



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, November 3, 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 - excused
Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Amany Rishmawi, OCA
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Steve Swan, BWL
Calvin Jones, BWL
Kay Lancour, Consumers Energy
Brandon Taylor, Consumers Energy
Jessica Tramontana, Consumers Energy

MINUTES

Councilmember Wood passed the gavel to Councilmember Brown.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Councilmember Brown passed the gavel back to Councilmember Wood.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 2026 W Jolly Road

Mr. Sanford stated the demo board met on 6/23/2022 and gave a 60 day order. He continued that there has been no action or permits, this is not a fire damage home, and Code has been out about 11 times to mow the lawn since 2020. Mr. Sanford told the Committee that the home was purchased in April 2020 and the owner lives in Washington state. He added that \$4,945 is due outside of taxes, \$3441 owed for taxes and nothing has been paid since July 19, 2021. Mr. Sanford finished that the estimated repairs is \$31,542, the SEV is \$16,700 and they are recommending 60 day MSD. Councilmember Wood asked for confirmation that this is not a fire damage home, Mr. Sanford

confirmed. Councilmember Wood then asked that the resolution be corrected to state 60 days and not 30 days, Ms. Richmond confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2026 W JOLLY ROAD.
MOTION CARRIED 2-0

DISCUSSION – MSD processes; LBWL and Consumers Energy

Councilmember Wood welcomed the group and stated that part of Make Safe/Demolish process is to work with the utilities and make sure they are capped/disconnected to move forward. Continuing that many times like this property they have sat for some time and neighbors are anxious and the 60 days (or 30 days for fire damage) rolls around and it is 3-6 weeks before things are moving, the Committee wants to know if there is anything they can do to expedite the process.

Councilmember Brown asked if the attendees could introduce themselves, they did. Mr. Taylor from Consumers Energy handed out an outline of the process to the Committee. He explained in short when CE gets a request it goes through the request center with a turnaround time of 1-2 business days, then 1-5 business days to scope what works need to be done. Then Field/Design team goes out to the property to look and identify what is required, this can take from 2-6 weeks. Mr. Taylor explained that the next process for permits is the most time consuming depending on what is needed and the municipality, if they have to go to MDOT it can take up to 22 days, and Ingham county is 30-60 days. He finished that once permits are done, they are looking at 11 business days for scheduling and service. Ms. Lancour added that depending on the status of the home whether it is a life safety issue or it is ready to fall they have requested bypass and concurred that there are many steps and the permits are the biggest hurdle.

Councilmember Wood commented that most are our local jurisdictions, that MDOT and County are out of their hands, but maybe they should get with the Director of Public Service to see if there is anything that can be done to expedite permits.

Mr. Swan from BWL indicated once they receive the request it goes to their management system and turn around time is around 2 weeks for electric and water. Councilmember Wood asked Mr. Sanford what he is seeing once they sign off for a MSD, Mr. Sanford said after signing off it goes to building safety, BWL is no problem, but agreed that CE does have a longer process that is running 60-75 days.

Councilmember Wood asked Mr. Sanford if they are averaging one MSD a month, Mr. Sanford stated more like 2-3, they are currently concentrating on ones tagged 2005 or newer. Councilmember Wood asked Ms. Richmond to invite Mr. Kilpatrick to the next meeting on November 14th for a review of their permit process and look at getting it expedited faster.

Ms. Lancour added one concern is that some contractors go out and see the meter is off the building, but not knowing if it is capped or disconnected and they may hit a pipe thinking no gas because the meter is gone. Mr. Sanford added they do have some new contractors and they are probably not aware and his department will make sure to let them know. Ms. Lancour indicated she does free training to LFD and LPD and offered to train their department. Mr. Swan indicated that the key word "retire services" for BWL helps them navigate knowing it is a MSD, Mr. Taylor and Ms. Lancour concurred. Mr. Sanford said that once they issue a bid his department is out and it goes to building safety, he will pass that information to them via Ms. Puente his assistant and get it part of their packets. Ms. Lancour handed out her business card and stated she is happy to meet onsite if necessary.

Councilmember Brown asked about the Willow Facility, Ms. Tramontana said they are not building new facility until approximately 2024, the property needs clean up and they are working with the State for non-resident standards, and the developer to comply with environmental standards.

Councilmember Wood ended with thanking everyone and stating if they wanted to join the next meeting to get with Ms. Richmond.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:22pm

submitted by Renee Richmond,

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 17, 2022