



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, November 12, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

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Held virtually in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public & to mitigate the spread of COVID 19

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 remotely from Lansing, Michigan

Council Member Carol Wood, Vice Chair remotely from Lansing, Michigan

Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Member- unexcused

OTHERS PRESENT- via ZOOM

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff

Scott Sanford, Code Compliance

Lisa Hagen, OCA

Guillermo Lopez

Mary Bowen, OCA

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 22, 2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Discussion/Action Items

RESOLUTION - Appointment; Guillermo Lopez; Board of Police Commissioners; Term to Expire June 30, 2023

Mr. Lopez spoke about his interest on serving on the Board, noting he currently sits on other boards, and understands this board would be a very important role. Regarding reaching out to the neighborhoods, he confirmed he was aware of the Ward and neighborhood meetings and anticipates attending, and has attend in the past as his role with the Lansing School Board. Council Member Wood asked about his theory and opinion on the public comments made recently on defunding the LPD. Mr. Lopez stated he would not agree with "defund" but to "reallocate resources". He continued clarifying that he used to work for the City and has past experience with working with the LPD during that time, acknowledging he did not believe officers are social workers, but are there to uphold the law. He concluded that there needs to be a review of the resources to address other issues, and he would be open to discussions and options. Council Member Wood asked for Council Staff to forward to him the power point presentation that was done on the LPD budget, at which point Ms. Boak sent the email.

Council Member Garza acknowledged Mr. Lopez on his confirmed interest in attending Ward and neighborhood meetings, then noted that the public have voiced their interest in having the Board of Commissioners meetings in the neighborhoods. Mr. Lopez supported that idea. He was then asked his thoughts and opinions on Community Policing Officers. Mr. Lopez was encouraged with the past good working relationships with Community Policing Officers.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF GUILLERMO LOPEZ TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing; Make Safe Demolish; 2108 E Cavanaugh

Council Member Garza asked if there were any communications with or from the owners. Mr. Sanford confirmed the 2019 permit has expired and the electrical permit has also expired. He concluded that the City is not holding any fire funds on the property. Council Member Garza asked if they have made any attempts to contact the owner, and Mr. Sanford confirmed they post the building along with sending certified letters.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY AT 2108 E CAVANAUGH. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Other

No other comments or points of discussion.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved as presented: January 28, 2021