



MINUTES
Committee on Public Service
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Conference Room, 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Vice Chair
Council Member Jody Washington, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney
Christopher Mumby, Department of Public Service
Michael Ruddock

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 10, 2018 MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION –Appointment; Michael Ruddock; At-Large Member on the Park Board; Term to Expire June 30, 2022

Mr. Ruddock provided introductions and his work and education experience in social relations and policy. Mr. Ruddock noted he currently works for the Michigan Association of Counties assisting County officials on budget trainings, grants, and the writing of a millage. Mr. Ruddock noted that his interest in the Parks Board came from when he ran for City Council in 2017 and heard the residents all speak of their desire and interest in the City parks and recreation.

Council Member Washington noted to Mr. Ruddock that in the past the Council appointed Mr. John Crohn to the Public Service Board but his true interest was with the Parks Board, therefore they had stated to him at that time if there was ever an opening on the Parks Board they would appoint him. She initiated a conversation with Mr. Crohn when this

recommendation for appointment came up and Mr. Crohn acknowledged that he was very happy on the Public Service Board and supported the appointment of Mr. Ruddock to the Parks Board.

Council Member Garza asked Mr. Ruddock what his opinion would be if he was on the Parks Board with the “naturalizations” of some of the parks. Mr. Ruddock noted that his opinion was that “naturalization” was a tactic in lieu of resources for the maintenance of the parks. He noted he believed it was a gray area and in some areas it makes sense, but can be a hindrance when back up to residential homes. Council Member Washington added to the conversation that in the past the City was not utilizing “naturalization”, but choosing not to mow to save resources, and spoke in opposition to “naturalization”.

MOTION BY COUCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL RUDDOCK AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER TO THE PARK BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Set the Public Hearing; Snow & Ice Removal Special Assessment Roll; Winter 2017/2018

Council Member Spadafore recapped for the Committee that the submit roll totals \$18,285 and the current Committee charge is to set the public hearing for June 11, 2018.

Mr. Mumby confirmed the amount and noted it reflect 79 properties which has been roughly the normal amount annually. The Department on Public Service will send out the notices to inform the residents affected they have to file an appeal in writing or attend the meeting prior to the end of the public hearing on June 11, 2018. Any appeals will then be brought back to the Committee on Public Service on June 19, 2018 for final determination recommendation back to Council. Council Member Spadafore asked that on June 19th the Department provide background and photos on the work performed that accumulated the assessment. The cost for the removal in the amount of \$18,285 is what the City has already accrued, so when it is billed it will go back into that account.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA APPROVE THE RESOLTUION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 11, 2018 FOR THE SNOW & ICE REMOVAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL WINTER 2017/2018. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Council Member Spadafore updated the Committee that on May 15, 2018 Mr. Gamble with Economic Development & Planning/Parking will be in attendance to present on the specific upgrades the City is seeking and obtained an RFP for with the parking systems, City surface parking lots, meters and ramps.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: May 15, 2018