



MINUTES
Committee on Development and Planning
Wednesday, February 23, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Garza called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Jeremy Garza, Chair
Council Member Patricia Spitzley, Vice-Chair
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Greg Venker, OCA
John Krohn, Ingham County Land Bank
Susan Stachowiak, EDP
Benjamin Brewer
Kambriana Gates, LEAP

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 9, 2022, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Benjamin Brewer; Resident Member Saginaw Street Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors; Term to Expire June 30, 2024

Councilmember Garza briefly went over Mr. Brewer's application since it was from 2020 and asked why we were just seeing him now. Mr. Brewer stated this was the first he was contacted and has lived in Lansing since 2016 and wanted to get more involved with the city and local government and believes a lot of change is possible. Mr. Brewer continued that he sees opportunity for investment and rehabilitation and thinks he can help. Councilmember Garza asked if he has a vision on the corridor improvement. Mr. Brewer responded that he didn't have anything specific and is looking forward to seeing what ideas are already presented and what the master plan is. Councilmember Spitzley asked if Mr. Brewer was still with Rehmann

Robson and if they work with the City. Mr. Brewer indicated they have in the past on the financial audit side.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BENJAMIN BREWER TO THE SAGINAW STREET CORRIDRO IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – LS-1-2022; Lot Split Application; Vacant Property located between 3220 and 3330 W Miller Road

Ms. Stachowiak began by indicating both lot splits have requested variances which are approved by City Council, the Ordinance stated the width to depth ratio cannot exceed 1 to 2.5 and both do. Councilmember Spitzley asked if looking at the first one 3220 and 3330 is this usual for the Landbank to ask for it, usually it's from someone that purchases it, and continued to verify that the Landbank is the current owner and looking to sell one or both. John Krohn informed the Committee that the landbank is no longer the owners. Councilmember Spitzley asked OCA that if they are no longer the owners then they do not have standing to ask for the variance, that Mr. Krohn could speak in support though. Ms. Stachowiak then asked Mr. Krohn if the next item for the lot split on Christiansen was sold as well, Mr. Krohn confirmed. Councilmember Spitzley then asked OCA since we don't have the proper information what do we do since we don't have the owners here or proper paperwork. Mr. Venker indicated he was looking as they were discussing and since this is the only business in front of the Committee he would like more time to research properly. Councilmember Garza agreed and stated he would feel more comfortable with an answer from law, Mr. Krohn said they could wait until next month's agenda. Mr. Venker informed the Committee he would follow up with an email.

RESOLUTION – LS-2-2022; Lot Split Application; Vacant Property located between 5000 and 5022 Christiansen Road

Other

No other topics to discuss at this time.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:43p.m.

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on March 9, 2022