



MINUTES

Committee on General Services

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 4:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Patricia Spitzley, Chair

Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair

Council Member Carol Wood, Member- excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Scott Sanford, Code Compliance

Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor

Jim Smiertka, City Attorney

Amanda O'Boyle, Assistant City Attorney

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION - Claim Appeal; 1009 Cady Court; Lilas Smyth; \$2,721.00

Mr. Smiertka pointed out to Ms. Smyth that her claim form was \$2,721.00. Ms. Smyth confirmed it was for \$2,494.00 due to the fact that at the time she filled out the form she was not sure so guessed.

Mr. Sanford read the Code Officers notes from the staff report:

CODE OFFICER'S NOTES: This property was cited for a trash violation on 4/12/2018 with a compliance due date of 4/19/2018. The Premise Officer returned on 4/20/2018 the violations were still present and they were submitted to the contractor for removal. The contractor arrived on 4/26/2018 and a cleanup was performed. The contractor was authorized to remove the yardage the submittal is just an estimate from what the Premise Officer can see and is frequently lower than what is actually removed as they just put in an estimate on the submittal form the Premise Officer indicated that the contractor called him and he authorized the additional yardage. Pictures indicate this was a large trash removal and that the items were from the back of the garage (no door open and accessible to the public) all the way up the driveway. This office recommends denial of the claim.

The charges are reflected on the bill, per Mr. Sanford. Mr. Brewer confirmed the Claims Review Committee did review and denied the claim.

Ms. Smyth referenced the photos and claimed people were in her garage taking items out of her garage and home. She confirmed she called the police but they would not address it because they claimed it was her son in her house, not strangers. She continued citing situations of her family situation, claiming none of the items in the photos were hers.

Council Member Spitzley asked Mr. Sanford what communication was done on this, and he stated they did not have any communication with Ms. Smyth. Ms. Smyth again appealed that some of the items were not hers. Council Members referenced photos of the garage where it reflected a staircase going into the house, items on the wall that were removed. Council Member Spitzley explained to Ms. Smyth that the material was on her property, and asked if she contacted the police. Ms. Smyth confirmed she did not contact them, and most of the activity was with debris and her opinion was that people took her stuff while she was in the hospital. Mr. Sanford noted there is an open complaint letter due today for furniture on the curb. Ms. Smyth stated the items are now in the house. Council Member Spitzley asked for clarification on the comment about more items at the curb. Mr. Sanford noted this claim was written in April, and there are new violations they are addressing now. Council Member Hussain clarified the Committee's roll and the vetting process they have to do.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO DENY THE CLAIM FOR 1009 CADY COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,494.00.

Council Member Spitzley recommended she file a police report if she is aware people are dumping on her property.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION - Claim Appeal #1603; 5818 Hughes Road; Thomas Price; \$2,711.50

Council Staff informed the Committee that Mr. Price contacted the office during this meeting stating he was called into work and asked for a new date to hear his claim. The Committee chose to move the item to the November 13, 2018 meeting.

UPDATE – Liquor Licenses and the Liquor Control Commission

No discussion.

Other

Downtown Lansing Inc., 2017 Annual Report

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Adjourned

Adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak, Office Manager, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on October 23, 2018