



MINUTES

Committee on General Services

Thursday, July 27, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.

City Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 3:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Tina Houghton, Chair
Councilmember Jody Washington, Vice Chair- excused
Councilmember Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Nicholas Tate, Assistant City Attorney
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Kathy Miles
Aaron Wallace
Holly Gilbert
Juan Carlos Vera
Carlos Cuellar
Christopher Jackson
Jason Kildea
Stan Parker
Jose Vera
Peggy Vaughn-Payne
Dee Dee Fuller
Kristin Kent
LaSondra Jones

Other

Community Funding Application

Ms. Vaught-Payne outlined the upcoming event seeking funding, which is the "Cooking with Kids Camp" on August 14th – 17th, 2017. The program she stated would also include back-to-school safety; anti- bullying, and cyber safety. There will be a maximum of 30 children in the camp. Ms. Vaughn-Payne confirmed the funds would defray the costs of the camp itself.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO NORTHWEST INITIATIVE FOR THEIR "COOKING WITH KIDS CAMP". MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment at this time, but during agenda items.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; #1423; 1728 Pattengill Avenue

Mr. Sanford updated the Committee on the violation, noting it was a board up that was done on May 5, 2017. A call was placed by the LPD for the board up due to an emergency, and the board up crew was called in.

Mr. Cuellar informed the Committee he was renovating the site, and understood LPD did not have his number, but attempts should have been made to reach him and allow him to take care of the situation. He also admitted it currently is not a registered rental, but once the work is done, he plans to register it. Mr. Sanford informed Mr. Cuellar and the Committee that the practice used to be to contact the owner, but there were too many situations where the owner never arrived, and the LPD and Code would end up waiting for hours on site. Council Member Houghton also added that emergency board ups have to be taken care of ASAP, first and foremost is to protect the neighborhood.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE DENIAL OF CLAIM #1423; 1728 PATTENGILL AVENUE FOR \$560.00.

Mr. Cuellar objected to the charge, and stated again if he had been notified he could have fixed it himself. Council Member Wood recommended an alarm system to Mr. Cuellar to allow for notifications in the future.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal for Property Tax; Eastside Community Action Center; 1001 Dakin St.

Council Member Houghton asked Mr. Tate if property tax claims could be addressed at this Committee, and Mr. Tate confirmed that they cannot. Council Member Wood stated the claimants had approached her on what to do, and she directed them to the Claim form. Council Member Houghton referred them to the Assessing Department to file the claim with the Tax Tribunal or Board of Review.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; #1390; Aaron Wallace; 1015 Westmoreland Avenue

Mr. Sanford informed the Committee that the property was cited November 10, 2016 with a compliance date of November 17, 2016. The office did receive a call from the owner and was granted an extension to November 21, 2016, and another extension until November 29, 2016. When it was re-checked on November 29, 2016 there was the same debris from week before. The request for clean-up was submitted to the contractor on January 12, 2017. At which time there was a confrontation on the property between the claimant, premise officer and contractor and the LPD was called in. The LPD did advise the contractor to continue the removal of the violation.

Mr. Wallace confirmed he spoke to the premise office, but also stated his opinion that the office was trespassing. Council Member Houghton pointed out to Mr. Wallace he had received multiple extensions which he in turn denied.

Mr. Sanford clarified the rights of the officers on the property.

Mr. Wallace asked for a reduction in the amount of the violation. Mr. Sanford informed the Committee that a reduction was offered to Mr. Wallace at the Claims Review Committee and he declined it, therefore the Code Compliance is now asking for the full amount.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD GRANT THE CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$378, WHICH WAS THE AMOUNT ALREADY GRANTED BY THE CLAIM REVIEW COMMITTEE THAT MR. WALLACE DECLINED, AND DENY \$440. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION - ORDINANCE – Review and Set a 2nd Public Hearing for New Amendments to 830.06- Liquor Licenses

Council Member Houghton asked Mr. Tate if based on the changes to the proposed ordinance amendments, if a second hearing needed to be scheduled or they could take action at this time on the most recent amendments since a hearing was held on June 26th. Mr. Tate confirmed no second hearing was needed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENTS TO 830.06 FOR LIQUOR LICENSES. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Transfer of Ownership of Resort Class C License at 200 Edgewood Blvd., Celebration Banquets, LLC

Nothing new was presented.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF RESORT CLASS C LICENSE AT 200 EDGEWOOD BLVD., CELEBRATION BANQUETS, LLC. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Transfer of Ownership 2017 Class C & SDM Licensed Business with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) and Dance Permit from Unicorn Tavern; 327 E Grand River Avenue; Unicorn LLC

Mr. Kildea noted the Gillespie Group purchased the property in June 2017 and had gotten a conditional license from the State until the final approval was granted so they could renovate and continue business.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP CLASS C & SDM LICENSE FOR 327 E GRAND RIVER AVENUE, UNICORN LLC. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION- Transfer of Ownership and Location of Class C license and for new SDM license and new Sunday (AM & PM) sales permit' 300 N Clippert Street, #17 Acapulco Mexican Grill Inc.

DISCUSSION – Council Rules

The owners detailed the location currently in Frandor behind Blaze pizza, and a former restaurant. The owners are a family business with multiple locations. This location will be a 1 to 3 portion of the business will be alcohol sales; 25%.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND LOCATION OF A CLASS C LICENSE AND NEW SDM LICENSE FOR 300 N. CLIPPERT STREET, #17 ACAPULCO MEXICAN GRILL INC. MOTION CARRIED -2-0.

Council Rules

Council Member Houghton left the item on the agenda for future discussion and to present suggestions recently made to her from Law.

Other/Place On File

- New SDM License issued with Sunday Sales Permit (AM) and New Gas Pumps, Ba Brown LLC, 1000 E Mt. Hope

Place on file.

- Transfer Ownership of escrowed 2017 Class C and SDM licensed business with Sunday Sales Permit (PM), Specific Purpose Permit (Food), Dance-Entertainment Permit, Outdoor Service (1 Area), Catering Permit, and (2) Bars from Excellent Entertainment, LLC, to be held in escrow; New Living Quarters Permit, Seems Like As Good Idea, LLC, 601 E. Michigan Avenue

Council Member Houghton kept the transfer on the agenda for a future discussion.

Public Comment

Ms. Miles asked what the topic was for Council Rules. Council Member Houghton stated that the rules govern the Council body and the Committee will review them and see what needs to be updated.

Adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak, Office Manager,
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on August 24, 2017