



MINUTES

Committee on General Services

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 4:00 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 Enforcement

Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney

Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor

Michael Sdao

Bobbie Maxwell

Hamenyumna Odasi

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 27, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public present.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION- Claim Appeal #1611; 600 Jessop; M. Sdao; \$2,537

Mr. Sanford informed the Committee that the property has been red tagged since 9/2017, and has had four (4) trash violations since that time. Their opinion is it is not tagged due to tenants, but due to the claimant not doing the repairs as of to date. The department has mailed red tag monitoring fees to the property since 1/2018 and when those red tag fees are not paid, they acquire late fees. Those late fees are tied to the property not the tenant. A red tag fee is \$150.00 and every late fee is an additional \$7.50.

Mr. Sdao stated all he wants to pay is for what he feels he is responsible for. He acknowledge he did not put all trash out there, and the tenant is willing to pay for the charges, and has

attempted to make arrangements. Mr. Sanford informed the Committee and the owner that the taxes; which is where the fines now are; are in the owner's name, so the owner would have to make those payment arrangements. Ms. Hagen confirmed that the assessment would run with the property, and any agreement would have to be between the owner and tenant, not with the tenant and the City. Council Member Spitzley encouraged Mr. Sdao to speak to Treasury. Mr. Sdao then appealed for lowering the fines. Council Member Spitzley referenced their packet of information, noting there was evidence of the trash and the red tag fees.

Mr. Brewer distributed a breakdown spreadsheet that outlined the trash violations and red tag fees. There were two (2) trash violations; 1/4/2018 @ \$1,455 and 2/21/2018 @ \$708. The red tag fees totaled \$390 and additional second notices fees.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO DENY THE CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,537 FOR 600 JESSOP.

Mr. Sdao was informed it would be before full Council on January 14, 2019.

Mr. Sdao informed the Committee and referenced documentation from the contractors that the work in question had permits pulled and had approved final inspections as of 8/29/2017 for the plumbing along with electrical. Mr. Sanford provided his business card to Mr. Sdao and informed him that if the work was done he needs to contact his office and also register the property as a rental. His office would speak to Mr. Sdao and investigate the property, permits and claims of work inspected and will report back to the Committee before the January 14, 2019 meeting. Council Member Spitzley asked Mr. Sanford to forward any notices and updates to the Committee if Mr. Sdao complies by January 10, 2019, and then the Committee would consider new amounts.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #1594; 2319 Greenbelt; B. Maxwell; \$330

Mr. Sanford provided detail on the claim to the Committee; it was cited 5/18/2018 with a compliance date of 5/25/2018 was rechecked on 6/7/18 and not mowed. The contractor was notified and arrived on 6/11/2018. In his opinion the property was mowed by the contractor and proper actions were taken.

Mr. Maxwell stated to the Committee that his tenant mowed it on 5/23/2018, and then he cut it on 5/30/2018. He then referenced the photos which show there are weeds and dandelions which do grow fast. Lastly, Mr. Maxwell acknowledged he called Code Enforcement after he mowed it, got an answering machine and did not get a return call, but spoke to a code officer on another site who acknowledged they were having issues with their phones. Mr. Maxwell did not dispute it needed to be mowed, but based on the timeline he mowed it and by the time the contractor arrived it could have needed it again, but there was no second notice. He also provided a copy of a letter he got in the mail with an invoice that wasn't even for his property, but property on Massachusetts. Council Member Hussain acknowledged that it appeared the notices were written on multiple addresses that were not Mr. Maxwell's and sent to multiple addresses, so there is a question of a properly noticed violation. Mr. Sanford confirmed his office has already voided the invoice sent to Mr. Maxwell for the property on Massachusetts. Mr. Sanford also confirmed they have had phone issues in the office over the last year, and are still having issues getting the messages.

Council Member Spitzley passed the gavel to Council Member Hussain.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO GRANT THE CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330.00 FOR 2319 GREENBELT.

Mr. Brewer reported that Claims Review did see the claim and denied the claim based on the photos that represented the yard did need to be mowed.

Mr. Sanford asked the Committee considering waiving the administration fee and charging just for the \$65 mowing charge.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO AMEND HER MOTION TO NOT GRANT THE CLAIM BUT GRANT IT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265.00 LEAVING A BALANCE OF \$65 OWING. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Mr. Maxwell was informed it will be before Council on January 14, 2019.

Council Member Hussain passed the gavel to Council Member Spitzley.

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

Not present at the beginning of the meeting, Council Member Spitzley asked for it to be rescheduled for the next Committee meeting. The applicants did arrive late, at 4:10 to this was taken up at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Sanford outlined the case stating it was cited on 6/12/18 with a compliance date of 6/19/18 and rechecked 6/20/2018. The contractor was contacted and arrived on 6/22/2018. In the claim, he noted, the owner stated they mowed it mowed 6/29/2018; 6 days after the contractor.

Mr. Odasi had an interpreter who relied all the information to him.

Council Member Spitzley acknowledged that they believe they mowed it 6/29/2018, however the contractor also mowed it days earlier and that is what this bill was for. The claimant, via interpreter, admitted he did not mow in time and apologized.

Mr. Brewer confirmed it was reviewed in the Claims Review Committee and denied.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO DENY THE CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$395 FOR 915 VINE STREET. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

The owner again appealed for leniency in the fee, however Council Member Spitzley explained that the photos and documents provided the evidence it was done by the contractor.

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)

Place on File

- o Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Transfer Stock Interest; 800-806 Baker St; new stockholder Amarjit Singh; 2018 SDD & SDM License For Surinder C-Store, Inc.

Adjourned

Adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Office Manager,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 4, 2019