



Minutes
Ad Hoc on Housing and Resident Safety
Friday, October 28, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spitzley called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Spitzley, Chair
Council Member Wood, Vice-Chair
Council Member Brown, Member – arrived at 8:34am

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Jim Smiertka, OCA
Norma Bauer
Belinda Fitzgerald

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2022. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Norma Bauer spoke on the future tasks and requested if Councilmembers can make suggestions to the Mayor for Appointment recommendations for the LHC Board, to have someone that speaks for the tenants. She spoke that the LHC budget is used for business uses like trucks, phones, maintenance but they don't respond to tenant needs.

Councilmember Brown arrived at 8:34am

Councilmember Spitzley asked if Ms. Bauer had someone in mind, Ms. Bauer responded she did not but the The People's Council might. Councilmember Wood indicated that yes, they can make suggestions but it is her understanding that on the LHC Board they do have to have someone that lives at their facility unless that person has moved out. Councilmember Spitzley stated she would follow up and at the LHC swag meeting she seen "Moose" and he is a fierce advocate always sending photos, videos and helping.

Councilmember Spitzley spoke to Ms. Bauer that she received her letter and asked to speak to her after the meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Committee Future Tasks

Councilmember Spitzley asked the Committee if they had suggestions/ideas going forward for this Committee as we only have a few more meetings left in the year. Councilmember Wood indicated that with the limited meetings left it isn't feasible to do an ordinance, but we can make a recommendation to refer some things discussed to the Committee on Public Safety. Councilmember Wood informed the Committee that this past Tuesday Council Leadership had a meeting with the Mayor and he stated he read the Committee report, continuing that the Committee could ask the Mayor or a designee to attend the next meeting on November 4th to report back on what departments he has assigned things to and a timeline of expectations. Councilmember Brown concurred with Councilmember Wood.

Councilmember Spitzley inquired about the 2.7 million received and the recommendations with CoC, it would be good to merge recommendations. Councilmember Spitzley asked law to remind the Committee on what was discussed previously on fee amounts. Mr. Smiertka indicated that the first offense is a civil infraction and it goes up each time. He continued that the first is \$500 or 90 days in jail, that is the top, and asked Ms. Hagen-Lawrence if it is a misdemeanor. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence said it can be if the tag is removed, and stated an option is to do a fee study to determine if the fee is adequate, Mr. Smiertka asked Ms. Hagen-Lawrence to look into it, she confirmed.

Councilmember Wood confirmed as Chair of the Committee on Public Safety that the next meeting is Thursday, November 3rd at 4:00pm and Councilmember Spitzley asked to get invited to that, Ms. Richmond confirmed. Councilmember Wood asked Ms. Richmond to reach out to the Mayor's office regarding an invite for the next Ad Hoc meeting on the 4th, Ms. Richmond confirmed.

Councilmember Spitzley finished that this Ad Hoc Committee is important and hopes that Council Leadership next year looks at this as an appropriate committee and make a recommendation to budget and looking at code enforcement we need to make sure they are consistent in applying the rules.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Submitted by,

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee November 18, 2022