



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Patricia Spitzley, Vice Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney, Council Research Assistant
Mary Bowen, Assistant City Attorney
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Samantha Harkins, Deputy Mayor
Chief Green, LPD
Barb Davidson, Ingham County 911 Dispatch
Terri Thornberry, Ingham County 911 Dispatch
John Sullivan, TWG, Walnut Park

Public Comment

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 24, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

DISCUSSION – LPD Substation at Walnut Street Apartments

Mr. Sullivan introduced himself and confirmed with the Committee he has been in communication with the construction group on the modifications to meet requirements, and with speaking to them, there was a miscommunication on the TWG side. Now that he has gotten involved, everything was ordered on October 31, 2019 and he presented a book of details, orders and designs to Chief Green to review. This included designs for a completely enclosed space with no windows, new doors, and a mobile reader at the door for LPD. Chief Green was satisfied with the materials in the book. Mr. Sullivan stated there is an expected receipt time of December 17, 2019 and they already have the contractor lined up with the site mobilization beginning on December 10, 2019. The schedule has the project complete by mid-January. Mr. Sullivan apologized for the delay. Council Member Hussain voiced his

concern that it will not be done until January and yet they received a 10% PILOT on the property.

Council Member Wood asked Mr. Sullivan to continue to communicate with Chief Green and meet with his management staff on site because Council has heard of some rental process issues. Mr. Sullivan assured the Committee that their policy is not to rent to anyone who has had a felony in the last 7 years, no access for anyone with multiple misdemeanors. Council Member Wood encouraged M. Sullivan to again look at the tenants and provide their leasing process to LPD. Council Member Spitzley was asked if he was local, and he confirmed he was not but they do have a on site manager. Council Member Spitzley stated to the Committee that over the next year she is going to pursue with Council addressing rental properties that have continue compliance issues. Mr. Sullivan stated his interest in meeting with LPD and upping the level of the new tenant score sheet.

DISCUSSION – Ingham County 911 Dispatch Director

Ms. Thornberry introduced herself, stated she had been on the job since July 29th and has over 20 years in the 911 field. She has implemented consolidation projects across the nation, and is currently dedicating a vast majority of time for projects. Currently the radio project group meets bi-weekly, consultants, and internal team. They have obtained a secured facility and will get equipment for that on December 3, 2019. They understand that the backup 911 center is critical, which they need first before they implement the new radio. The new location will be in Mason and their time frame to be in it is April 2020. This location will include the training facility and a backup location for 911.

Council Member Wood provided examples of 911 calls with City residents where there have been issues such as City ordinances and training of the 911 operators. One example was the City leash law where residents call in and are told to call Animal Control, which does allow the officers to pick up the animal, but the City can also ticket the owner, so LPD should be called. Council Member Wood was looking to see how the City and LPD could better work with 911 and disseminate the information to coordinate those efforts. Chief Green stated he was interested in a discussion on the tools to utilize with all entities. Council Member Spitzley was interested in a database of tickets where it can be integrated so LPD and 911 have all the tools. Council Member Wood added that the database needs to have communications or “flags” on problematic areas in 911. Ms. Davidson confirmed that 911 and LPD have been collaborating and have instituted some things already. LPD has given 911 access to a NC4, a crime analytics program. The 911 CAD now feeds that information and they have set up a browser platform for all LPD to look at that 911 CAD program. They acknowledged that the cooperation has been great, and 911 is interested in looking at better ways to make sure everyone is in the loop. Council Member Wood suggested that when a City Ordinance that effects public safety is passed, it is sent onto the Chief, who in turn will forward to 911 and there should be a verification it was received. The OCA should also provide additional training based on whatever that ordinance is.

Council Member Hussain asked Ms. Thornberry and Ms. Davidson about their staff retention and job attraction. Ms. Davidson outlined their approaches to attract people, including they currently have a starting pay at \$19.55/hr., have five (5) currently going through the background testing, but do have seven (7) vacancies. Council Member Hussain asked how many dispatch for the City of Lansing, and Ms. Davidson noted a minimum staffing of 11 that work 10am – 3:30 for patrol for LPD. Of the total calls, 65%-70% LPD respond to. The Chief was asked if there is a struggle with getting the officers to the call, and Ms. Davidson acknowledged it would depend on the time of day, and the Chief added that looking at the statistics with a population this size, there should be up to 300 officers and the City has 203.

Council Member Wood stated the next step would be to put together an integrated way to relay information on the new ordinances, adopt that process in a policy, so any other Public Safety Committee is required to follow that. Council will continue to inform the residents at neighborhood meetings and Ms. Davidson acknowledged that 911 can also attend those meetings. She was provided with a meeting date of November 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. with Rejuvenating South Lansing and Ms. Davidson stated she would get call stats for that area to provide at that meeting.

RESOLUTION- Reappointment; Tim Barron; Ingham County/City of Lansing Media Representative; Lansing Community Corrections Advisory Board
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO DENY THE RESOLUTION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF TIM BARRON. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Wood stated this action would be on the December 2, 2019 Council agenda, but before that she will send a letter to Ingham County to let them know and ask them if they want to reconsider, and send someone else. If they choose not to, it will be up at the December 2, 2019 meeting for a Council vote. Committee inquired into how this appointment is chosen and it was clarified that this board is a combination of City and County members, so the County appoints and the Council reaffirms.

DISCUSSION/FOLLOW UP – Committee Report On Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 404, Section 404.13 Parking

The Committee reviewed the recent submission from the Mayor dated November 4, 2019 vs. the Committee version, Draft 4.

Page 2, Line 8- (B) Application; no changes.

Page 3, Supporting Documentation; the Mayor's version did not have the lease as a requirement.

Council Member Spitzley asked if there was an explanation as to why they did not include it, and Council Member Wood stated they were not provided any explanation. The Committee had a concern that without the lease there is no verification the applicant lives there, and the lease would limit them to a particular area. It was noted by Council Member Wood that this ordinance does not have "zones" it would limit "no parking 2 am – 5 am " throughout the City, not establishing any zones. Council Member Spitzley asked why Ms. Harkins was not present, and Council Member Wood confirmed she was not able to attend and was going to attempt to send someone else, but no one from the Administration was present. If there were things that the Mayor took out and the Committee wants incorporated, they can add them in and proceed with setting the public hearing. If there are things the Mayor took out and the Committee is okay with that they can accept it. Council Member Spitzley voiced her frustration with the Administration not attending because they cannot provide any feedback on their changes or objections, and when they have sent their Administration in the past, they then do not recall the comments or discussion. Council Member Hussain noted that at the last meeting at this meeting it appears the OCA has not seen the document and vetted it, and Council Member Spitzley added that the process where the Mayor rewrites the ordinance is blurring the lines and she was not comfortable with it.

Council Member Wood suggested the Committee moved forward to have something passed by January 1, 2020 because if not there could be a completely new Committee on Public Safety next year to finalize the ordinance.

The Committee determined the requirement of a lease is important and it will stay in using the language on Draft 4, page 3 lines 11.

In reviewing the annual permit and temporary permit options, the Mayor version proposed Temporary Permits first in the document. In reviewing the annual permit option in the Mayor's

version the Committee corrected 5, changing the period to City fiscal year; July 1 until June 3. Throughout the Annual Permit section, the Mayor's version would change to state "the annual permit" instead of just "annual". Item 3 would be amended to include "with the exception of a hanging permit".

Item 7 in the Mayor's version speaks to an annual fee that may be pro-rated, and previously the Commission did not want pro-rating. The Committee discussed this proposed change and agreed to keep pro-rating in.

The Committee agreed to the change in the Mayor's version under Temporary Permits to state "temporary permits for persons who do not live in the City of Lansing" compared to "temporary permits for person who do not live in the applicant's zone".

The Committee added back in the limits to the number of temporary permits at four (4) per year. Regarding annual permits, the Committee limited annual permits to one per household annually. This change would then eliminate item 11 in the Mayor's version on page 4.

The Committee changed item 6 on page 4 of the Mayor's version to state "A permit holder may not transfer a permit to any other person or vehicle."

Item 8 had a typo in the 2nd line that was corrected. (M AKE to MAKE)

There were formatting changes that will need to be corrected identifying (C) for Temporary Permits, eliminating (E) Conditions on the Mayor's version, page 3 since it was a duplicate, identifying (D) as Annual Permits, and making Conditions on page 4 (E).

Council Member Wood asked for the document to be sent to Council staff in word format so it can be updated with the recent changes, and then asked OCA to format it. A special Committee meeting was set for November 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. and the Committee on Development and Planning Chairperson (Council Member Hussain) moved that meeting to 3:30 p.m. on November 18, 2019.

Council Member Wood noted this ordinance will not be enforced by LPD, and distributed an email and information from the Internal Auditor on the revenue when it was enforced by a separate parking enforcement office. Council Member Spitzley added that it is important that once the ordinance is adopted staff needs to be in place to enforce it. Council Member Wood referenced the Mayor's email of November 4, 2019 where he stated his Administration was committed to enforce the new ordinance with funding in the Parking Department, with the expected start date of January 1, 2020.

Other

Council Member Hussain asked OCA about the social club ordinance he requested, and Ms. Bowen was not able to provide an update. He then asked for an update from the Chief on the Jolly/Waverly area shopping center, and the Chief confirmed Special Ops is working on that along with the one on Holmes.

Chief Green updated the Committee that they had received complaints that there were issues with the Alfreda Schmidt site and LSD confirmed it was a short in the BWL connected. Council Member Wood stated she would initiate a communication with Dick Peffley.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary
Lansing City Council

Approved as presented: November 18, 2019