



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, September 10, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.
Via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER via ZOOM

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL-via ZOOM

Council Member Jeremy Garza, Chair
Council Member Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Member- unexcused

OTHERS PRESENT- via ZOOM

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Heather Sumner, Assistant City Attorney
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney
Robyn Yob
Cathy Ingid
Gustavo Bueno

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 27, 2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Discussion/Action Items

UPDATE – LPD Community Policing - Walnut Park Property

Council Member Garza referenced an email from Chief Green who stated the LPD representatives could not attend the meeting due to an already scheduled virtual award videotaping scheduled at the same time. Council Staff was asked to invite Chief Green and Community Policing to September 24th and if not then October 8, 2020. Council Member Wood stated if there is an issue on attending, as alternative the Chief could send a memo with an update.

UPDATE- Autumn Ridge Inspection Updates

Council Member Garza referenced an email from OCA on September 3, 2020 which confirmed there were no inspections in June, and he read the information from the email into the minutes; red tag: townhomes-410; apartments – 208; vacant – 30; fire damaged – 1. Regarding tags at Capitol Village there are 230 total units with 12 red tagged and one fire damaged. Ms. Sumner confirmed and also acknowledged OCA is still working with the

owners attorney and currently working on a response to the motion made in the courts. Public comment instructions were provided and no public comment at this time. Council Member Wood asked Ms. Sumner to provide updates as the OCA receives them.

DISCUSSION – Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Priorities

Council Member Garza proposed two items; a traffic speed wagon at approximately \$5,500 and portable speed bumps for a single lane at \$300 each. Council Office Manager shared her screen to show the items. Council Member Wood noted in the past there was one speed wagon for each ward, she suggested reaching out to Mr. Kilpatrick in Public Service to see how many the City currently has working. In discussions with the Mayor, it was noted that once a study was done, a neighborhood could petition to have speed bumps in their neighborhood, but there would be an assessment to that neighborhood. Council Member Garza agreed on the concept of moving portable speed bumps to move to multiple neighborhoods, which would be cost effective. Ms. Boak was asked to read the budget priorities from the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion. Council Member Wood referenced those items and supported the requests for additional funding. Council Member Garza asked where the funds would come from. Council Member Wood explained that Budget Priorities are what Council proposes with a funding request, then the Mayor looks at those requests and seeks the funding to see how to propose a budget that accommodates. Council Member Garza asked for \$11,000 for the speed traffic wagons, and then portable speed bumps at \$10,000. Public comment was offered; no public comment at this time.

Other

Council Member Wood asked to invite Ms. Jane Bidwell, the LPD Social Worker, to the next meeting.

Ms. Yob introduced herself and asked for advice on the best avenues to speak about her concerns with public safety. Council Member Wood stated she can reach out to this Committee with concerns. Ms. Yob clarified she is in with Marvin Gardens, Belmont Park Apartments and Beverly Place and asks Council Members if she should speak to this Committee on her concerns or directly to Council Members. She was encouraged to attend any of these public meetings, but was also provided with Council emails. Ms. Yob spoke briefly on issues they have with drugs, and illegal dumping. Council Member Wood asked if they have non-trespassing letters filed with LPD and Ms. Yob confirmed. Council Member Wood stated Council Member Garza could reach out to the LPD Lt. in that area (Ward 2) and that person can reach out to the Sgt. to work with her on prevalent times of day for them to visit the site. Council Member Garza asked if there are cameras on the property, and Ms. Yob stated they do not. Council Member Garza encouraged them and to then sign up with LPD SCRAM so the LPD can utilize those camera for crimes.

Ms. Ingrid supported the same comments made by Ms. Yob and asked for more patrols from the LPD at night and weekends. Ms. Ingrid confirmed they already have established a neighborhood watch and supported their current community policing in the area. Council Member Garza stated the Beverly Place would be in the 1st Ward and encouraged her to reach out to Council Member Betz. Council Member Wood encouraged them to email the Committee and she would forward that information to the LPD Sgt.

Mr. Bueno with Belmont Park, Beverly Place and Marvin Gardens asked who he would contact in his Ward for 1401 E Kalamazoo Street, across from Hunter Park and was advised to email Council Member Hussain. Mr. Bueno voiced their concerns with prostitution in the area, and confirmed they do have cameras that they have worked with LPD on. The presence of the LPD has increased, but they feel they need more. Council Member Wood asked for him to

email her and she would forward the community policing information and forward to the LPD Sgt.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved as presented: September 24, 2020