



MINUTES

Committee on General Services

Monday, September 24, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Patricia Spitzley, Chair

Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair

Council Member Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Scott Sanford, Code Compliance

Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor

Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney

Elaine Womboldt

Kathy Miles

Erika Philips

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 28, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION - Claim Appeal #1540; 919 Westmoreland Avenue; Erika Philips; \$754.31

Scott read the code officers notes as follows:

CODE OFFICER'S NOTES: This property was cited for a trash violation on 7/26/2017 the Premise Inspector was contacted on 8/04/2017 two days after the compliance date to request an extension. The Premise Officer had not yet rechecked the property and granted the requested extension. The officer returned to recheck the property on 8/14/2018 and multiple violations remained as noted in the recheck pictures. The contractor arrived on 9/25/2017 and the same violations were still present plus additional violations which were also removed. Per the pictures the premises were in disrepair as violations were on the front porch, driveway and backyard. This property has a shed and two car garage items should be stored in these structure not left in the yard. The contractor would not be able to tell some of the items removed were for outdoor use as they were not put together and pieces of were lying about. The rug in question had brush on it when the contractor arrived and this the rug is not meant to be left in the driveway exposed to the elements. The furniture on the front porch seems to be in disrepair the one chair and torn please see pictures as one chair has something hanging down the other chair does not and the seats appear to be in disrepair. Picture clearly show the property needed to be cleaned and this office recommends denial of the claim.

Mr. Sanford concluded by stating that Code Compliance recommends denial.

Mr. Brewer confirmed the claims review committee reviewed it on 7.25.2018, and they looked for the pre-authorization for the work but were only able to obtain the 1 hour and 10 yards initial request. Therefore the Committee reduced the bill to that amount. Per the letter from law to the claimant after that meeting, the amount was reduced down to \$594.00 still owing.

Ms. Philips provided details to her situation including a family issue that caused some of the issues and lack of her obtaining any notifications. She then appealed the amounts on the contractor invoice, and voiced her concern that until the claims review committee meeting she was not provided any details on what was picked up, the invoice or total cost, so she felt she could not prepare. Ms. Philips appealed to lower the amount.

Council Member Spitzley went through the policy and process with Ms. Philips on notifications, timelines and contractor assignment.

The Committee and Law discussed the fees including the administration fee of \$265, the hourly rate and material cleanup. Ms. Philips appealed for her costs to replace items that were taken including a chair from the front porch and compost material that would be used for a raised flower bed. She again appealed that Code Compliance would not provide her any information on the fees or work performed.

Council Member Hussain made the Committee and Law aware he was a teacher to the claimant's children and asked if he should recuse himself. Ms. Hagen stated no need.

Council Member Wood acknowledged the Claims Review Committee on their fair determination based on the information that was provided.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CLAIMS REVIEW COMMITTEE AND GRANT \$627.50 THE CLAIM AND A REMAINING PAYMENT DUE OF \$594.00. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Pending

Michigan Liquor Control Commission; New SDM License; MCL 436.1533(5) for Dolgencorp, L
LC; 2712 S Cedar Street, Lansing MI 4810-3029- **Pending Application**
Placed on File

Adjourned

Adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak, Office Manager, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on October 9, 2018