



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Daniels called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT via audio/video

Council Member Spitzley, Chair - excused
Council Member Daniels, Vice-Chair
Council Member Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Heather Sumner, OCA
Amanda Bernes
Fred Wurtzel
Risa Langtry
Steve Langtry
Andy Kilpatrick, Director of Public Service
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Ody Norkin- phone in

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Amanda Bernes as an At-Large Member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024

Ms. Bernes briefly spoke on her experience, and then asked what her role would be on the Mayor's Arts and Culture Commission. Council Member Hussain briefly noted that there were multiple appointments at the last meeting, then noted his understanding this Commission will advise on all things arts and culture. Ms. Hagen located the definition of the Commission on the City website and recited it. Ms. Bernes then explained her experience in vast arts, multiple sources of art and small tokens of art in the community.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; AMANDA BERNES AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024.

Ms. Hagen asked Ms. Bernes if her address was still the same as it appeared on the 2018 application, and Ms. Bernes confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

DISCUSSION – Crosswalk Signal at Clemens/Michigan Ave; A. Kilpatrick
Mr. Norkin joined the meeting via phone.

Mr. Kilpatrick informed the Committee and the public present that with any request for an audible signal they do a study, and if it is determined to be beneficial and there is a budget for it they will put in place. Currently there are two in the City; Cedar and Long, Clemens and Michigan. In the future when the Michigan Avenue reconstruction the plan is to put it at all four legs of the intersection of Michigan and Clemens, but right now it is only on the East leg. During the process they also have to take into consideration the ADA requirements when they install any poles or buttons, in relationship to the intersection and the sidewalk ramps. This project is in the Federal funding for FY 2023, which means in October of 2022 funds will be available. At this time they are not sure of the design.

Ms. Langtry asked for a timeline on when they will rebuild the intersection. Mr. Kilpatrick stated it depends on when the design will be done but the goal would be in 2023 construction season, which is the summer of 2023 to Fall 2023. He further expanded stating that 50% of the Michigan funding from Pennsylvania to Clemens is in 2023 and the other 50% for Clemens to Charles is in 2024. Because of that they are not sure which of the project it would be in or if they will combine it. If they do before 2024, the City would have to front the money, or wait and tie up funds and do the whole project in 2024. Ms. Langtry voiced her frustration with being told four (4) years ago it would be done. Mr. Kilpatrick acknowledged the original plan was to reconstruct with the bus rapid transit in 2016-2017, but they did a band aid fix until the BRT project was going to happen in 2018-2019. Then with federal funding changes the BRT project was pulled all together, so the City is left to do a reconstruction project. However since it is earmarked for 2023, it cannot get pushed again. Council Member Hussain asked when the design phase would be done. Mr. Kilpatrick stated they will have an RFP out for consultants within the next 30 days, start preliminary design, then detailed design, with the intent to have the design by fall.

Mr. Wurtzel would like his group to review the designs before they are finalized, and also made a suggestion that the current signal could be used if it were adjusted properly, because the sound is too low or they can relocate the button to a difference pole. Ms. Langtry spoke briefly on where the poles are currently located. Mr. Kilpatrick pulled up a map on his phone and noted that there is a fire hydrant in the SE corner to work around, the NE corner has a pole closer, but not an option for ADA compliance for a wheelchair. He acknowledged they can look at volume and will adjust, but it is also based on ambient noise levels. In neither location the button placement is ideal. Could program for 3' per second, but want to make sure it accommodates whomever needs to cross.

Mr. Norkin outlined his concerns.

Council Member Hussain asked Mr. Kilpatrick if he can send a report to the Committee by March 1st and then Council staff will forward that to the public that are present. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed and added that they will have public input before the final design.

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

Ms. Boak recapped for the Committee that this claim was on the previous agenda, however the claimant did not arrive until after the meeting adjourned so it was moved to this meeting. At this time the claimant was still not present and she asked the Committee consensus on moving the item to the March 1st agenda with a decision occurring at that time no matter what. The Committee consensus was to take that action. Ms. Boak stated she would ask Ms. Richmond to contact the claimant again and inform him of this decision.

PLACE ON FILE – City of Lansing Park Board Annual Report 2021

Council Member Hussain asked Council Member Daniels, as a recent Park Board Member, if there were specific locations for the proposed splash pads and Council Member Daniels clarified that there are no specific locations at the time, but they determined it was cheaper than a pool and can place them in disenfranchise neighborhoods for cooling. Council Member Hussain asked about a time line on the Risdale Park path, and Council Member Daniels noted they have no updates and have not even started the development conversations when he was on the Board.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Other

Ms. Boak explained that the hearing for the Glenburne Special Assessment will be held 2/28/2022 and the next Committee meeting is 3/1/2022. She asked the members present if they were interested in hearing any appeals the day after the hearing. The consensus of the Committee was to follow that schedule if it was okay with Council Member Spitzley, the Committee chairperson. Ms. Boak stated she would speak to Council Member Spitzley the next day and confirm.

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 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on March 1, 2022