

AGENDA

Committee on Public Safety AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2022 AT 4:00 PM



Lansing City Hall, City Council Conference Room
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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Council Member Wood, Chairperson
Council Member Daniels, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Brown, Member

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - A. February 10, 2022
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of amending Chapter 696, Section 696.07, to provide requirements for owners of firearms to report the theft thereof and provide penalties for failure to make a report
 - C. UPDATE - OCA, Snow Emergency Plowing for City
 - D. UPDATE - Chief Sosebee; Statistic Information on violent crimes, gun violence
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**

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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

MINUTES

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Council Member Wood introduced:

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of amending CHAPTER 696, SECTION 696.07, to provide requirements for owners of firearms to report the theft thereof and provide penalties for failure to make a report.

The Ordinance is referred to the Committee on Public Safety

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING BY CITY COUNCIL

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for March 14, 2022 at 7 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of amending CHAPTER 696, SECTION 696.07, to provide requirements for owners of firearms to report the theft thereof and provide penalties for failure to make a report.

Interested Persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending CHAPTER 696, SECTION 696.07, to provide requirements for owners of firearms to report the theft thereof and provide penalties for failure to make a report.

The City of Lansing ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 696, Section 696.07, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

696.07. Reporting Stolen Firearms

(a) In the event a firearm is stolen, the owner thereof upon discovery of the theft shall within 5 days of the discovery report the theft to the Lansing Police Department and provide a description of the firearm, including the serial number if any, and any other known identifying information.

(b) Any person who fails to report the theft a firearm, as required under Section (a) is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions are repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council and pursuant to Section 3-307, of the City Charter, this Chapter shall expire December 31, 2030.

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Dated: _____

Boak, Sherrie

From: Katie O'Sullivan See <katieosullivansee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:35 PM
To: City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Schor's ordinance requiring firearm owners to report theft of firearms

Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing in support of Mayor Schor's proposed ordinance requiring firearm owners to report theft of firearms. We too, hope that this ordinance will reduce the number of stolen weapons in the city and the escalating gun violence that we have faced. We hope, as well, that this ordinance will promote safe storage of firearms. Studies show that those who do not practice safe storage are most vulnerable to the theft of their firearms.

I would also encourage the city to consider more extensive efforts to encourage safe storage of firearms, because this can prevent unintentional shootings, gun suicides, as well as gun thefts. The Greater Lansing Area Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense has an educational program called Be Smart 4 Kids which focuses on safe storage and behaviors that promote gun safety. We can speak to any community group or organization, as well as to parent and school groups. We would be happy to give a presentation to the Committee on Public Safety to familiarize you with our initiatives to reduce gun violence in our community.

Sincerely yours,

Katie O'Sullivan See

Local Group Lead
Greater Lansing Area Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense

*Submitted
@ mtg*

Boak, Sherrie

From: Rina Risper <tnpcan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:01 AM
To: City Council
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Mayor Andy Schor Introduces Stolen Firearm Reporting Ordinance

Dear Councilmembers,

I writing you to ask you to support Mayor Schor's Stolen Firearm Reporting Ordinance. It is important that the City is also able to ascertain where some of the guns are coming from.

I was speaking to a teenager and he told me that shooters don't have to buy guns. He further went on to say that guns can be stolen out of vehicles especially in employee parking lots that are not secure and have a large number of vehicles.

It is important that we are able to document this information so that law enforcement can also work with businesses to make sure that firearms are safe while their employees are working.

In regard to reporting, I am sure that the citizens of Lansing are appreciative of Mayor Schor having spoken to state legislators about also adding lost guns to the Michigan law requiring reporting of stolen guns. Please make sure that the community is being advised of the updates. Firearm crimes are increasing and knowledge is power.

There also needs to be more gun safety education especially for our young residents and the need for individuals to be aware of SCRAM and areas that have substantial thefts.

The City needs to also collaborate with the Lansing School District to employ firearms safety. This information should be shared with organizations and the community at large. Someone may see something that they may think is benign but it is not.

Together we can change the trajectory of gun-related crimes in our community. If you need any additional information, please contact me at 517-282-3961.

Cordially,

Rina Risper

The New Citizens Press Community Action Network (TNCPCAN)
503 W Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906

Submitted @ mtg.