



MINUTES
Committee on Development and Planning
Wednesday, March 28, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Garza called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Andy Fedewa, EDP
Brian McGrain, EDP
Mary Alicia Gonzales, Owner Alicia's
Greg Venker, OCA
Susan Stachowiak, EDP
Jo Sinha, CEO Peckham
Darren Cunningham, BWL
Joshua Ward, Stanley Consultants
Pat Gillespie

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Robert Fryling; At Large Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals; Term to Expire 6/30/2024

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT FRYLING AT LARGE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2024. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Mary Alicia Gonzales Business Member of the N Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors; Term to Expire 6/30/2025

Ms. Gonzales briefly spoke about her business location in the City. Council Member Garza Hussain acknowledged her offer to serve on the Board. Ms. Gonzales then acknowledged the Committee for their time, and spoke briefly on her time as volunteering in the past on other agencies in the City.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY ALICIA GONZALES; BUSINESS MEMBER OF THE N. GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2025. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Jo Sinha; Business Member of the N Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors; Term to Expire 6/30/2026

Ms. Sinha spoke briefly on her career and her role in the N Grand River corridor as the CEO of Peckham, where she has been employed for 20+ years. Ms. Sinha spoke in support of more investment in the N Grand River Corridor. Council Member Garza asked if she would advocate for sidewalks and crosswalks and make it more walkable and Ms. Sinha concurred, noting Peckham has an apartment in the area and short term home advocacy so they are aware of how there needs to be walkability resources.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JO SINHA; BUSINESS MEMBER OF THE N. GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – SLU-2-2021; Special Land Use Permit; 5411 Wise Road; LBWL Electrical Power Substation in the R-2 Suburban Detached Residential Zoning District

Council Member Spitzley asked if there was any feedback on the project. Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Ward noted they have had inquiries on the current walking paths, and they will be maintaining those paths and landscaping for privacy. Council Member Jackson asked for confirmation if this was a new facility for the gas plant, and Mr. Cunningham confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SLU-2-2021 FOR 5411 WISE ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Setting a Public Hearing; ACT-8-2021; Real Estate Purchase Agreement; GG Acquisitions LLC for Parking Lot #50 at SW Corner of Pere Marquette Dr. and Shiawassee St.

Mr. McGrain briefly spoke on the location of the parking lot off Shiawassee, which contains 40 parking spaces and projected not to be utilized in the future due to pandemic. It was noted the Gillespie Group has approached the City over the years to purchase, and the City has agreed via the Mayor to sell. The proposal is to sell and transfer the property.

Council Member Spitzley asked if this was part of the surplus property mentioned to Council in the past, and Mr. McGrain confirmed that they have been looking at City inventory of parking lots, parks, cemeteries, and had open discussions. In addition, EDP will be doing a parking study in downtown to look at street parking and parking lots.

Mr. Gillespe presented a map of the area highlighting their past projects, current and planned. He spoke briefly on the property they own around this parking lot and their intentions of utilizing current and former building sites for new corporate offices and parking.

Council Member Jackson asked if they had plans to incorporate public restrooms on the property, and it was confirmed they did not.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ACT-8-2021; REAL ESTATE PURCHASE FOR PARKING LOT #50 AT THE SW CORNER OF PERE MARQUETTE AND SHIAWASSEE ST. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The applicants were asked to present at the April 11, 2022 Council meeting to present on the project; the night of the public hearing.

Other

No other topics to discuss at this time.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on April 13, 2022