



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Mary Bowen, OCA
Lynn Puente, Code Compliance

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FEBRUARY 03, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION – Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration of the Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 2131 Pleasant View Avenue

Lynne Puente noted that the property has been red tagged since 2019 and the last time Officer Johnson was out there, there was a red note that it was in foreclosure, and the neighbors stated it was abandoned. Councilmember Wood indicated that this was submitted to demo on 9/10/2021, that there have been no permits pulled. Councilmember Hussain mentioned this has been going on for some time for this property, and the owner owes the county for taxes. Councilmember Brown asked if there were additional charges to the landowner. Councilmember Hussain stated they are given 60 days from the date Council passes and it's added to the property taxes, and if the owners don't pay it goes to the county. Ms. Hagen noted that in the resolution in the paragraph, NOW THEREFORE IS having the wrong address and needs correction. Ms. Richmond confirmed she would correct it.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR SETTING A SHOW CAUSE HEARING IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2131 PLEASANT VIEW AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Ms. Puente asked to verify the date of the hearing because of previous confusion, and it was confirmed that it would go to Council on February 14th to set the hearing for February 28th.

RESOLUTION – Draft Opposition to Eaton County ORV Ordinance

Councilmember Wood asked the Committee if they had any questions with the resolution before bringing it to Council. There were no questions from Committee.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR OPPOSITION TO EATON COUNTY ORV ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Wood asked Councilmember Hussain if he was planning to attend the Eaton County Board meeting and he confirmed he would. Councilmember Brown also requested to go as well

Brian Daniel arrived at 4:11pm

OTHER

Councilmember Wood asked to discuss snow emergency plowing and parked vehicles in the streets and submitted some information for the Committee to review. Councilmember Wood discussed that in this information there are photos sent to her of vehicles and a grill parked in the right of way of a street. She indicated she reached out to the Administration and asked them to follow up and was less than pleased with their response. Councilmember Wood summarized that Mr. Kilpatrick was 95% sure LPD would need to tag abandoned and then ticket after 72 hours, Mayor Schor redirected to Mr. Lawrence who referenced that the City does not define an abandoned vehicle, and these can be reported to LPD, and the person complaining could submit it online at Lansing Connect. Councilmember Wood emphatically stated that having an ordinance that we cannot enforce and have the ability to ticket and have towed is beyond her belief. She continued to ask if the Mayor or Chief can assign one patrol to be "on call" so that if the plow is going down the street and cannot get through, they contact LPD. Ms. Hagen informed the committee that law was not consulted when these email exchanges occurred but is happy to reach out and see who would be responsible from LPD and/or parking enforcement. Councilmember Wood continued that all you need is one big snow, and the media gets ahold of the ordinance saying one thing and the email response another, they are conflicting. Councilmember Wood asked if law could follow up and report back at the next Committee meeting and they confirmed.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:47pm

submitted by Renee Richmond,

Administrative Assistant, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 17, 2022