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Committee on Public Safety

Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 3:30 p.m.

City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Legislative Office Manager
Sunny Miller, OCA
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP/Code Compliance
Meredith Johnson, EDP
Crystal Collins
Tim Rumler

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2026, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing; Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 920 Long Blvd.

Council Member Spadafore EDP recommends setting a hearing. Mr. Van Fossen outlined the property location, currently fenced off by the City, due to the severity of the decay. They are eager to move on this due to the safety. Historically it has been office space, and when red tagged it was vacant.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET A SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR AUGUST 24, 2026 FOR 920 LONG BLVD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing; Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 6546 Mercantile Way

Council Member Spadafore stated it was recently sold to Motorcars of Lansing, and EDP recommends tabling until next meeting so new owner can present materials to Committee. Mr. Van Fossen stated they were excited when it was proposed for a sale, and the new owner has been into the department on permits, and plan review and informed the department of plans to expand the current Motorcars of Lansing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO TABLE UNTIL AUGUST 20, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 431 S Francis

Council Member Spadafore stated there has been no activity, and EDP recommends a 21 day make safe or demolish.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 431 S FRANCIS IN 21 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Van Fossen asked when it would be before Council and it was confirmed Monday, August 10th.

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1217 N. Grand River Avenue

Council Member Spadafore stated EDP recommends 60 day's notice, and permits have been pulled.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 1217 N. GRAND RIVER AVENUE IN 60 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 4507 Devonshire

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Spadafore stated EDP stated they have not had any updates and EDP recommends 60 days.

Ms. Collins stated Junk in the Trunk is still cleaning it out. Council Member Spadafore asked if they plan to just sell as is, and Ms. Collins stated yes, sell as is, and then the new owner would renovate. Council Member Spadafore stated the Committee concurred at the last meeting to continue to table if there is progress, but it appears there is not since no activity has been provided to the EDP department.

Mr. Rumler stated Junk in the Trunk interviewed Ms. Collins on her personal items, they are thorough and going through every item and box. Council Member Spadafore stated they were to provide an analysis of the cost to make safe, and work with the department on the plan. Council Member Hussain added that per minutes, the video and his notes, he concurs with Council Member Spadafore that they needed to provide a list of repairs, the estimate of repairs, and proof of funds. He recapped that at the time, Ms. Collins stated it would take a couple weeks so they tabled it, and she was advised to communicate with the department. Since the department is saying they have not gotten any of those three items, they are recommending the Committee proceed with the order of make safe or demolish in 60 days. Council Member Spadafore states this now goes before the Council on Monday, 8/10/2026 and if they have a list or quote to bring to the meeting then.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 4507 DEVONSHIRE IN 60 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Rumble asked, if they are able to present a list of repairs from certified contractors who have a interest in buying, from there how can he assure that contractor that it will not be torn down a week later. Council Member Spadafore stated that this action initiates the process to being with a 60 day clock starting Monday, August 10th, to make safe or demolish. At the last meeting the list was requested, and the Committee has been accommodating, and but Council has a duty on public safety to make sure the homes and structures are safe. Ms. Collins stated she did not understand there was a request or requirement for a list.

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Council member Hussain confirmed what Council Member Spadafore stated on what was requested at the last meeting.

Mr. Rumble asked what the options Council will consider and Council Member Spadafore stated Council will act on the resolution to begin the process of 60 days make safe or demolish, or reject that recommendation, table or send back to Committee.

OTHER

Council Member Spadafore stated that Council Member Hussain has asked for an update on implementation of the new placard system, and he has been working with Mr. Van Fossen on creating a report, so therefore this will be back before Committee at a September meeting.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on