



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spitzley called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

PRESENT via audio/video

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

OTHERS PRESENT via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Jim Smiertka, OCA
Heather Sumner, OCA
Lisa Hagen, OCA – arrived at 4:48 p.m.
Clara Martinez
Abigail Klomparens
Alec Malvetis, Dept. Public Service
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Michael Brown, Attorney Lansing Hotel Investors LLC
Kevin Meyer, RBM Properties LLC

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Clara Martinez as the 1st Ward member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022

Ms. Martinez provided a brief history on her education, her understanding of what is needed in incorporating into the community and culture.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DANIELS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; CLARA MARTINEZ AS THE 1ST WARD MEMBER OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Abigail Klomprens as the 4th Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024

Ms. Klomprens spoke briefly on her work and education experience in relation to what she can bring to the Board. Council Member Brown supported the applicant and her background experience hoping her role will help stream line the Board. Council Member Hussain and Spitzley spoke on the critical role this Board has in the community. Council Member Spitzley encouraged Ms. Klomprens to make herself available to the social services groups to make them aware of her role and expose herself to their duties.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DANIELSTO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; ABIGAIL KLOMPRENS AS THE 4TH WARD MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management Memorandum of Agreement

Mr. Malvetis informed the Committee that this is renewed every five (5) years, and this one has very minor language changes, including the date updates. The annual amount was \$5,917 in the past for the dues and this program has 6-7 programs within the overall program, including a public education piece in which they coordinate and handle the bulk of that program, not the City. Council Member Spitzley asked if this action would just approve the dues, and Mr. Malvetis stated it approves the continuation of the program. Mr. Smiertka stated the dues were probably already included in the budget.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GREATER LANSING REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement

Council Member Spitzley tabled until further information can be provided, and it will be placed on the next agenda.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; Lansing Hotel Investors LLC for a SDM and B-Hotel License with Additional Bars, Dance, Entertainment, Sunday Sales (PM), and Direction Connections Permits for 111 N. Grand Avenue

Mr. Brown, representing the applicant, informed the Committee that the license application has been submitted to Liquor Control Commission. He also confirmed there are no changes being made to the hotel itself, just an ownership change. This will include no changes to the hours of operation, menus, and the hotel will be managed by a professional hotel management company, noting for the Committee that the new owners have obtained senior management by the prior owners.

Council Member Spitzley asked the OCA if the applicants attorney, not the owner themselves is present, can the Committee act. Mr. Smiertka stated as long as the application was submitted to the State, Council just needs to take action on the resolution. Mr. Smiertka asked when the sale occurred, and Mr. Brown stated the real estate sale closed in late November, early December 2021. Council Member Spitzley asked if his inquiry was because of the ongoing parking agreement with the Radisson and Mr. Smiertka confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LIQUOR LICENSE; LANSING HOTEL INVESTORS LLC FOR A SDM AND B-HOTEL LICENSE

WITH ADDITIONAL BARS, DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT, SUNDAY SALES (PM), AND DIRECTION CONNECTIONS PERMITS FOR 111 N. GRAND AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; RBM Properties LLC for a New Class C license for 224 South Washington Square

Mr. Meyer, the managing member with RMB Properties, LLC provided a brief overview of the property project, adding that this is a development license and it will stay with the property.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DANIELS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LIQUOR LICENSE; RBM PROPERTIES LLC FOR A NEW CLASS C LICENSE FOR 224 SOUTH WASHINGTON SQUARE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0

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

Council Member Spitzley recapped that the claimant was made aware of this meeting, that this was the third time and a decision would be made at this meeting.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL #1886 FOR 1900 N WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,290. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Ms. Hagen noted there is no resolution in the LF program for this claim and Ms. Boak confirmed there is never a resolution placed until after the meeting when the Committee makes the determination on the claim.

Other

PENDING UPDATE – Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Batter Up, LLC request for new Non-Transferable Class C License issued under MCL 436.1521(A)(1)(B), Downtown Development Authority License and a Non-Transferable new SDM License under MCL 436.1533(5)(A), (RID #RQ-2110-18571) **Original Agenda 2/15/2022*

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 #RQ-2111-19427) **Original Agenda 1/18/2022*

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on March 15, 2022