



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Hall 9th Floor City Clerk Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Dunbar called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Dunbar, Chairperson
Council Member Spadafore, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Asst.
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Heather Sumner, OCA
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Cordelia Black

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public were present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RESOLUTION – Appointment: Cordelia Black as an At Large member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2022

Ms. Black stated she has been a Lansing resident all her life and loves the City of Lansing. She is currently an employee with the Lansing School District. Ms. Black continued that she feels she is already servicing the city and that the HRCS Board is directly in alignment with her values and morals. She indicated she has worked with the youth for 33 years and in doing that she is involved with the families and residents, pouring heart and energy, and felt this was an ideal opportunity. Council Member Dunbar asked Ms. Black what challenges she would like to address, and she responded that she believes in building rapport and strengthening relationships with residents which helps in assessing what is needed and assisting them in figuring out what they need for their goals. Council Member Dunbar then asked what Ms. Black believes her role would be on the HRCS Board. Ms. Black indicated to support the city and residents and advocating for families. Council Member Hussain asked if Ms. Black has attended a HRCS Board meeting and she responded no. Council Member Hussain concluded that one of the many roles is making recommendations for grant money and asking good questions and he believes she will be a good fit.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CORDELIA BLACK AS AN AT LARGE MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022. MOTION CARRIED 3-0

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #1821, Sunset Realty LLC for \$1592 in trash fees at 705 Princeton Avenue

The Claimant was not present, Ms. Richmond informed the Committee that Mr. Ochodnicki, attorney for the Claimant was unable to attend the 9/15 meeting and stated he could on 10/06. Ms. Richmond stated she left voicemails on 9/28 & 9/29 and sent emails on 9/27, 9/29 and 9/30 to confirm the 10/6 appointment. Ms. Richmond received an email on 10/5 that Mr. Ochodnicki could not attend. Council Member Dunbar said the Committee would proceed. Mr. Sanford confirmed the violation on 8/06/2020, the Premise Officer arrived on 8/13/2020 the compliance due date and the violation was still present. The owner was aware of the violation and requested a safety inspection on 8/14/2020. The tenant was also aware and asked for a one-week extension which was granted. When the contractor arrived on 9/02/2020 the violation was still present. Mr. Sanford also stated that the inspector left comments and read them to the Committee that there was so much trash that they did not know where to begin and their office recommends denial of the claim. Council Member Hussain asked Mr. Sanford how they determine if outdoor furniture needs to be removed. Mr. Sanford said it can be difficult but if chairs are broken or a grill is missing a wheel it is deemed broken.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL #1821 FOR 705 PRINCETON AVENUE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1592 IN TRASH FEES. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

OTHER

ADJOURNED

Adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Submitted by Renee Richmond,

Administrative Assistant, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on October 25, 2021