



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member- excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Joseph Abood, Chief City Attorney
Marshaun Blake, LFD Fire Inspector
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Kathy Miles
Elaine Womboldt

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Introduction and Set Public Hearing; Fire Code Amendment; Adoption of Chapter 39 of the 2018 International Fire Code

Council Member Wood confirmed that Council cannot make changes to the Fire Code per ordinance. Officer Blake provided details on why the LFD was asking to only adopt Chapter 39 at this time since they currently fall under the 2009 Fire Code. Chapter 39 of the 2018 International Fire Code addresses Processing and Extracting Facilities, and while the Office of the City Attorney reviews the currently 2009 Code with the new 2018 Code, they are asking Council to adopt Chapter 39 so they have something to inspect, apply to and hold the applicants accountable to. With recent marihuana processes in the communities now, oils can be extracted using flammable products, and to get the flammable product out of the oil there is another process of burning it off. This Chapter will help regulate those facilities when they go to extract the oil from the plant.

Council Member Wood provided specifics on recent marihuana licensing inspections, and asked if the LFD has used this Chapter when looking at those facilities for a license. Officer Blake acknowledged that they confirm but the majority of the applicants were not ready because no one wanted to build something if they were not going to be approved for a license. So they were approved pending an inspection, once it was built out after the license was issued. Once through the applicants go through the building process they will inspect them. Council Member Hussain asked if changes can be made to the Code similar to what they are doing with the IPMC. Officer Blake stated when he does his review he can make suggestions if it does not comply with what the LFD does.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO INTRODUCE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 28, 2019 FOR ADOPTION OF CHAPTER 39 OF THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

Ms. Miles asked about a facility in her neighborhood and asked if the specific location was going to be allowed to do extraction. Officer Blake could not confirm specifics since he has reviewed multiple plans, but it would depend on the plans submitted and their proposed process.

Ms. Womboldt inquired into if the LFD can come into neighborhoods for inspections and if any have gone over the 3500 KWH limit. Officer Blake informed her that the KWH is monitored by BWL and they then report to Code Enforcement. If the Code Officer sees a violation they will report it. Mr. Sanford confirmed they do get a report from BWL and had 402 properties which came down to 60 that were then registered and inspected. Mr. Abood clarified for Ms. Womboldt that this KWH restriction falls under the home occupation ordinance but all home occupation potential violations through the use of electricity. There is still an active home occupation team of LPD, FIRE, OCA, Code and BWL.

Ms. Womboldt then wanted to know if electrical fires are listed for any grow facilities. Office Blake stated they do an investigation to make the determination.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Introduction and Set Public Hearing; Ordinance to Adopt the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code

Council Member Wood pointed out that at the last meeting there were questions on the definition for “Historic” and also Section 108.2 which spoke about providing notice to an owner before it is boarded up. Mr. Abood informed the Committee that after a discussion with Mr. Venker in his office, their approach was the historic definition will stay in, and they also planned to keep in 108.2 ~~even though it conflicts with the practice followed by Code.~~ Council Member Wood asked that they review keeping it in if it is not going to be enforced or followed and what conflict of constitutional practices that would cause. The discussion will continue with the next meeting in 2019.

DISCUSSION – 2am – 5am Parking Enforcement

Mr. Abood referenced the recently adopted ordinance for Chapter 404 which after his review and interpretation is not just restrictive to downtown, but applies to the entire City. He added that as it read, Public Service can issue a TCO for any street in the City for permit parking. Council Members pointed out that his interpretation was not what was explained to the full Council when these changes were recently adopted. It was explained it would be for the designated downtown area only. Mr. Abood acknowledged their comments, and stated that if they made any changes it would also go into Chapter 404. Council Member Wood then asked the Committee to look at 404 chapter to see if comports to ideas for 2am -5am parking

enforcement they have been discussing. The Committee recapped discussions that were had at Council and statements made that the recent ordinance would not deter from or undue what public safety was working on for 2am – 5am parking. Council Member Wood stated the topic would be discussed at the 2019 Committee meetings and if none of the current members of the Committee were on that Committee, then they would send representation to provide an update on where they ended.

Council Staff recapped the findings from the Public Service Committee which began with a new Chapter (Chapter 405) but was advised to combine into the current Chapter 404 which follows the Uniform Traffic Code.

Ms. Miles spoke in frustration with the recently passed ordinance, opining that it was brought forth by the last administration.

Ms. Womboldt questioned if the new ordinance was in effect for the entire City. Council Member Wood stated there would have to be a Traffic Control Order established setting aside a “zone”, then they would need a permit. Mr. Abood added that it would have to be approached by the Parking Manager, who would then go to Public Service to request the consideration of a Traffic Control Order (TCO), then the Public Service Board would review it, and if approved by Council, then the resident would have to get a parking permit. Carol this committee was looking a need base.

Other

Ms. Womboldt spoke on recent gun violence in South Lansing, unregistered rentals, and her concern with the increase in crime. She then asked the Committee what she should do to make changes with the Police and change the image. Ms. Miles agreed with the statements.

Council Member Hussain spoke on the changes happening in South Lansing and hopes for 2019.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved as amended per law request: February 7, 2019