



MINUTES
Committee on Public Service
Monday, July 16, 2019 @ 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 Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director
Brian McGrain, Economic Development & Planning Director
Chad Gamble, Parking Manager
Chris Mumby, Public Service
Rich Lamay, Public Service
Maria Medina
Randy Medina
Liz Elder
Evelyn Boynton

Public Comments

Mr. Medina, 5809 Schafer, spoke on his concerns with continual water at the front of his property. He then referenced multiple (7) notices he has received or been given to the Public Service Department on the subject. He noted that Mr. Sullivan with Public Service was on site July 16th. Mr. Medina asked for additional assistance to address the ongoing issue. Council Member Garza offered to show photos he had taken with his cell phone. Mr. Mumby acknowledged they were aware of the situation, confirmed they have spoken about remedies which include the costly repair to the neighborhood of installing a curb and gutter and new culverts. This cost would be assessed to all the residents in the area effected, not just Mr. Medina. Mr. Mumby continued by stating that another option would be to do a survey and provide suggestions to all property owners who could then fix it at their own cost. Council Member Spadafore asked if a resident has filled in their culvert and in turn has now caused this issue for Mr. Medina, would be that be a violation, and Mr. Mumby confirmed culverts cannot be filled in, but at this point it would be up to Council if they want to charge for the removal of the dirt. He concluded by stating in this case, there is no cost effective way to help Mr. Medina without charging him along with the 7-8 neighbors. Council Member Garza stated

his understanding was the Medina's were looking for a long term solution. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that would be a special assessment set by Council and could run for 7-10 years depending on the cost. Council Member Dunbar asked if there were costs to the proposed solutions. Mr. Mumby noted the option with storm sewer and curbs will be expensive, the other options could be costly depending on how many parcels have to be re-ditched and cleaned out. Mr. Kilpatrick added that they are trying to uncover the culverts and clean out to make sure drains flow the way they are supposed to, and if this effects both sides of the street. Once a survey is done they can make the determination. Mr. Medina admitted that when he cleaned out his culver, the culvert pipe itself was cracked, so he turned it so the crack wouldn't be on the top, but now it is on the side.

Mr. Mumby stated he would keep the Committee and Mr. Medina updated.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Discussion

RESOLUTION – Special Assessment Roll; Snow and Ice Removal; Winter 2018/2019

Mr. Lamay stated he had photos for each of the claims and would be providing those during each appeal.

300 Allen

Mr. Lamay acknowledged that this address was done while the staff were in the neighborhood for a complaint on another property, and noticed the ice, particularly at the corner. The before and after photos were referenced.

Ms. Elder was presented with the photos as well, and admitted she could not speak to why her husband did not address the corner where it appeared there was still ice after they cleared the sidewalk.

Council Member Dunbar suggested in the future the photos include every area Public Service will be referencing in their defense of the work and assessment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR 300 ALLEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149.00. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

1600 E. Michigan Avenue

This address was not on the appeal list because the owners did not meet the requirements in the letter with the deadline of July 8th.

Ms. Boynton appealed to the Committee that they did not get a notice, they had hired someone to clear the snow and ice, and placed calls to the City for details however did not get what they had asked for. Mr. Mumby reiterated the City Ordinance on snow removal and requirement to remove within 24 hours. Council Member Spadafore clarified that the notice she received stated the July 8, 2019 deadline and she did not meet that, therefore this Committee could not address the complaint. He asked Public Service to forward the materials, details and back up photos to him and he would forward to Ms. Boynton.

133 Allen

The Committee reviewed the material presented by Mr. Lamay which clarified it was noticed March 5th, cleared March 7th and took 40-60 minutes to clear.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO DENY THE CLAIM FOR 133 ALLEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$289.00. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Dunbar asked if Public Service kept copies of weather reports.

909 Sparrow

Mr. Lamay presented before and after photos.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO DENY THE CLAIM FOR 909 SPARROW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$149.00. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2919 Cumberland

Mr. Lamay presented photos for the property what was tagged on February 20, 2019 and cleared February 23, 2019. It was noted this property is in the school route and the photos made it evident all the other neighbors did clear their sidewalks.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO DENY THE CLAIM FOR 2919 CUMBERLAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$289.00. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2918 Cumberland

Mr. Lamay referenced the photos, noting some did melt, but there was a large build-up of ice on the driveways and ramps. Council Member Dunbar asked if the whole neighborhood was cleared, and it was noted it was.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO DENY THE CLAIM FOR 2918 CUMBERLAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$219.00. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

1518 Willow

The Committee reviewed the photos and Public Service staff noted that the ice build-up was so bad that they had to do 20 minutes one day and return for another 20 minutes the next day.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO DENY THE CLAIM FOR 1518 WILLOW IN THE AMOUNT OF 219.00. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Spadafore asked law for a determination on the notices that were returned undeliverable, and Mr. Venker stated that the City met their obligation because they were mailed to the owner of record.

1117 W. Kalamazoo St. 1

Council Member Spadafore noted that after verifying that the notice is only sent to the owner, and the owner's notice was returned on this property because it was sent to 517 E. Grand River Avenue not 517 E. Cesar Chavez, it would need to be addressed separately. And therefore need to be removed from the roll.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO REMOVE THE ASSESSMENT FROM THE ROLL. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE AMENDED ROLL #SN2019. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

UPDATE – Parking Upgrades and App Roll-out

Mr. Gamble provided updates on the parking upgrades and distributed their flyers and education material on the projects. Mr. Gamble went on to list some of the specifics in the upgrades which include pedestrian safe passage, new charging stations, new signage, painting, stripping and renovation of the stair wells. The week of July 22, 2019 the roof top parking at the North Grand ramp will be closed and those parkers will be moved to other portions of the ramp. This year they have accomplished way finding and complete replacement of the drainage system, which includes new pavement topping. The ramp on N. Capital will be closed for new drive approaches and they will receive the new parking equipment for the revenue control system and gating (TIBA). Mr. Gamble concluded his overview by highlighting the “Passport Program”, the complete of the makeover project in late 2019 for N. Grand, and new pay stations.

ORDINANCE – Amendment to Chapter 606; Section 606.03; Signage or Advertisements on Sales/Auctions

Council Member Spadafore reviewed the amendments and noted the required hearing was held with no comments.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0

DISCUSSION – Public Service Board; Budget Priorities for 2020/2021

Council Member Spadafore placed the document on file and will address on a future agenda when the Council is considering their FY2020 Budget Priorities.

UPDATE – Trash Collection; Public Service Department

Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed a recent press release which the Council obtained, that outlined the phase out of the use of City trash bags along rates changes that were also noted in the budget.

Council Member Garza stepped away from the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Mr. Kilpatrick continued by noting they are continuing to work on the buyback option, but have already determined they will buy back from suppliers and some stores that sold the bags.

Council Member Garza returned to the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

As part of the buyback option they are looking into locations residents can bring the unused bags, and considering what the City will use the unused bags for, one option being park clean up bags. Mr. Kilpatrick and Committee discussed the future of the trash carts that will be used instead of the bags, and options for markings to determine pick up dates.

Other

No other topics were discussed.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: September 3, 2019