



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, October 14, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Garza called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

PRESENT

Council Member Jeremy Garza, Chair
Council Member Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Mary Bowen, OCA
Michael Robbins
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service
Princess Thompson

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2021, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Robbins stated he was there to speak on 321 N Butler and if he should wait. Council Member Wood asked to move this to the front of the Agenda, so Mr. Robbins did not have to sit through the meeting and wait.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

321 N. Butler

Michael Robbins began that he has lived next to 321 N Butler, a apartment building, for about a year now with his family. He indicated that the building was hit by a vehicle last Sunday around 12:03am and he contacted LFD and LPD. He indicated that one of the pillars is severely damaged and dangerous, postal workers are afraid to walk near it and there is a family with small children that live right below it. He continued that there is constant drug activity, prostitution and guns and that one female tenant has been broken into multiple times and management has not done anything. Mr. Robbins finished that the previous management company was good and then the current was hired, and they don't do anything to help the tenants or the building or the activity going on the property. Mr. Robbins lastly stated that it's been long enough and something needs to be done. Council Member Wood stated after her conversation with Mr. Robbins she sent out an email including Code, Building Safety, LPD and

OCA, Code replied to the email and they cited the building for trash but Building Safety needed to be contacted for the structure. Council Member Wood explained the Officer Brooks who is the CPO for the Genesee neighborhood and Mr. Swan from Building Safety were at the building and Officer Brooks spoke to a few tenants on their complaints/issues. Mr. Swan stated in an email that he has been working with the owners representative on getting some temporary shoring in place and they had to have it completed by the end of the day, Oct. 14, 2021 and if not then the City would get a contractor out first thing the next morning. Council Member Wood asked that OCA arrange a meeting with Officer Brooks and the management company on how they are going to address the issues with the tenants, and if there are drug issues we have a nuisance letter that can be done because there is a timeline as OCA knows and it has to be within a certain amount of time. Lisa Hagen said she would meet with Jim Smiertka after the meeting with her request and reach out to LPD and pull call logs on the area and get back with the Committee. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Robbins when he returns home if he could reach out to Mr. Swan on a report of anything happening at the apartment and if he could keep a log of the activity of what he is seeing. Mr. Robbins said he would text when he returned home and then asked if it's possible for LPD to tie into the camera's at the property and they can see as well. Council Member Wood gave an example of QD on Pine/Saginaw, and they've allowed LPD to monitor their cameras as part of the SRAM program. Council Member Jackson commented that the goal is to get the building safe inside and out and we've got the names of some tenants from Officer Brooks and they need help. Council Member Garza mentioned that if the management company doesn't get it shored up we have a contractor on standby that can come in correct, and Council Member Wood confirmed that is what Mr. Swans email indicated.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-19 and 21-20; regulate parking along Haverhill Drive and Winterset Drive

Andy Kilpatrick informed the Committee that the Management Company (Legacy LLC) of Village Townhomes at Haverhill Dr/Winterset Dr sent a request for a parking prohibition on the north side of Haverhill and west side of Winterset. Council Member Wood asked if overnight parking was allowed at that location and Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed. He indicated that it is currently unrestricted on both sides so it gets congested and only one vehicle at a time can go down and prohibits emergency vehicles from a clear path. Council Member Jackson asked why not just have one side all parking and Mr. Kilpatrick indicated they try to do one side so they can provide clear passage and they worked with Legacy LLC on this and it was discussed to stagger the parking to allow for visitors, delivery drop offs, and an open area for emergency vehicles. Council Member Jackson asked if this is the only option, Mr. Kilpatrick said this is their recommendation on the planning with Legacy LLC, it then went to the Public Service Board and now to Committee. Council Member Jackson asked if further discussion can be held with Legacy LLC for other options and Mr. Kilpatrick said he would reach out to them. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Kilpatrick to bring the updates to the next Council meeting on 10/25.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-19 AND 21-20; REGULATE PARKING ALONG HAVERHILL DRIVE AND WINTERSET DRIVE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-15; regulate parking along Taffy Parkway between Hughes Road and Haag Road

Council Member Wood asked the person who arrived during the first agenda item, what she was in attendance for and Ms. Princess Thompson said she was there for items B & C and was with the Management Company. Ms. Thompson informed the Committee they would be open to further discussion as it's been a while and there has been some change over. Ms. Thompson gave her email contact to Mr. Kilpatrick. Mr. Kilpatrick indicated they received a petition signed by 60% of the residents, and that Taffy Parkway is two blocks long and begins at Hughes Rd and ends at Haag Rd. He continued that Taffy Parkway is approximately 25 ft wide, which is narrow, and a gravel/dirt surface with no parking restrictions on either side of the street. Council Member Jackson asked about the mailboxes and are they on both sides of the street or just one and asked if having parking on one side would be easiest. Council Member Wood indicated the request was brought by a resident and we try to accommodate the request. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed that they try to maximize parking and with vehicles like landscaping they may park where they are not supposed to be and then it causes issues.

Council Member Jackson left the meeting at 4:34pm

Council Member Garza reading the information that the eastside does not have mailboxes and Mr. Kilpatrick said he would have to look at the street view and will get that information for a recommendation. Council Member Wood then clarified that they knew the deadline for the Council meeting and we can always pull off the agenda if needed.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-15; REGULATE PARKING ALONG TAFFY PARKWAY BETWEEN HUGHES ROAD AND HAAG ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Jackson returned at 4:37pm

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-16; regulate traffic at the intersection of Lansing Avenue and Queen Street

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated a study was requested by a resident and in our investigation the safe approach speed is 17mph, the Public Service Department recommends a yield sign be installed. Council Member Garza if this was a petition and Mr. Kilpatrick stated a petition is not needed for this if someone requests a study or evaluation it's all the same process.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-16; REGULATE TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF LANSING AVENUE AND QUEEN STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-18; add a stop sign at the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Marcus Street

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that this area currently has a yield sign and with the study it was revealed there was one car crash in the last five years, and with a safe approach of 10mph it is recommended that an upgrade to a stop sign is done.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-18; ADD A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAGNOLIA AVENUE AND MARCUS STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-17; add a stop sign at the intersection of Cross Street and Lansing Avenue

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated this is similar to the previous one and that this area currently has a yield sign and with the study it was revealed there was two car crashes in the last five years, and with a safe approach of 9mph it is recommended that an upgrade to a stop sign is done.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-17; ADD A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF CROSS STREET AND LANSING AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

562 E Greenlawn

Council Member Garza spoke about the sidewalk and trees in this area as the resident is concerned. He stated that resident called multiple time and recently that workers were out working but she was concerned with the way things were looking and how they were leaving things. Council Member Garza lastly said the workers were sporadic in fixing and replacing 4-5 in this area then only 2 in another area. They are a hazard and we need to see what is going on. Mr. Kilpatrick stated he would have to look into it and report back to the Committee.

MLK Motorcycle Club

Council Member Jackson asked about the motorcycle club located on MLK and asked if it was possible to get LPD to monitor with one patrol with a radar and then another down the street that they can radio to and catch them. Council Member Garza indicated that they don't have enough units as it is but they can definitely reach out for a discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:47 pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Council Administrative Assistant, Lansing City Council

Approved as presented on October 28, 2021