



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, September 15, 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 4:01pm

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Mary Bowen, OCA
Amany Rishmawi, OCA
Matthew Staples, OCA
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing in consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 2026 West Jolly Road

Mr. Sanford explained this is a single family home with an SEV of \$16,700, estimated repairs at \$31,542, there have been no permits pulled and the owner lives in Washington State, no taxes have been paid since Summer 2021. He continued that Code has been out 4 times to mow, this is not a fire damage property so MSD 60 days. Councilmember Brown asked since the owner lives in another state can he give to the city and not get fees, Mr. Sanford responded he could, but they do not take properties, there is no way for the city to repair. Mr. Sanford continued that there are a lot of out of state property owners/investors, that Lansing is a hot spot and people buy and keep for 3-4 years then sell. Councilmember Brown asked if the taxes never get paid, Councilmember Wood responded it stays with the property and if it goes into foreclosure, it is a blemish on their record. Mr. Sanford added that the if it isn't demolished and sit's for 3 years it goes to the county.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DANIELS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET SHOW CAUSE HEARING IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2026 W JOLLY ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Councilmember Wood informed Mr. Sanford this will go to Council on 9/26 for a hearing on 10/10.

DISCUSSION – Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Priorities

Councilmember Wood explained that part of last year money was set aside for traffic wagons and Andy Kilpatrick responded in an email that LPD manages the speed trailers but believes they have a sufficient amount. Mr. Kilpatrick also stated his department no longer purchases or installs the temporary speed humps since the cost is about the same as permanent ones. Councilmember Daniel agreed he is up to keeping the portable speed bumps if they aren't already purchased. Councilmember Wood said they do make a difference in neighborhoods when there is construction and need to slow/divert traffic. Councilmember Wood informed the committee that Ms. Richmond reached out to Chief Sturdivant and he was not aware of the apprenticeship for LFD, but that it could be called something different. Councilmember Daniels asked in past history what has been effective for budget priorities, Councilmember Wood said it's been discussed to add Code people. She continued that they are far behind on houses, so maybe a mechanism in terms of moving inspections in a timely basis. Councilmember Daniels asked if there was a possibility of increasing the investigations of unregistered rentals. Councilmember Wood responded that right now policy is to wait until a property is rented before an inspection is required, but once someone advertises for rent, they need to make sure the certificate is in order. Councilmember Brown stated he was good with the budget priorities and agreed with the Committee on the code certificates. Councilmember Wood reiterated the three priorities of Code Compliance staff relating to Code violations tracking and follow-up, Portable Speed Bumps, and LFD apprenticeship/intern programs.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:22pm

submitted by Renee Richmond,

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on October 10, 2022