



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Wednesday, November 17, 2021@ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Dunbar called the meeting to order at 3:30 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
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor
Jeff Landon, Curtis Law
Scott Sanford, Code Enforcement
Jim Smiertka, OCA

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2021 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #1869, Gerald D Phillips Revocable Trust for \$5,523.00 in Trash Violation Fees at 1917 Osband Avenue

Mr. Sanford informed the Committee that the property was cited on 6/25/2021 with a compliance date of 7/2/2021. The owner did contact his office to state they were in the eviction process for the property. The property was cleaned on 7/14/2021, and his office was informed the tenants moved to another property at 4805 Pleasant Grove owned by the landlord, and those are now having nuisance issues as well.

Mr. Landon clarified that this appeal is for 1917 Osband and not any of the other properties owned by the landlord. As for 4805 Pleasant Grove he stated that information is also not correct because he was just in court last week on the eviction process of that property. Mr.

Jordan then explained to the Committee that the property owner had a third party maintenance person who was allowing squatters.

Council Member Dunbar asked if the third party had been collecting rent as well. Mr. Landon stated there was no rental agreement and as soon as they were made aware they started an eviction process. Mr. Landon then continued to detail that they had conversations with Walter Allen in Code Enforcement throughout their eviction process to keep him up to date on their different court dates, and once they got the immediate rite, they acted. Their understanding is that they cannot evict any items without the law approval of the eviction process. He reiterated the City was kept informed of the entire process.

Council Member Dunbar informed Mr. Jordan that the owners can clean up anything on the outside of the property whether there is an eviction complete or not. Mr. Landon admitted they have never been told that before. He then asked if a list was provided on what they could have taken in the violation that was outside. Mr. Sanford provided the list. Mr. Landon pointed out that it was generalized such as "boxes", "junk", so they still would not have known what they could take that was part of the violation.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO DENY THE CLAIM #1869 FOR 1917 OSBAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,523.00

Council Member Dunbar stated to Mr. Landon that anything outside of the house is not protected by the process of eviction.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Dunbar informed Mr. Landon that this resolution will go before the full Council on 11/29/2021 and he can attend to make his appeal then, and if there is documentation he has that states the owner could not touch anything on the property while in the eviction process, he could bring to that meeting.

Other

No other topics

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on December 13, 2021