



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, October 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 4:00pm

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
Amany Rishmawi, OCA
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Jane DiSessa, Deputy Mayor – arrived at 4:12

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 3422 Lowcroft Avenue

Mr. Sanford stated this is a fire damage property was before the Demo Board on 6/23/2022 and ordered demolished on 7/23/2022, and the show cause hearing was 9/26/2022. He continued that there has been zero money by building safety, no taxes paid since 2016, both building and electrical permits expired, no contact with real estate company, Code recommends MSD 30 days.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DANIELS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3422 LOWCROFT AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Councilmember Wood asked Mr. Sandford if he knew the timing for BWL to do what they need, Mr. Sanford responded as far as he is aware they are 6-8 weeks out. Councilmember Daniels inquired why and Councilmember Wood stated if the MSD is 30 days but they are 6-8 weeks then you are looking at 60-90 days, then winter and could go longer.

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

Councilmember Wood explained to the Committee that this was missed for the Council Agenda on 9/26/2022, so we needed to meet again to reset the show cause hearing. Councilmember Wood asked Mr. Sanford if there was any change to this property. Mr. Sanford responded they had to mow again 1-2 times.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DANIELS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET A 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

OTHER

Autumn Ridge

Councilmember Wood asked for an update on Autumn Ridge from Ms. Hagen-Lawrence and Mr. Sanford. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated the Judge dismissed the Federal Case, but the State Case is still on-going. Councilmember Wood stated that Council is getting emails and pictures about trash, and asked Mr. Sanford if they've received any. Mr. Sanford confirmed and that his office is trying to schedule inspections and he is currently clearing for two inspectors to go. Councilmember Wood continued that rents are being threatened to be raised on those currently there, it was asked in the Ad Hoc Housing Committee to have a meeting away from there and maybe have MSU Law there for options, can that be done. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence believes the Housing Ombudsman would be more equipped for that meeting. Councilmember Wood understands the legal case but tenants don't have the resources to move out and typically need first/last month's rent, Ms. Hagen-Lawrence agreed, and stated that OCA cannot provide that advice and in the past MSU has not wanted to participate. Councilmember Wood asked his law could have a discussion with the Housing Ombudsman and see if he has the knowledge to participate, if not how do we get him the support and knowledge needed to answer questions. Councilmember Daniels asked if MSU is not receptive can they get outside counsel. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence said if a constituent is asking you can refer them but OCA cannot give advice.

1300 Otto

Councilmember Daniels indicated that the owner Christian had people cleaning and were there after 5pm when not supposed to, but he had contacted LPD to let them know.

Riverfront Apartments

Councilmember Brown indicated he's received multiple complaints from tenants about the homeless camping behind the building and having campfires. Councilmember Wood said she would coordinate with Ms. Richmond to have LPD come to a meeting to get an update as it is an ongoing issue.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:14pm

submitted by Renee Richmond,

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on October 20, 2022