



MINUTES
Committee on Public Service
Tuesday, November 20, 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

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant
Greg Venker, City Attorney's Office
Paula Simon, Resident

Public Comment

Ms. Simon informed the Committee of an issue in her neighborhood with constant parking on the street at night. The issue is at Kensington and Rockford where there is a stop sign on each side. Now that there is snow and Wright Tree Company in the neighborhood she feels it is a hazard. She then asked what the status of overnight parking is. Council Member Spadafore advised Ms. Simon that the Public Safety Committee is handling the 2-5 a.m. parking.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 16, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Discussion/Action:

Discussion/ORDINANCE – Amend Chapter 404 Section 404.01; impound of Transportation Devices Improperly Parked or Abandoned

Council Member Spadafore informed the group that this ordinance allows us to pick up scooters if improperly parked. Council Member Garza referred to Section 1 Line 4 and asked Law if “improperly parked” meant parked on the grass. Mr. Venker advised that under Michigan Vehicle Code there are three classes’ transportation, vehicles, and motor vehicles. Cars are considered motor vehicles but not vehicles. Council Member Washington suggested that it is made clear that we are not talking about mobility

devices. And asked if that could be inserted into the ordinance in some way. Mr. Venker advised that under the criminal code there is protection for mobility devices. And this ordinance is only talking about parking not operation.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 404, SECTION 404.01. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Discussion/ORDINANCE – Amend Chapter 812 Section 812.04; Include additional Transportation Devices within Prohibited Transportation Devices on Sidewalks in the Principal Shopping District (PSD)

Council Member Spadafore stated this ordinance would allow the adding of new devices.

Council Member Garza stated that he did not see panhandling in this ordinance. Mr. Venker advised it is against the law to prohibit panhandling

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 812, SECTION 812.04. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Discussion – ORDINANCE Amendment; Chapter 872, Section 872-01 to 872-01; Licensing and Regulations for Dockless Electric Scooter Companies

Council Member Spadafore informed the committee that he sent an email prior to this meeting. The ordinance is nine pages long, we created a definition for dockless electric scooter, found another motor and speed definition if this is not sufficient, and cleaned up the section regarding the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority.

Council Member Spadafore went through the ordinance by each section and explained what it meant. There will be some changes we will insert a more specific definition of scooter, and strip out section 7 page 4, and fix the spelling of the word “counsel” to “council” on page 5 line 15.

Mr. Venker advised he will have the corrected ordinance to council staff by noon November 21, 2018. Council Member Spadafore advised the next meeting will be Monday Nov 26, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., and there will be a public hearing set for November 26, 2018 during the council meeting.

OTHER

Council Member Garza advised the group he spoke with Rick Reman who lives in Orchard Court. He advised him there had been road work done off Jolly Road between Pennsylvania and Aurelius. There was only a crew of one to do the work and one day after it rained the road is already full of pot holes.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by LaSondra Crenshaw,

Administrative Assistant

Lansing City Council

Approved: November 26, 2018