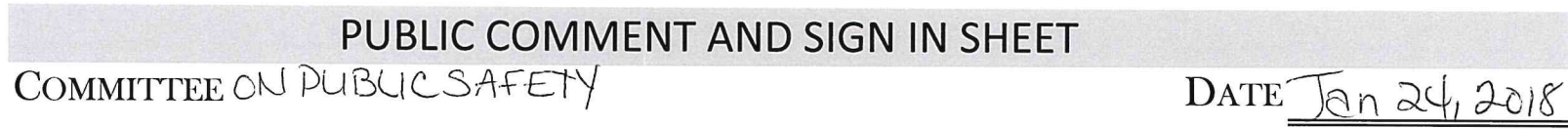




AGENDA
Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.
Council Conference Room, 10th Floor

Councilmember Carol Wood, Chair
Councilmember Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Councilmember Jeremy Garza, Member

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - December 6, 2017
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
 - A.) RESOLUTION – Make Safe and Demolish Order: 123 N. Hayford
 - B.) UPDATES
 - 3801 Walton Property Inspections and Next Steps
 - Holmes Street School Property Inspections and Next Steps
 - Information on a Sign Code Pamphlet from Zoning
 - Ordinance on Gambling Establishments
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**



DATE Jan 24, 2018

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MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, December 6, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Hall, Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Adam Hussain, Chair
Councilmember Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Councilmember Tina Houghton, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service
Chief Talifarro, LFD
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Nick Tate, Assistant City Attorney
Elaine Womboldt
Kathy Miles
Bruce Kruger

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Archill Emmons; Electrical Board; Term to Expire June 30, 2020

The applicant was not able to attend and will be placed on the next Committee agenda.

RESOLUTION – Make Safe and Demolish Order: 123 N. Hayford

Mr. Sanford provided information on the property off the spreadsheet in the packet including the original red tag date of 11/4/2013, the demolition board held their hearings on 1/27/2017 and 8/31/2017 and the order to make safe or demolish came from that Board on 9/30/2017. Mr. Sanford relayed the information that the owner had planned to sell the property to the Landbank, however the process could not be completed because of the outstanding fire escrow funds. Therefore the owner paid the bank and taxes and is now walking away from

any work. Once the home is demolished he could possibly propose it back to the Landbank. The estimated costs of repairs at this time are \$123,200, and staff is asking for 30 day make safe demolish. Council Member Wood asked what the estimated cost for the demolition would be, and Mr. Sanford confirmed it could be between \$6,000 - \$8,000, and the escrowed funds could cover that however there could be additional fees from the City. Those fees could be waived if the owner addresses some of the charges. Once the home is demolished the current owner will maintain ownership of the vacant lot. Once the demolition order is approved, it will take 15 days for the bids, then the contracts will be awarded.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO SET THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR JANUARY 8TH, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Wood asked about the timeline for the demolition of the structure at Pennsylvania near Chestnut. Mr. Sanford informed the Committee they hoped for a search warrant by the end of the week.

UPDATES

3801 Walton Property Inspections and Next Steps

Council Member Hussain recapped the November Committee meeting, where the Committee was informed there was an inspection to take place so they stopped their discussion and are now reopening the discussion for updates and how to proceed

Mr. Sanford distributed an email from Vince Cantrell with the Fire Marshall's office, which stated an inspection was done 8/21/2017 and a recheck on 11/28/2017 when he walked through every unit. The owner, Mr. Kruger was present on site at the time and completed everything on the correction order and was working on complying with other things. Another site visit is scheduled for 1/14/18 for a recheck. Unit 11 was retagged for lack of electricity, which was the red tag on the furnace. Mr. Sanford added that because of that the tenant was vacated. Unit 10 was evicted and the paperwork has started on evicting Unit 11.

Council Member Wood asked Mr. Kruger for an update on the installation of cameras on site, and Mr. Kruger stated if that is what Council wants he will work on it. Mr. Tate informed Mr. Kruger that if he places cameras, and there is a situation with trespassing or littering, the video will help the court case for prosecution. Mr. Kruger stated he would try to get the camera's up in 30 days. Council Member Wood then asked Mr. Kruger if he has spoken to the LFD on closing off one of the driveways for access and egress. Mr. Kruger admitted he had not, but was told seven (7) years ago he couldn't do it. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Kruger to ask again and see if they will grant permission because it was also recommended by the LPD. Chief Talifarro stepped and stated he took note of the request and would ask the Fire Marshall to visit the site to make a determination.

Council Member Hussain asked Mr. Kruger if he had started working with the LPD on screening applicants. Mr. Kruger admitted that three of his tenants had left, and were a cause of issues, and he filled the units with people he personally knew so he did not have them screened.

Council Member Hussain asked for a 30 day timeline for cleaning up the inside of the properties.

The Committee briefly discussed with the owner the ownership of a fence on the property, and Council Member Hussain admitted he met with a representative from Eyde and they did fix their portion of the fence. There is a portion Council Member Hussain believed Mr. Yono owned and he would reach out to Ms. Sumner in Law to address.

Ms. Womboldt spoke in support of the repairs on the property.

Council Member Hussain asked Mr. Kruger for an update on the removal of his property at 1921 W. Holmes. Mr. Kruger stated they are still waiting on the utilities and are working on getting it down.

Logan Square Property Inspections and Next Steps

Council Member Hussain asked for an update on the property and the previously scheduled Fire Marshall, Building Safety inspections and zoning. Mr. Tate confirmed that Mr. Bennett with Building Safety asked Law to reach out to coordinate with Fire and Planning and Neighborhood Development, and the Law office is still working on the coordination. Council Member Hussain noted the item will remain on the agenda for the December 20th meeting for any updates.

Holmes Street School Property Inspections and Next Steps

Council Member Hussain asked for an update since the compliance letter deadline of November 20, 2017. Mr. Sanford confirmed the board up was done, however broken glass and trash is still on site. It was noted by Mr. Sanford the owner did acknowledge he received the notice and is responsible. A ticket was issued and he has 10 days to respond from December 4, 2017.

Council Member Hussain noted this item would be forwarded to the 2018 Committee on Public Safety for their consideration of any updates in 2018.

Ms. Womboldt asked for a faster process and progress with the violations and concerns at Logan Square.

OTHER

Express Court

Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee he had visited the site the week before this meeting, and the school volunteer crossing guards were doing well. The average time is 15 minutes for drop off and pick up and drop off. On the north leg there are 75 students that cross and 30 that cross at Holmes. The department is looking into making sure the school volunteer crossing guards have the appropriate training, but they have also discussed possibly putting a City crossing guard on site also. Council Member Hussain suggested addressing it again in early August 2018 before school starts up again. Mr. Kilpatrick agreed, and added that there have been orange cones placed on the property to direct people to only turn right out of the drive.

Ms. Miles asked if the crossing guards could stop traffic. Mr. Kilpatrick stated the school volunteers are not trained for that, and the department is looking into verifying their training.

Mr. Sanford asked Mr. Kilpatrick before he left the meeting if his office could look into the time delay on the light at MLK and Shiawassee. Mr. Kilpatrick stated the light should be timed for the speed limit, but would double check.

LFD Chief on Fire Department Positions and Budget Impacts

Chief Talifarro informed the Committee that he had posted a vacant Code Enforcement position that was available and was approached by the City Chief Operating Officer who informed him there were residuals to put two (2) Code Officers in place in consideration of a re-organization. So they decided if they were going to look at re-organization, they should look at more than just filing a Code Enforcement, especially if have to remove from Fire

Marshall and re assign the position. The Department has heard the concerns made by Council on Code Enforcement and their demands, so this is the enforcement piece, but they are also working on community engagement and a community education piece. So the Department decided that instead of inserting a Code Enforcement position, the re-organization plan he submitted includes a Lead Housing Inspector. This would make 8 Code Enforcement positions and 2 Lead Housing Inspectors. This would eliminate one part time Premise Officer and create a 4th full time Premise Officer. They will now go from 3 FT and 2 PT to 4 FT. This is a net budget gain and this would also allow retention and better succession planning to move people up in Code Enforcement. During the re-organization, they have looked into teams – 1 Lead Housing Inspector, 4 Code Enforcement and 2 Premise Officers. Once these positions are set they will begin working on the education piece and community engagement. A spreadsheet was given to the Committee which outlined the pay period savings and net budget impact. The department believes they are \$187,000 ahead in the vacancies and overtime expense.

Council Member Wood stated the vacancy dollars are equated in the budget for the overall budget, and the vacancy dollars in a position are not for LFD but are put into the overall pool. When Council passes a budget they also pass staffing levels. Unless the Department asks to add a position by coming back to Council, they cannot add staff. (Referenced a City Attorney opinion from 2003-2004 mid budget). Council Member Wood did acknowledge her support of additional Code Compliance staff. The Chief was then asked for the status of the recent posting. Chief Talifarro noted they are preparing interview questions, developing the test and intend to move forward, noting the decision to post was not done without talking to the Administration. Council Member Wood stated to Chief Talifarro that there were no conversations or approvals with Council.

The Committee then briefly discussed the rental inspection timelines and smarter approach to addressing complaints. Chief Talifarro confirmed they have increased the number of rental inspections, and written more tickets. They are looking into the number of inspections based on the number of units in the building, however will not neglect any property or not hold the owner responsible.

Council Member Houghton acknowledged that there should be a benefit to the good landlords and the inspectors should understand their inspection requirement in comparison to bad landlords.

Council Member Hussain stated he would pass along the topic to the 2018 Committee for their continued updates on the topic.

Ms. Womboldt spoke to the Committee about a concern she had with recent purse snatchings and seniors being approached. Council Member Hussain added that the same incidents are occurring in the Colonial neighborhood also, and Council Member Wood acknowledged they are occurring in her neighborhood as well with day light break ins. Council Member Hussain stated that the LPD is aware and there is a partnership with the community and LPD to catch the perpetrators.

Council Member Houghton left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Ms. Miles asked why the situation that was just discussed had not been made known to the public via the news, and asked if the neighborhoods should contact the LPD for exposure on the issues. Council Member Hussain assured her that Councilmembers have been reaching out and it is occurring all over the City.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved:

CITY OF LANSING - DEMOLITION BOARD
REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL
CASE OVERVIEW SHEET

ADDRESS:	123 N. Hayford
PARCEL NUMBER:	33-01-01-14-153-271

SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:	
DEMOLITION CASE FILE #:	2016-D003

LISTED TAXPAYER:	Leach, James K
INTERESTED PARTIES:	Chambre V. Beauvais 13031 center road bath, mi 48808 Executor of the estate
SEV INFORMATION:	\$18,300.00
LAND VALUE:	\$9,976.00
BUILDING VALUE:	\$26,644.00
LOT SIZE:	33x132

HOUSING CODE VIOLATION LTR:	10/19/2016
ORIGINAL RED TAG DATE:	11/04/2013(fire damaged tagged by LFD)
ZONING:	B Residential
ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS:	\$123,200.00
PICTURES:	yes
OTHER:	Fire Damaged Property

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	Lot 8 Foster Farm
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ORDER OF DEMOLITION BOARD

DEMOLITION BOARD MEETING DATE:	
ORDER:	
REASON/CONDITIONS:	
HEARING OFFICER:	

CURRENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY

REQUEST FOR SHOW CAUSE SENT:	11/13/2017
SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:	
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW:	

CURRENT PERMIT ACTIVITY

BUILDING:	Required, not yet pulled
ELECTRICAL:	Required, not yet pulled
MECHANICAL:	Required, not yet pulled
PLUMBING:	Required, not yet pulled
DEMOLITION:	na

123 N. Hayford Avenue

- Original Red Tag Date

- 11/04/2013

- Submitted Into Make Safe Or Demolish Process

- 10/26/16

- Property Vacant/Repairs Exceed Building SEV

- Property vacant more than 180 days

- Repairs exceed building SEV

- Title Information

- James K. Leach

123 N. Hayford Avenue

Property Value Information

- SEV

- \$14,633 (*as of 11/13/17*)

- Structure

- \$26,644 (*as of 11/13/17*)

- Land

- \$9,976.00 (*as of 1/20/17*)

- Estimate of Repairs

- \$123,200.00

123 N. Hayford Avenue.

Housing Code Correction Letters

● Code Compliance Inspection Date

● 10/19/2016

● Code Compliance Letter Written

● 10/19/2016

● Code Compliance Due Date

● 11/18/2016

123 N. Hayford Avenue.

Demolition Board Actions

● Demolition Board Show Cause Hearings

● 1/27/2017

● 8/31/2017

● Order by Demolition Board

● MS or D by 09/30/2017

● Request Sent To City Council for Show Cause Hearing

● 11/13/2017

123 N. Hayford Avenue.

City Council Actions

- Show Cause Hearing Held
- Public Safety Committee Meeting
- Resolution passed by City Council
- Extension Requested By Owner

123 N. Hayford Avenue.

General Comments

- Fire-damaged structure. Fire was on 11/04/2013.
- None of the required permits have been pulled as of 11/13/17.

RECOMMENDATIONS

● FOR NEW CASES:

- Recommend time frame for MS or D. This requires a resolution be passed by City Council –
 - 60 days for regular demolitions
 - 30 days for fire-damaged demolitions
- Table case – Stays at PS Committee level for future review.

● FOR EXTENSION REQUESTS:

- Grant extension if requested. Requires new resolution be passed by City Council.
- Deny extension requested. Case will proceed in demo process and be sent out to bid for demolition.

● FOR TABLED CASES:

- Recommend time frame for MS or D. This requires a resolution be passed by City Council –
 - 60 days for regular demolitions
 - 30 days for fire-damaged demolitions
- Return case to table – Stays at PS Committee level for future review.



Virg Bernero, Mayor
Randy Talifarro, Fire Chief

Lansing Fire Department
120 E. Shiawassee Street
Lansing MI 48933
(517) 483-4200
Fax (517) 483-4488
www.lansingfire.com



Fire Department Incident Summary

Date: 11/4/2013 Time: 9:20 FD Incident #: 13-15721

Address: 123 N.Hayford

Type of Structure: Residential

Incident Description: Fire

Utilities: Gas: Off

Electric: Off by BWL

Rental: No

Vacant: No

Type of Damage: Smoke Electrical Structural Choose an item.

Estimated Percentage of Damage: 50%

Ongoing Scene Investigation: No

Cause: Accidental

Red Tagged: Yes

Occupant Displaced: yes

Civilian Injury: Fatal

Firefighter Injury: No

Investigator: M.Blake



Lansing Fire Department
Fire Marshal's Office
Code Enforcement Section
316 N. Capitol, Ste C-1, Lansing, MI 48933-1238
(517) 483-4361 FAX (517) 377-0100

Notice Printed: 10/19/2016

Unsafe and Dangerous Correction Notice

Inspection Type: Safety
Inspection Date: 10/19/2016
Compliance Due Date: 11/18/2016

LEACH JAMES K
123 N HAYFORD AVE
LANSING, MI 48912-4142

Warning: *Failure to comply with the requirements of this notice may result in the issuance of a Municipal Civil Infraction Violation Ticket. (Fines: \$500 per day for each violation)*

Violation Location: 123 N HAYFORD AVE
Parcel No: 33-01-01-14-153-271

The above referenced address was found to have certain violations of the Lansing Housing and Premises Code, Chapter 108 of the Code of Ordinances. **The violations are listed below and must be corrected by the compliance due date.**

Due to the fire damage and condition of the property, a partial inspection was conducted. A complete inspection of the property must be conducted and all violations must be corrected before this property can be reoccupied. Some listed corrections may require mechanical, plumbing, electrical, demolition or building permits from The Building Safety Office. You can call (517-483-4356) to determine if State Law requires a permit for your particular repair / correction.

Sec 108.1.3 Lack of required utilities to the dwelling. The gas / electric / water service is turned off. The dwelling lacks sanitary / heating facilities.

This dwelling has been declared an UNSAFE STRUCTURE as defined in section 108 of the Lansing Housing and Premises Code. Signs have been posted at each entrance that read - DO NOT ENTER, UNSAFE TO OCCUPY. It is a misdemeanor to occupy this building, or to remove or deface this notice. Said dwelling shall remain vacant until this office has conducted a complete inspection and approved all corrections.

Failure to comply by the compliance due date may result in the issuance of a Municipal Civil Infraction. Violation with **Fines: \$500 per day for each violation.**

Pursuant to Section 107.2 of the IPMC, you have the right to appeal this notice of violation. In accordance with Section 106.3 any action taken by the City on such premises shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate.

If you have any questions or concerns about complying within the time indicated, you may contact at (517) 702 4751 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8-9 - AM or 12-1 - PM.

Officer: Amy Castillo

This does not guarantee discovery or reporting of all code violations or property defects, manifest or latent, which exist at the property inspected. The City of Lansing, its officers and employees, shall not be liable for any injury or damage, including incidental or consequential damages, claimed to be a result of any failure to discover or report code violations or property defects.

As specified by section 107- Notices and Orders - a copy of this violation was sent to:

Taxpayer of Record: LEACH JAMES K, 123 N HAYFORD AVE, LANSING, MI 48912-4142

BY THE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Lead Housing Inspector has determined that the building located at **123 N. Hayford**, Parcel # **33-01-01-14-153-271** legally described as: **Lot 8 Foster Farm**, is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 108.1.1 of the Lansing Housing and Premises Code and the Housing Law of Michigan and was red tagged on **11/04/2013**; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by the City of Lansing Demolition Board on **5/22/2014**, at which the Hearing Officers determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by **9/30/2017**; and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officers filed a report of their findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Housing and Premises Code and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Premises Code require a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on _____, to review the findings and the order of the Hearing Officers and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Section has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer has not occurred; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of _____ are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Hearing Officers to demolish or otherwise make safe the said building within _____ days from the date of this resolution, .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Hearing Officers' order for demolition or make safe, the Manager of Code Compliance is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED whether demolition is accomplished by said property owner or the city that appropriate seeding and restoration of property take place to avoid run-off to adjacent properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of such demolition shall be a lien against the real property and shall be reported to the City Assessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the owners in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment record shall be notified by the City Assessor of the amount of such cost by first class mail at the address shown on the records. Upon the owners failure to pay the same within thirty (30) days after mailing by the City Assessor of the notice of the amount thereof, the amount of said costs shall be a lien and shall be filed and recovered as provided by law and the lien shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under

the general property tax act.

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Virg Bernero, Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

316 N. CAPITOL AVENUE • LANSING, MI 48933-1236 • (517) 483-4066 • FAX: (517) 483-6036

PLANNING OFFICE
316 N. CAPITOL AVE., SUITE D-1

MEMO

FROM: Susan Stachowiak
Zoning Administrator

DATE: October 27, 2015

RE: Illegal Signs

The following signs are not permitted by the standards of the City of Lansing Sign Ordinance:

- Signs located within the public right-of-way, except for traffic control signs installed by the City of Lansing or Michigan Department of Transportation. The right-of-way is the area located between the sidewalk and the edge of the public street. Where sidewalk does not exist, the right-of-way is considered to extend for a distance of 15 feet from the edge of the street inward on the property.
- Inflatable signs, strings of flags/pennants, roof top signs and signs affixed to telephone poles, light poles or any other fixture within the public right-of-way.
- More than one temporary sign relating to the same business. The Sign Ordinance permits one temporary sign, per business, for a maximum of 90 calendar days in a calendar year. This includes both freestanding temporary signs and banner signs affixed to the wall of the building.
- Abandoned signs. This is a sign that is still on the property 6 months or more after the business has ceased to operate at that particular location.

As a general rule, signs located within the public right-of-way will simply be removed and disposed of by the City. For all other signs that are in violation of the Ordinance, City staff will notify the owner of the property and give them a window of opportunity to remove the signs or otherwise bring them into compliance with the ordinance. If they fail to do so, we will have them removed at the property owner's expense.

If you would like to report an illegal sign, please contact Sue Stachowiak at 517-483-4085 or by email at ssachow@lansingmi.gov

Submitted @ mtd

Examples of Illegal Signs



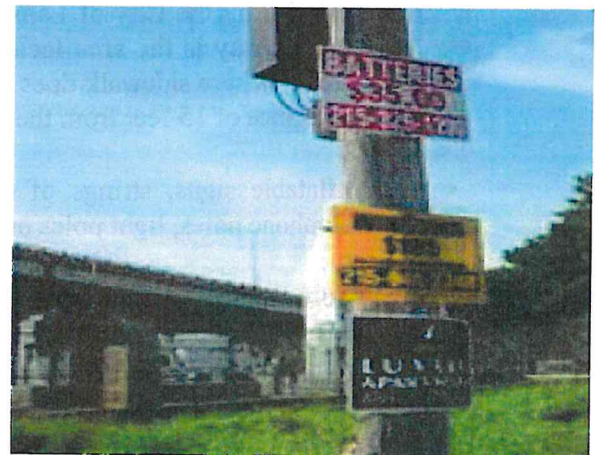
Inflatable Sign



Inflatable Sign - Rooftop Sign



Signs in the public right-of-way



Signs in the public right-of-way



Multiple temporary signs on the same lot



Pennants - strings of flags