET. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OTHER

Mr. Dorshimer noted to the Committee that he was requesting a special Committee meeting on November 26th to address two Brownfields he will be submitting for referral on October 22. One is the amendment to the former YMCA site and the other is the recent Capital City Market Place on Michigan Avenue. He stated his reason for urgency was because after the City approves the Brownfield plans, they need to submit to the Michigan Strategic Fund Board in December. Mr. Dorshimer also stated he was requesting it be approved at Council the same night, November 26, 2018.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:23p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 5, 2018