



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, July 21, 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 4:00pm

PRESENT

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair

Council Member Brian Daniels, Vice Chair

Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Member – ARRIVED AT 4:02PM

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff

Lisa Hagen, OCA

Mary Bowen, OCA

Scott Sanford, Code Compliance

Aaron Bayliss, Attorney for 5019 Pleasant Grove Rd

Mark Burger, Fire Marshal

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DANIELS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES JULY 11, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Councilmember Brown arrived at 4:02pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Councilmember Wood indicated the owner for item C is delayed therefore moving this to the end of the agenda.

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1224 Dakin Street

Mr. Sanford stated as of today no permits or action on the property, an inspection on 5/24/2022 was non-compliant, taxes and outside assessments are outstanding, his office recommends MSD 60 days. Councilmember Daniels asked how long the property has been vacant, Mr. Sanford responded, Mr. Pierce recently passed in 2022.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DANIELS TO APPROVE THE ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1224 DAKIN STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 5019 Pleasant Grove Road

Mr. Sanford stated the SEV is at \$39,600 and estimated repairs are \$79,170, no permits have been pulled, \$7,920 in taxes owed and \$3,152 outside of taxes, they recommend MSD 60 days.

Mr. Bayliss apologized his firm was just made aware of this situation and are currently investigating and asking what next steps will be required. Councilmember Wood informed Mr. Bayliss on the three criteria required to stop an MSD, 1) pull the proper permits, 2) demonstrate the financial ability, and 3) provide a timeline approved by Code so they can verify progress. Continuing, she suggested Mr. Bayliss speak with Mr. Sanford and by Monday, July 25th but if he could not by that date then it will go before Council, and he would have 60 days from then and it would have to be 50% of the assessed value to stop the demo.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5019 PLEASANT GROVE ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Sanford concluded that all contractors must be licensed.

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 3025 Maloney Street

Mr. Sanford informed the committee that the SEV is \$52,500 and estimated repairs is \$89,000, and there have been no permits or action, they've done two board ups, with \$23,783 due outside of the taxes, they recommend MSD 60 days.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DANIELS TO APPROVE THE ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3025 MALONEY STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Quarterly Reporting on Chapter 1460, Section 1; Violation Notices and Compliance Orders

Ms. Hagen stated she was asked by the Committee in the last meeting to prepare a resolution asking for a quarterly report on the appeals for the grass/weed appeals to Code. She continued that the resolution would allow this, and the report will include, but not limited to, total number of appeals and extensions.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR QUARTERLY REPORTING ON CHAPTER 1460, SECTION 1; VIOLATION NOTICES AND COMPLIANCE ORDERS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Amend the Recreational Fire Burning Permit timeframes

Councilmember Wood stated the Ordinance does not have time listed, this is set by LFD and a request came to committee to look at and amend the times if possible and indicated to Mr. Burger this is his to take to his administration and change. Mr. Burger confirmed and handed out a two page graph showing the number of unauthorized burnings YTD, since 2019, they obviously peak in the summer. He also referenced the second page that outlined the time of day of volume of calls but does not believe that increasing the burning time will increase call volume by much. Councilmember Wood asked if this has been discussed with Chief Sturdivant, and if so, what time changes are being looked at. Mr. Burger confirmed and stated Mon-Thurs 8a-10p and weekends (including Friday) 8a-12midnight. He continued it's been discussed for next season which may increase the permit cost. Councilmember Wood suggested they work with OCA because the permit cannot exceed the cost of the service, a study may be needed. Ms. Hagen stated the permit fee is set by Council, and

Councilmember Wood confirmed and said it's part of the budget so asked for a reminder for LFD to bring to the committee next year in February to have it effective April 1st.

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 5017 Hughes Road

Councilmember Wood explained that the owner was at the Council meeting on the 11th for the show cause hearing but did not wish to speak in public and asked to be invited to the committee meeting. He phoned earlier and his flight was delayed. Mr. Sanford stated he is an investor that bought it site unseen, no permits or action done, owes \$3,866 outside of taxes. He continued that it was red tagged in 2016 and purchased as a tagged, they recommend MSD 60 days. Councilmember Brown asked if it has ever been untagged, Mr. Sanford responded no. Councilmember Wood asked law if they see any issue with the committee proceeding. Ms. Hagen responded everything was noted and posted properly so it is appropriate for committee to take action if they desire.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DANIELS TO APPROVE THE ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5017 HUGHES ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

Councilmember Daniels asked if 927 S Washington is an MSD, an investor reached out to him that REO Town is turning around, and this property is hurting the value. Councilmember Wood asked Mr. Sanford if he knew the owner, that sometimes they can reach out and ask questions and maybe have them to a future meeting, Mr. Sanford responded he did not know the owner.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:40pm
submitted by Renee Richmond,
Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee on August 18, 2022