



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, April 7, 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 4:02pm

PRESENT

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Brian Daniels, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Mary Bowen, OCA
Jeromy Churchill, LPD
Dan Komm, LFD
Kyle Kaminski, Lansing City Pulse

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES MARCH 17, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION – LPD update on 1428 New York Avenue

Lt. Churchill recapped that LPD had five calls to the address from 11/3/2021, two in November 2021 and three in March of 2022, all were security checks with only one run in with a person. He added that officers were out on both March 29th and 30th and there were no signs of activity, no footprints in the snow. Councilmember Wood asked if the property was secure as there are concerns from the neighbors. Lt. Churchill responded that the board from the door was removed, and Code was called, a broom was holding the door closed from the inside and couldn't open. Councilmember Daniels added that he's received emails that people are coming and going from the property, Councilmember recommended to Councilmember Daniels to ask for details on times/days to pass onto LPD. Lt. Churchill replied most calls are on the weekends and gave the Committee is phone number and email.

DISCUSSION – Fire Mutual Aid with Dan Komm

Councilmember Wood introduce Mr. Komm who is with the IAFF local 421 and asked him to explain the mutual aid agreement where it is to assist other communities with call responses. Mr. Komm explained there is mutual aid and automatic aid, LFD has an automatic aid agreement with Delhi Township and cover part of the city from I-96 to Willoughby to Aurelius to Washington and automatically respond to calls in those areas, and pick up from Bishop and M-99, Jolly by Pinetree. He continued that they have a mutual aid agreement with

East Lansing during football games on Saturday's when EL cannot answer calls. There is a big issue with lack of personnel and a shortage of paramedics and EMTs. Mercy cannot respond to Clinton County, so we are going farther and into DeWitt to assist them, they are short people too, we get the call because we typically have five ambulances ready to go and added that he doesn't know the answer, but something needs to be done. Councilmember Daniels asked what that something look like, and Mr. Komm stated he did not have an answer but getting our own recruitment and people involved in licensing. Councilmember Wood asked if he had numbers available, Mr. Komm responded since January 2020 they had 610 aid calls outside of the City for help, 120 calls came in with 111 ambulance calls, 215 into Delhi Twp and 101 into Clinton County.

Councilmember Wood explained to the Committee that Lansing taxpayers is paying a Public Safety millage for LFD/LPD and our trucks and ambulances are going on outside runs into Clinton County and their residents are not paying for it. Mr. Komm added that he sees it becoming a bigger problem and last year they did 25,000 runs. Councilmember Wood inquired on how many paramedics/EMS they have, Mr. Komm responded they have 9 positions open with 111 applicants so should fill but added that other municipalities have the same issue and said they have to figure out how to cover with contracting out or just keep doing what we're doing. Councilmember Daniels asked if it was possible to recoup some of the cost from other counties, Mr. Komm responded they get some but not all the cost.

Councilmember Wood gave an example if there is a multiple shooting or serious car accident, and the city's ambulances are in another county assisting it takes away from what the residents are paying for. Mr. Komm added that they go to help and there is a trade off but there seems to be a dependency that will create a problem, if the city wants more runs, they need more people. Councilmember Wood recommended to Councilmembers Brown and Daniels if they have not done a ride-along with LFD she highly suggests doing so, both agreed, and Mr. Komm said he would give them his card at the end of the meeting. Councilmember Wood also commented that this is a good time to have this discussion with the budget process, and it just need to be brought to light with discussions with the Mayor and administration, so the city isn't in a dilemma in a couple years. Mr. Komm mentioned Senator Hertel was part of a Bill regarding EMS licensing.

Councilmember Wood asked law to if they could see what mutual agreements the city has, and also asked Ms. Richmond to research for the Hertel bill, both Ms. Bowen and Ms. Richmond confirmed.

OTHER

Councilmember Wood asked Ms. Bowen about the ordinance Amanda O'Boyle is working on about the trash ordinance in regard to page 6 lines 9-10, it states, "the appeal must be received not more than 3 days after the compliance date ordered as set forth in the notice", please clarify as it makes no sense to file an appeal within 3 days of a compliance date wouldn't it be once you've received the bill. Ms. Bowen asked for verification on what Councilmember Wood is asking for, Councilmember Wood restated in the ordinance it stated compliance date which could be 7 days to take care of trash, but you have 3 days to appeal, what the notice, date? Councilmember Wood continued she thought the appeal process is once someone's received their bill. Ms. Bowen confirmed she will follow up with Ms. O'Boyle and report back.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:33pm
submitted by Renee Richmond,
Administrative Assistant, Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee on May 5, 2022