



MINUTES

Committee on General Services

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Council Member Hussain

ROLL CALL

Council Member Patricia Spitzley, Chair – arrived at 4:12 p.m.

Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair

Council Member Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor

Scott Sanford, Code Compliance

Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney

Tom Price

Nicholas Pena

Council Member Washington- arrived at 4:29 p.m. and left at 4:31 p.m.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

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

Mr. Sanford stated for the Committee that the property was cited 6/11/2018, with a compliance date of 6/18/2018. He acknowledged that the claimant called on 6/18/2018 and spoke to the premise officer and was granted a one week extension to 6/25/18. The officer did a recheck 6/26/2018 and the violations were still present so the contractor arrived 6/28/2018. The Committee then reviewed the photos and Mr. Sanford provided a violation history on the property and recommended denial.

Mr. Price stated he put a padlock on the fence on 6/27/2018, referenced the photo that depicted that, and stated the contractor cut the lock, went into his yard, took items from a closed shed including auto parts, new tires, a bunk bed, scooter and propane tanks and turkey fryer.

Council Member Spitzley asked Mr. Sanford to recite the process of the office. Mr. Sanford stated the contractor is sent to the site and if there are any issues the contractor calls the inspector for authorization to address all items. His office does not believe the pad lock was cut, but that the gate was open.

Mr. Price appealed again stating the only “trash” were box springs in the back yard, then asked why the contractor took a mop and bucket, a weed eater, propane tanks, tires that were new. He made a statement that he would be filing a law suit and the contractor committed larceny and trespassing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO DENY THE CLAIM 1603 FOR 5818 HUGHES ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,711.50. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Spitzley informed Mr. Price that the Committee was recommended denial, and it would be in front of the entire Council on November 19th where he would have three (3) minutes to appeal to them. If the Council denied, she stated his next course of action is Circuit Court.

RESOLUTION - Claim Appeal # 1579; 1220 Shepard; N. Pena \$1,028

Mr. Sanford stated for the Committee that the property was cited 5/2/2018 with a compliance date of 5/9/2018, and when the inspector returned on 5/10/2018 it was still present so the contractor arrived on 5/17/18. His office recommended denial of claim.

Mr. Brewer stated the Claims Review Committee met on 7//25/2018 and reduced the amount to 2 hours and 8 yards bringing the balance to \$700. Mr. Sanford stated his office would accept that amount.

Ms. Pena first acknowledged the Committee for their time then provided a history of the family situation, recent 4 month hospital stay for her father, the owner. She noted that they did not disagree with the cleanup, but in the past when they have gotten notice, they have taken care of the issue, but this time they did not see the notice. She appealed for the Committee to grant her appeal.

Council Member Spitzley clarified for the claimants that since they chose to appeal to the Committee that the decision made by Claims Review is no longer an option, and the claimants understood.

Mr. Sanford stated that due to the circumstances of the situation, his office would be willing to accept a new total of \$435 if that is acceptable to the Committee and claimants. Council Member Wood suggested they also make payment arrangements with the Treasurer’s office.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO PARTIALLY GRANT THE CLAIM 1579 FOR 1220 SHEPARD FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$593, LEAVING A NEW BALANCE OF \$435.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #1592; 915 Vine Street; O. Hamenyimana; \$395

No one was present, so Council Member Spitzley moved to the next meeting.

Other – Liquor Licenses and the Liquor Control Commission

- Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Transfer Location; Class C & SDM License from 5100 Marsh Rd., Ste C Okemos to 1620 E Michigan; Tannin LLC (Pending application)
- Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Transfer Location; Escrowed 2018 SDD & SDM License w/Sunday Sales; Motor Vehicle Pumps; from 2900 Dunckel to 3000 Dunckel, Suite A (Pending Application)

Adjourned

Adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak, Office Manager, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 27, 2018