



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Tuesday, October 4, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Daniels called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Spitzley, Chair - EXCUSED
Council Member Daniels, Vice-Chair
Council Member Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Brian Jackson, Deputy City Clerk
Robert Doran-Brockway, Old Town Association
Ben Dowd, Old Town Association
Tracy Shell, Parking
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Brian McGrain, Economic Development Planning
Colby Stock, OCA
Ms. Pingston, Greater Lansing Business Bureau

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Boak referenced an email from Mr. Doran-Brockway which included 12 letters from Old Town Businesses on their concerns with parking. Letters were from:

Cindy Enger
Beth Herendeen
Nikki Good
Kirby Preuss
Kathy Holcomb
Lindsey King
Summer Shriner
Teisha King
Casey Sorrow

Jen Hinze
Kevin Liuzzo
Kyle Malone

Letters and email from Mr. Doran-Brockway was placed as part of the Committee packet.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Introduction and Setting Public Hearing in consideration of an Ordinance to repeal licensing requirements for massage therapists

Mr. Jackson stated the City Clerk proposed ordinances on licenses for OCA to review that they thought were duplicates from the State. He noted that the State already requires licensing, therefore this would be a duplicate for the City Clerk.

Council Member Hussain asked OCA about enforcement if there are no local ordinances. Mr. Smiertka stated it would be health department and state enforcement. Council Member Hussain spoke on his concerns with businesses and immediate action if the City does not have an ordinance. Mr. Smiertka state these are pre-emptions.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 14, 2022 IN CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE THERAPISTS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Introduction and Setting Public Hearing in consideration of an Ordinance to repeal licensing requirements for wreckers

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 24, 2022 IN CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR WRECKERS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-07, 21-08, 21-09, 21-10, 21-11, 21-12, 21-13, 21-14, 22-03, and 22-04 to regulate parking in Old Town

Mr. McGrain and Ms. Shell summarized that this is standardizing locations in Old Town that were not consistent through out the area. There have been multiple meetings over the years with businesses and the Old Town Board. As these TCO were moving forward with the Public Service after the study, and it was a regret that when things moved to the City Council they did not reach out to OTCA.

Council Member Daniels noted it was pulled from Council 9/26/2022 because had heard from the OTCA they did not know it was coming at this time.

Ms. Shell stated that Mr. Gamble and Mr. Dowd worked together when the study was done to address parking in the lots, hourly parking, meters, etc.

Mr. Dowd noted there was a concern moving forward, it was a multi-phase plan, and they have already changed the time zones to be consistent and standardized. Then it lead to striping on Turner, and parking on the bridge. There was an understanding it was coming and was costly. Mr. Dowd confirmed that during the study the businesses on Turner Street during that time were aware. He acknowledged that it was an issue with communication since it occurred a couple years ago, and appreciated action so they could reach back out to the businesses in OTCA. Mr. Dowd briefly spoke on the communications on enforcement and parking capacity, and need to be acknowledged that things are still occurring.

Ms. Shell noted that when the pay stations were purchased all downtown merchants were invited and present, there were posters and postcards, key chains for easy options, coupons and what can be done to educate the businesses. This will also be done in the Old Town area.

Ms. Edgerly stated that during that public meeting, she felt the business owners were taken back because they felt that they were not asked for input. She then referenced the email from Mr. Doran-Brockway and his listed suggestions.

Mr. Doran-Brockway acknowledged the businesses knew this was coming, but he was not aware it was specifically going September 26, 2022. He continued voicing concerns on what he has heard about “predatory enforcement”. Mr. Doran-Brockway stated his recommendations from his email for consideration.

Mr. McGrain acknowledged the comments and public being an issue. He then added they will be doing a parking study in the future.

Council Member Hussain asked Mr. McGrain if there is an enforcement strategy. Mr. McGrain confirmed they have empathy training, communication training. At this time there are only 4 parking enforcement and they are attempting to get them in the neighborhood for fire hydrants, blocked driveways, etc. Mr. McGrain spoke on potential discussion points including time limits, critical spaces, delivery drops such as Jimmy Johns, Grub Hub, loading zones, etc.

Ms. Pingston spoke as a representative from the Business Bureau and issue they have seen with no meters so drivers think parking is free since they are not aware of the kiosk program. Ms. Pingston also noted they have a business ambassador to assist.

Council Member Daniels asked the public if they are okay with it moving forward. Mr. Doran-Brockway noted they are okay with moving forward, but want to continue discussions with Parking on the enforcement culture. Ms. Shell concurred it is important on training and education.

Council Member Daniels suggested bringing staff and the OTCA to back to a meeting to provide the progress.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-07, 21-08, 21-09, 21-10, 21-11, 21-12, 21-13, 21-14, 22-03, AND 22-04 TO REGULATE PARKING IN OLD TOWN. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Other

PENDING UPDATE — Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; LE&O Mansion LLC request for transfer ownership 2021 Resort Class C License issued under MCL 436.1531(2), and SDM licensed business with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for Class C License – Spirits and Mixed Spirit Drink and Dance-Entertainment Permit from Gus's LLC; Transfer location to 6810 Cedar St, Ste A, Lansing; transfer governmental unit under MCL 436.1531(1) from Lansing Township to Lansing City; New Sunday Sales Permit (AM); new Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDM License – Mixed Spirit Drink at 6810 S Cedar St Suite A, (RID #RQ-2111-19427) **Original Agenda 01/18/2022*

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; GG Holding Co., LLC request for transfer location of escrowed 2021 Class C licensed business from 501-503-505 E Shiawassee St, Lansing to 3131 E Michigan Avenue, Lansing; new SDM licensed issued under MCL 436.1533(5)(a), non-transferable, in conjunction; New Sunday Sales Permit (AM/PM) for Class C License – spirits and mixed spirit drink; conditional license, (RID #RQ-2205-04499) **Original Agenda 09/06/2022*

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Old Bag of Nails Pub – Lansing, LLC request for New SDM License issued Under MCL 436.1533(5)(a), Non-Transferable, In Conjunction; New Class C License Issued Under MCL 436.1521a(1)(A), Non-

Transferable, Redevelopment (RDA) License; New Sunday Sales Permit (AM/PM) For Class C License – Spirits And Mixed Spirit Drink, New Outdoor Services Area; New Dance-Entertainment Permit. (RID #RQ-2207-07177) **Original Agenda 09/06/2022*

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; BS Liquor Inc request for Conditional License; Transfer Ownership 2022 SDD & SDM License With Sunday Sales Permit (PM) For SDD License – Spirits And Sunday Sales Permit (PM) For SDM License – Mixed Spirit Drink From Love America, Inc.; New Sunday Sales Permit (AM) at 1701 W Willow St. (RID #RQ-2205-05286) **Original Agenda 09/20/2022*

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; The Comfort Zone Cigar Lounge & Bar LLC request for Transfer Ownership Escrowed 2022 Class C and SDM Licensed Business with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for Class C License – Spirits and Mixed Spirit Drink, Dance-Entertainment Permit, and Outdoor Service (1 area) from Leo's Outpost, Inc.; New Sunday Sales Permit (AM); New Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDM License – Mixed Spirit Drink at 600 S Pennsylvania Ave. (RID #RQ-2207-07920) **Original Agenda 09/20/2022*

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:04 pm

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 1, 2022