



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Tuesday, February 1, 2022@ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spitzley called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT via audio/video

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

OTHERS PRESENT via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor
Heather Sumner, OCA
Jerry Dunham III, Chief Building Inspector
Charla Burnett
Mary Toshach
Diane Gardin
Shirley Carter-Powell
Morgan Butts
Ceci Bordayo
Kevin Bonds
Alice Brinkman
Ayen Meiou
Todd Dowrick
Walter Allen, Code Compliance
Lynne Puente, Code Compliance
Brad Dowrick

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

DISCUSSION – Washington Apts; 927 S Washington – Jerry Dunham III, Chief Building Inspector

Council Member Spitzley asked for an update on the property and the timeline for the landlord to complete repairs.

Mr. Dunham confirmed the building is vacant and building department asked for it to be vacated due to unsafe living conditions. There was a rental inspection by Walter Allen and it was found that the fire barriers were compromised, in addition there were items that needed repairs and work that was done without permits. In addition an onsite inspection all the trade inspectors then they worked with the owner to go through what units needed permits and repairs. Some of the repairs in basement were done, but after getting details from the inspector that the elevator wasn't working, and some of the repairs were disassembled.

Council Member Spitzley asked if the City has any recourse to put the owner on a timeline to bring up to code. Mr. Dunham stated that would be a question for code compliance. Council Member Hussain added to the discussion that his understanding is the if the owner is paying red tag fees, taxes and board up fees it is hard hold any recourse on the owner.

Council Member Spitzley stated there used to be veterans, low income and Section 8 housing in side, and asked where those people obtained.

Mr. Dunham distributed photos on the property. Council Member Hussain asked for the red tag date. Mr. Dunham stated he gave them a date to repair or vacate in November and they did not meet date so they were vacated. There were 4 residents in the building, and the landlord made arrangements at different properties. Council Member Hussain asked who the owner was, and Mr. Dunham stated it is 5West Group in Southfield. There has been one conversation in the beginning of January and his office asked for more detailed drawings before any work can be done.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Charla Burnett as an At-Large member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024

Ms. Burnett provide a brief history on her residency in Lansing, education, and experience with non-profit and housing migrants. Ms. Burnett hoped this would help connect the dots to help residents that need assistance.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; CHARLA BURNETT AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Mary Toshach as an At-Large member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023

Ms. Toshach briefly provided an overview of her experience working on building revival arts and her work with the history center of Michigan, and now currently managing the Unhinged Arts in Lansing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; MARY TOSHACH AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2023. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Diane Gardin as an At-Large member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023

Ms. Gardin first stated she has been a resident of Lansing for 28 years and enjoys working in the community by volunteering in multiple locations and events that involve the arts.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; DIANE GARDIN AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2023. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Shirley Carter-Powell as an At-Large member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022

Ms. Carter-Powell informed the Committee she has been a resident for 31 years and been in the entertainment business for over 40 years. While traveling for her career she decided to bring entertainment to Lansing with concerts, plays and promoting them. Ms. Carter-Powell voiced her interest in moving Lansing to the next level and wants to bring her voice to the table.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; SHIRLEY CARTER-POWELL AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Morgan Butts as an At-Large member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022

Ms. Butts spoke briefly on why she wished to serve on the Commission. Ms. Butts highlighted her degrees in the art, culture and art history and her work experience with Miller Auditorium, Impression 5, and with the Director of Communications at the Michigan Environmental.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; MORGAN BUTTS AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Ceci Bordayo as the 3rd Ward member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024

Ms. Bordayo briefly spoke about her willingness to serve on this Commission and experience with the musical arts. In her overview she briefly spoke about her youth and now involvement with the church that helped her family as the current music director. She noted her passion is to make the change in the City, and wants to make sure everyone has a voice.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; CECI BORDAYO AS THE 3RD WARD MEMBER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Kevin Bonds as the 2nd Ward member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023

Mr. Bonds provided a brief history of being a lifelong resident of Lansing. Mr. Bonds noted that working in economic development his focus is on place making to bring people into the community and give the community its own flavor.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; KEVIN BONDS AS THE 2ND WARD MEMBER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2023. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Alice Brinkman as the 4th Ward member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2025

Ms. Brinkman detailed her residency in the Moores Park neighborhood and her accomplishment of founding the Reach Studio Center. Ms. Brinkmans background is in arts and administration with a masters in clothing and textiles. Ms. Brinkman stated her passion is to make sure the youth have an interest in the arts.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; ALICE BRINMAN AS THE 4TH WARD MEMBER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #1870, Todd Dowrick for \$490. in trash and debris violations at 1320 Clear Street

Mr. Allen informed the Committee that the property was cited for trash and recycling on 6/30/2021 with a compliance date of 7/7/2021. The reinspection was performed on 7/8/2021 and with the violations still present it was sent onto the trash contractor who arrived 7/15/2021. At that time the contractor confirmed the recycle bin was still over flowing, and not removed by Public Service because the items were not to be recycled. Mr. Allen confirmed that neither his office nor public service received contact from owner. It was noted to the owner that the Public Service department does have information on what can or cannot be recycled.

Mr. Dodrick confirmed he did get a notice on the trash, and Brad Dodrick who was present at this meeting removed the items but they believe the tenants put more stuff in the bins so when the contactor arrived they removed the new items.

Council Member Spitzley asked OCA if someone other than the owner can appeal in this discussion. Ms. Sumner stated the decision is up to the Committee members but in the past other committee members chose not to.

Mr. Brad Dodrick confirmed he was on site on 7/5/2021 and referenced the photos. He confirmed there were items everywhere but he cleaned things up per the list. The window blinds in the photo were in the recycle bin because they were plastic and thought they could be recycled.

Mr. Brewer referenced a spread sheet he sent to the Committee noting that the Committee adjusted the claim by \$34 for an additional yard because of the delay in time when the contractor arrived. He concluded by confirming that since this was appealed to the City Council Committee the recommendation from Claims Review is no longer an option unless the Committee chose to take the same action.

The Committee discussed the appeal noting the items that were cited were still present when the contractor arrived, there is information and guidance provided that they can provide to the tenants. Council Member Hussain referenced the notice and the paragraph noting if anything else in violation is found the contractor can remove it. He concluded his statement that Mr. Dowrick should communicate with the tenants what can and cannot be recycled.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO DENY THE CLAIM #1870 FOR 1032 CLEAR STREET IN THE AMOUNT IN CONCURRENCE WITH THE CLAIMS REVIEW RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. Dowrick appealed everything was removed except the plastic window blinds that they thought was recyclable. Council Member Spadafore referred the owners to the City website which lists what can and what cannot be recycled.

COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN RESCINDED HIS MOTION.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO DENY THE CLAIM #1870 FOR 1032 CLEAR STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$490. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Gras Abatement

The Committee discussed what the notice requirement time was, OCA was asked for the details. With no clear timeline presented the hearing was set for March 28, 2022.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 28, 2022 IN CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; GLENBURNE COMMONS, TRASH & GRASS ABATEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #1886, Ayen Meiou for \$3,290 in trash violations at 1900 N Washington Ave

Applicant did not arrive by the time the meeting adjourned. This item was moved to the next meeting.

Other

PENDING UPDATE – Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; LE&O Mansion LLC request for transfer ownership 2021 Resort Class C License issued under MCL 436.1531(2), and SDM licensed business with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for Class C License – Spirits and Mixed Spirit Drink and Dance-Entertainment Permit from Gus's LLC; Transfer location to 6810 Cedar St, Ste A, Lansing; transfer governmental unit under MCL 436.1531(1) from Lansing Township to Lansing City; New Sunday Sales Permit (AM); new Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDM License – Mixed Spirit Drink at 6810 S Cedar St Suite A, (RID #2111-19427) **Original Agenda 1/18/2022*

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 15, 2022