



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Public Safety**  
**Thursday, April 2, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Conference Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor City Hall**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair  
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair- excused  
Council Member Clara Martinez, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sherrie Boak, Council Legislative Office Manager  
Matt Staples, OCA  
Luke Bingaman, Legislative Analyst  
Joe Neller, Rental Property Owners  
Michael Lynn Jr.  
Erica Lynn  
Ed Christensen, Attorney  
Anton Haddad  
Richard Kelly  
Dave Shaler  
Council Member Carter arrived at 4:05 and left the meeting at 4:09 p.m.  
Meredith Johnson, Code Compliance  
Tom Barry, Code Compliance

**MINUTES**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 5, 2026, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Neller spoke in support of draft 12 of the amendment to chapter 1460.

**DISCUSSION**

**RESOLUTION – Appointment; Michael Lynn Jr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Member of the Board of Fire Commissioners; Term to Expire June 30, 2027**

Mr. Lynn Jr. provided a brief overview of his career of a non-profit, co-founder of the Village of Lansing, and former firefighter in Lansing for 8 years. His interest in the position is to complete work he started while a firefighter on police and procedures.

Council Member Martinez asked about his roles in the community and how he would bring that to his role as a Commissioner. Mr. Lynn stated that his belief is in being a community member, being close to the people they serve, and help people understand the complaint process.

Council Member Spadafore asked if there is commitment to attend the Commission meetings, noting the dates, and if he is willing to attend neighborhood meetings, and Mr. Lynn confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL LYNN JR TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing; 813 Bement St.

The owner was not present at the time, so Council Member Spadafore moved this item to later on the agenda.

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing; 108 W. Barnes Avenue

Mr. Barry went through the details of the red tag date for a fire, assessed value, cost to repair, and noted there was an electrical permit pulled in January but denied. The house is damaged throughout, and will need building and electrical permits.

Mr. Christenson and Mr. Haddad provided proof of ownership and that was then provided to the OCA.

Mr. Haddad stated there was an earlier meeting with the demo board, and after that he put the property in his name, and attempted to pull permits, and was told then it was red tagged at that date. The difference in cost between a contractor and owner was extensive and he is asking for authority to pull permits. He spoke briefly on the reason for fire and noted he had recently remodeled the home before the fire.

Council Member Spadafore asked if the department has been in since 2024, since photos were dated 2024, and Code stated they had not. They added that there is a new policy that says if property is red tagged, the permits have to be pulled by a contractor not the homeowner. Council Member Spadafore asked why the policy changed and Code stated they had a lot of applicants coming in stating they were going to be the homeowner and they weren't, then doing the work and flipping them, without the construction knowledge. Council Member Spadafore asked if the owner had any photos of the progress he spoke of the remodel. Mr. Haddad stated they just cleaned up things and have put in insulation.

Council Member Spadafore stated he would like to get a copy of the policy Code is speaking of.

Mr. Haddad stated he was remodeling, living there, and it caught on fire, but now does not have funds to hire a contractor.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO SET A SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR 108 W BARNES FOR APRIL 20, 2026.

Mr. Haddad asked code compliance if he sells, can they pull the permits and then Council stop this. Ms. Johnson stated if permits were in place, they can asked Council and staff if he sells can this process stop.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing; 813 Bement St.

Mr. Berry outlined the make safe and demolition board which began with tagging 7/11/24 due to lack of utilities, and a BWL notice for meter tampering, then a fire. There were 2 board ups in 2025, trash violations, all trade permits needed, however they did get a tear out permit on 2-3-26.

Mr. Kelley stated he purchased from his brother and he and Mr. Shaler hired a contractor for the repairs.

Mr. Shaler stated the property is only 30% damaged and they have already taken 3 dumpsters out. He admitted that he works in Jackson, and normally work like tear out would not require a permit to tear out damaged property, but once they were made aware they stopped and got permit. They have finished work, shored up the basement wall so it did not cave in, went through house and sprayed burnt studs for stain kill, got permit today to proceed with the work. He acknowledged they have blueprints and elevations and hope to have complete in 3 months once the permit is obtained. Ms. Johnson stated the permit has not been issued and is under review.

Council Member Spadafore asked Code compliance, since it appears they are making it safe, if there is any other hold up at the department other than review of the application and drawings. Ms. Johnson stated they are currently under review.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO TABLE ACTION ON SETTING A SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR 813 W BEMENT ST. UNTIL THE APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> , 2026. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Mr. Shaler asked if he needs to have the tear out inspected and Ms. Johnson stated the contractor that applied needs to call on line for inspection.

ORDINANCE – Amend Chapter 1460; Amend Sections 1460.44-1460.52 and add Section 1460.53 to clarify and update regulation and certification on rental properties

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Spadafore referred to the newest draft he had produced with OCA; Draft 12 in the packet.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1460, SECTION 1460.44-1460.52 AND ADD SECTION 1460.53. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**OTHER**

No other topics at this time.

**ADJOURN**

Adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on April 16, 2026