



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, July 8, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Legislative Office Manager
Sunny Miller, OCA
Rawley Van Fossen, Code Compliance
Tom Berry, Code Compliance
Meredith Johnson, Code Compliance
Jonathon Reedy
Marsha Quenby
Rebecca Nobles
Crystal Collins
Mariah Masey
Naja Nang

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2026, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1218 Gordon Avenue

Council Member Spadafore noted that EDP had provided recent sale documents, and EDP is recommending a 60-90 day for closing on the sale.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO TABLE FOR 60 DAYS, COMING BACK BEFORE COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2026.

Council Member Spadafore stated they can delay action for 60 days or do it today. In 60 days they will review progress, and in 60 days the owner needs a closing date, demonstrated progress to making the home safe.

Ms. Quinby stated the purchaser does not want to purchase and then have the City demolish it. Council Member Spadafore said they can delay the order, as long as they are demonstrating progress

and good faith in the process. Mr. Van Fossen stated permits should be pulled in the first 60 days. If they are closing by September 3, pulls permit and start work, their recommendation would be to continue to table. It was reiterated that for EDP to act they would need to see permits pulled and work started and if the purchaser is a licensed builder and can pull permits. Council Member Spadafore stated there is no guarantee, but Council cannot keep delaying, their goal is to make the building safe or demolish. They need to make progress of making it safe. Ms. Masey asked what kind work would need to be done. Mr. Van Fossen stated the synopsis that was submitted on July 7th, and start with that.

Council Member Hussain noted his concern that the recent details was submitted the day before this meeting.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 6031 S Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

Council Member Spadafore noted the email that was submitted from the owner stating their intentions to perform asbestos abatement, disconnection of services and demolition.

Mr. Van Fossen apologized for not getting email to Committee before today, but it was confirmed Council did get it earlier. Mr. Van Fossen then stated this would be considered commercial demo, and that would mean a different timeline and cost. They have made good progress in good faith on their end, and he was asking for the Committee to table for 60 days.

Council Member Hussain referred to the environmental budget they submitted at \$137,350 and asked what the overall cost was, and they informed the Committee it was \$350,000 overall cost, with the \$200,000 as the demolition cost. Council member Hussain asked about the fundraising efforts he has heard about. Ms. Nobles first stated that Consumers energy as out last week and she will get the “cap off” documentation turned in. They are still waiting on BWL. The group is doing a fundraiser on 7/25 to inform the community on what is being done with the building; created a Foundation of Hope campaign to demolish and move forward with what can be done there for the community. The July event will be outside on the grounds.

Council Member Hussain asked what activity they have done so far, and was told painting, locked gates, all entry points locked, painting over graffiti, and addressing all safety concerns.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO TABLE FOR 60 DAYS, COMING BACK BEFORE COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 4507 Devonshire

Mr. Van Fossen recommends a 60 days make safe.

Ms. Collins explained she had moved in 12/2024 to Grand Haven Manor due to health reasons. She added she too has been in contact with someone to buy, has made arrangements on obtaining dumpsters to clean up. Regarding notifications, she admitted she recently put in the forwarding order with the post office. Ms. Collins appealed for 60 more days.

Mr. Van Fossen explained to all present in the meeting, that it is required that they post notice on the property which they do and also encourage owners, if they do not live there, to go to the residence daily. He would need to see strong evidence from Ms. Collins that she is listing it for sale and has an interested buyer. Ms. Collins provided a name with Housing Buyers Association, and Mr. Van Fossen stated he is not aware, and so it would be hard to make recommendation at this time. He stated if the Committee chose to move forward today, and she informed him by this Friday of the stated requirements of a sale, he could update the Committee before it goes to Council on July 13th. If it goes to demolition it would be 60 days, and the up to 2 months after that for utility shut offs, etc.

Council Member Hussain apologized if sounding not insensitive, but reminded the owner the property has been red tagged since 2017. The neighborhood has been impacted, and he noted he struggled with delaying any further. There is no evidence in this case that she has a potential purchaser. Mr. Van Fossen stated there has to be chosen path; making safe or demolish. Evidence his office would need to see would be a list of the repairs, associated cost estimate. With evidence there is a plan and funded he can then report out to the committee.

Ms. Collins thinks the neighborhood would want it safe instead of demolished.

Council Member Spadafore noted again it has been a decade since it was red tagged, and 60 days might not help anyways.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON JULY 16, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Set a Show Cause Hearing; Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1217 N Grand River Avenue

Mr. Van Fossen stated that the property was red tagged 1/30/2025 because of fire damaged. The demolition board issued a 30 days order, which was not complied with, so per City ordinance, it requires to start the demolition process. At this time there have been no permits pulled, but it appears the owner has begun conversations with Michigan Demolition, however again it was stated again no permits were pulled, no proof of finance or timeline. At this time he would recommend 21 days make safe or demolish because of the fire damage.

Mr. Reedy confirmed he has spoken to Michigan Demolition, as of this morning. He stated he can confirm that BWL and Consumers had been shut off and would fax that proof to EDP. He assured the Committee the demolition permit would be pulled Friday.

Council Member Hussain stated the Council can set the show cause hearing for July 27, and it will come back to Committee on August 6th, where there should be progress provided to the Committee based on what the owner stated earlier.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET A SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR 1217 N GRAND RIVER AVENUE FOR JULY 27, 2026.

Council Member Spadafore reiterated the Council timeline, and stated that if progress is made, Mr. Van Fossen will update Committee. Mr. Van Fossen provided his card to Mr. Reedy, clarifying that pulling a permit is one thing, but doing the work and paying for the work is the evidence needed.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 813 Bement

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR A MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH ORDER AT 813 BEMENT FOR 21 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION - Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 708 S Hayford Avenue

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR A MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH ORDER AT 708 S. HAYFORD AVENUE FOR 21 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 2114 E Kalamazoo St

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR A MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH ORDER AT 2114 E KALAMAZOO ST. FOR 21 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 100 W. Hodge Avenue

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR A MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH ORDER AT 100 W HODGE AVENUE FOR 21 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Set a Show Cause Hearing; Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 431 S Francis Avenue
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SET THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR 431 S FRANCIS AVENUE FOR JULY 27, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OTHER

Council Member Spadafore informed the Committee that at the July 16th meeting the Chief of Police will attend to speak to General Public Safety Update.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on July 16, 2026