



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, November 17, 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 4:02pm

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Amany Rishmawi, OCA
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Kay Lancour, Consumers Energy
Andy Kilpatrick, Director of Public Service

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION – Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 4580 Seaway Dr

Mr. Sanford stated this is an apartment building, a fire damage about 2 years ago on 5/07/2021. The center burnt out and the outside edges are collapsing. Estimated demo is between \$50,000-\$80,000, no money owed on taxes, the current owner was going to send an attorney and they never heard from them, no permits or action. Mr. Sanford continued the fire happened two owners ago, and are moving forward with demo, the property is in Eaton County and they are working with them, recommending MSD 30 days.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN 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 4580 SEAWAY DRIVE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 304 Regent St
Mr. Sanford indicated this is a single family home, fire damage, with no permits or action. Owners did not have insurance on the property, currently owe \$2,717 in Winter taxes for 202, outside owe \$4,750 and estimated repairs at \$45,000. Recommending MSD 30 days. Councilmember Wood asked Ms. Richmond to verify the Resolution states 30 days.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDERS TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 304 REGENT ST. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

DISCUSSION – Director of Public Service; Permit process for Make Safe & Demolish

Councilmember Wood stated she asked Mr. Kilpatrick and Ms. Lancour to join the meeting because they've heard there are delays with the cap off process and want to move it along timelier. Continuing when the MSD goes through the Demo Board, Hearings, Committee and Council meetings it's 30-60 days from the Resolution then another 60-80 for the process and neighbors get frustrated.

Mr. Kilpatrick stated generally permits for issuance is only a matter of days, sometimes CMS we get dozens at a time. He added that if they know it is high priority they could move it quicker, that they are not involved with permits from building safety. Ms. Lancour asked if he would like it separately and if having it somehow flagged priority or something would help, and he responded yes that would help with timely responses, and if needed within 7 days. Ms. Lancour confirmed she would relay this information and asked when it's on property it is taking more time, can that be sped up. Mr. Kilpatrick said he isn't certain what permits they need for private property, that is through building safety, but maybe they could look at a joint permit with both and submit one to the city. Ms. Lancour said they are willing to work with everyone on what they can do on their part to help the process move quicker. Mr. Kilpatrick said he would get with Scott on the recent ones and see timeframe from submittal forward. Councilmember Wood states as example on the MSD from this meeting it says 30 days because of fire damage but could be longer, Mr. Kilpatrick concurred. Ms. Lancour asked if once the meeting is done and demo process started can someone reach out to have shutoff started. Councilmember Wood indicated that due process with the state statute is the property owner had the 30-60 days to bring up to minimum safety standards, so if they pull permits you would have to turn back on, it is their property until it is demolished. Both Ms. Lancour and Mr. Kilpatrick discussed just turning off at the property line and not at the main, as it never fails that someone accidentally hits a line. Mr. Kilpatrick added it is a temporary disconnect but can be permanent, and Ms. Lancour said she would bring it up to her people and added again that verbiage is going to be key to state demo. Councilmember Wood finished with asking Ms. Lancour and Mr. Kilpatrick to work it out and follow up with Ms. Richmond in email or come back to a meeting so we have it for the record, both confirmed.

Ms. Richmond confirmed the Resolution for 304 Regent is 30 days.

OTHER

Councilmember Wood stated to Councilmember Brown the next schedule meeting is 12/01/2022, unless there is something he would like to discuss she suggests cancelling it. Councilmember Brown agreed.

Ms. Rishmawi stated she will check on the statute and get back to the Committee.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:26pm

submitted by Renee Richmond,

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on December 15, 2022