



MINUTES
Committee on Development and Planning
Tuesday, May 18, 2021@ 3:15 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

Council Member Spitzley called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

PRESENT via audio/video

Council Member Spitzley, Chair- remotely from Lansing, Michigan
Council Member Garza, Vice-Chair remotely from Lansing, Michigan
Council Member Hussain, Member remotely from Lansing, Michigan

OTHERS PRESENT via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Greg Venker, OCA
Karl Dorshimer, LEAP
Pat Gillespie
Jessica DeBone, Environmental (Gillespie Group)
Trisha Walthorn, Gillespie Group
Maureen Saxton

Council Member Spitzley explained the meeting time was posted in multiple locations with two different times; 3:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Therefore the meeting is called to order, but no action items will be addressed until the later time. Ms. Boak provided a brief training on the new Agendas and Minutes page on the website.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2021 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Maureen Saxton; At Large Member of the Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Finance/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; Term to expire June 30, 2027

Council Member Spitzley acknowledged Ms. Saxton for her offer to serve, and stated the Council action will take place on June 7th, 2021.

Ms. Saxton provided details on her past employment experience, and her own business in public relations which she operated for 11 years with energy companies. Since that time she has joined a business in Lansing. Ms. Saxton then spoke on supporting Lansing in economic development and the need to continue to make Lansing great.

Council Member Spitzley asked the City Attorney on their opinion to Ms. Saxton residency in DeWitt. Mr. Venker stated he would confirm details shortly, and report back to the Committee. Council Member Garza referenced the application and resume, and acknowledged Ms. Saxton for her willingness to serve and asked why she would choose this specific board. Ms. Saxton stated she was interested in any Board that would improve Lansing, and when the Mayor's office notified her with this opening, it was a strong interest to her because it effects all surrounding communities on economic development and the solid partners surrounding Lansing. Council Member Garza asked how she planned to communicate with the community. Ms. Saxton admitted that right now social media is the core group, and with traditional media there is work to be a "story teller", but admitted that is what she does. Council Member Garza asked her to attend Ward meetings.

Mr. Venker stated in the past there have been members of the Board not residents of the City, and their statue is silent on that. Mr. Dorshimer stated the only time a resident is a member is when there is a specific project that requires a temporary member. Council Member Hussain asked if this was similar to DLI where there are requirements for so many members who have a business in the City or live in that area. Mr. Venker, stated that was correct, it is not a Board formed under the City Charter, but under their authority statute.

Council Member Spitzley stated she is prepared to proceed, and if OCA determines something different before June 7, 2021 the Committee can let Ms. Saxton know.

Council Member Hussain spoke in opposition to the appointment and was concerned she was not a resident of Lansing. He spoke further on the need to have Lansing residents on the Lansing boards.

Council Member Hussain then asked OCA if a motion to move out of Committee is required. Council Member Spitzley noted a concern that if OCA determines she cannot serve because she is not a resident, she does not want to waste her time or Council's.

Council Member Spitzley table any action until the OCA can determine if a non-resident can serve. Ms. Saxton acknowledged and understood the Committees delay.

RESOLUTION – Brownfield Plan #75 Amendment #2; Capital City Market and 637 E Michigan Avenue

Council Member Spitzley confirmed the public hearing was held, and there were no negative comments at the time.

Council Member Hussain acknowledged the accessibility the applicants have provided to Council on the project.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE BROWNFIELD PLAN #75 AMENDMENT #2; CAPITAL CITY MARKET AND 637 E MICHIGAN AVENUE. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee June 1, 2021