



MINUTES
Committee on Development and Planning
Tuesday, February 16, 2021@ 3:30 p.m.

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Held virtually in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public & to mitigate the spread of COVID 19

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spitzley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT via audio/video

Council Member Spitzley, Chair remotely from Lansing, Michigan
Council Member Garza, Vice-Chair remotely from Lansing, Michigan
Council Member Hussain, Member remotely from Lansing, Michigan

OTHERS PRESENT via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Mitch Whisler, Dept. Public Service
Hannah Bryant, LEAP
Andy Fedewa, EDP
Greg Venker, OCA
Lisa Hagen, OCA

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – By-laws; S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Improvement Authority

Ms. Bryant confirmed for the Committee that the By Laws were approved by the Authority at their last meeting and the document was created with the assistance of the City Attorney. Council Member Hussain asked if the Authority is complete with membership, and Ms. Bryant acknowledged they have one vacancy, and they are looking for a business or property owners in the area. Council Member Hussain asked for the qualifications, and was told if there is a resident in the area of the authority it could be filled by a resident also. Council Member Hussain then asked for the status of the Grand River Authority, and Ms. Bryant stated there are currently four (4) applications and in the vetting process.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BY-LAWS FOR THE S MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD. CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – ACT-1-2021; Acquisition of Easements for road & Non-Motorized Improvements; Forest Road & Collins Road

Mr. Fedewa stated a request has been made for a center turn lane, round-about and shared pathway. The property owners where the project will be installed are MSU, the State of Michigan, McLaren and the MSU Foundation. The plans have been approved by City Staff, and the Planning Board approved 6-0. Council Member Garza asked for details on tree removal and replacement. Mr. Whisler detailed that roughly 70 trees that will be removed, a bulk of them at the area of the new round-about. Any trees that are being replaced are being replaced with a white pine. In the area of the new pathway and widening, there will a large amount removed, but because there is not a lot of area to replace, they will not be replaced in the new area. Council Member Garza then asked if the department had done any neighborhood outreach. Mr. Whisler confirmed that Mr. Kilpatrick has been to neighborhood meetings, and has not relayed any concerns on the project. Council Member Spitzley asked for their theory on round-about and concerns with snow removal, emergency vehicles, and other construction obstacles. Mr. Whisler explained that typically a roundabout is where there is left turn delay, and reduces the delay to left turning, and mitigates accidents. This roundabout was suggested through their traffic study to prevent any future traffic issues. McLaren petitioned a request for City to redo the roadway and they have State funding for the project. Council Member Hussain asked if Public Service has considered roundabouts in other areas of Lansing if there was State funding or they were approached with a partnership. Mr. Whisler acknowledged the City might not be done with roundabouts because they are a mitigation measure when there are single number of angle accidents and high traffic delays. Council Member Hussain asked them to consider signage with the new roundabout. The Committee held further discussions on the removal of the trees, and funding replacement trees in other areas of the City in conjunction with BWL to replace the numbers removed from this area. Council Member Spitzley asked Mr. Whisler to attend the Council meeting and speak to the removal of the trees. Mr. Whisler acknowledged the request noting that the bulk of the tree removal is in the Collins area, not in the scenic corridor, and he can provide a plan of the trees. He lastly noted the City will put the removal bid out in March for removal by March 31st.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR ACT-1-2021 FOREST ROAD & COLLINS ROAD. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee March 16, 2021