



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Monday, October 25, 2021@ 5:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Dunbar called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

PRESENT via audio/video

Council Member Dunbar, Chair
Council Member Spadafore, Vice-Chair
Council Member Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Greg Losch, MDOT
Alex Craigmile, MDOT
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor
Council Member Betz – arrived at 5:10 pm
Kim Coleman, HRCS arrived at 5:19 p.m.
Katrina Urista, HRCS arrived at 5:19 p.m.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 6, 2021 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Noise Waiver Permit; MDOT; I-496 Freeway Construction Weekdays 8 pm – 7 am, Weekends or Holidays from 1/24/2022-12/1/2022 and 3/1/2023-11/15/2023

Council Member Dunbar asked the MDOT representative if they have a resolution to address the concerns heard during the public hearing from residents East of Grand near I-496. Mr. Losch confirmed it would not be noise every night, the hours will be utilized for certain stages in the project, or weather delays and they have all intentions of working with the residents. The work could be 2 nights every 2 weeks. Council Member Dunbar asked the representatives if there were options for them to communicate directly with the residents when there will be overnight work in that area. Mr. Losch concurred they do intend to do that and they will work on letting residents know when the work will be done in the middle of the night. Mr. Losch went on

to explain their plans for public meetings in November, in person and virtual. MDOT has been doing virtual meetings since March on the project, timeline, and contact for any issues. With the contractor on contract board, they will now reach out again with the schedule. These meetings and information will be posted this week. Currently there is not a specific location for the in person meetings, but they are looking at Letts Community Center and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce in the area. These in person meetings will be an open house with a brief presentation and Q & A.

Council Member Betz arrived at the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Mr. Losch added that in their MDOT office they have dedicated staff specifically to this project. Mr. Craigmile added that in the actual contract with the contractor they are limiting activities in the night time, and setting up a limit on the major noise.

Mr. Losch then spoke briefly on a request from Council Member Garza to disable the backup alarms on the equipment when it is working in the overnight hours, and stated MDOT and MIOSHA will not commit to this for safety, and by doing that they would then have to staff more people on the project as well for signaling since there would be no back up alarm. They will consider options on a case by case and location by location. Regarding the project itself, there have been no changes, and they are partnering with the City Public Service on work on Malcom X and St. Joe. Lastly he noted that Walsh Construction is the contractor and they will also be doing the storm sewer replacement on the north side.

Council Member Spadafore noted to the MDOT representatives that the link on their flyer is not working, and they immediately stated they would update that.

Council Member Betz noted a comment from the Cherry Hill residents and concerns of weekday noise during nights. He stated his request is no construction during a time frame in the middle of the night. Council Member Spadafore informed Council Member Betz this was already addressed at the start of the meeting. Mr. Losch reiterated to Council Member Betz their plans to communicate with the residents, and plans to limit noise during that time.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE NOISE WAIVER FOR MDOT I-496 FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION WEEKDAYS FROM 8PM – 7 AM, WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CHANGING THE FIRST DATE FROM 1/24/2022 TO 3/1/2022. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 3, 2021