



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Monday, January 23, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Spadafore, Chair
Council Member Hussain, Vice-Chair
Council Member Kost, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Matt Staples, OCA
Hugh McNichol
Melissa Horste
Jonathan Lineberry
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Jim Smiertka, OCA

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO PLACE ON FILE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 6, 2022 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Hugh McNichol as the 2nd Ward member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

Mr. McNichol briefly outlined his MDOT planning experience, living in the City since 1983 and his strong interest in keeping Lansing a livable City.

Council Member Kost asked if he had time to dedicate to the board, and Mr. McNichol confirmed he is retired and will have no issues.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; HUGH MCNICHOL AS THE 2ND WARD MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Melissa Horste as an At-Large member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

Ms. Horste provided a brief introduction noting she moved back to the City in 2021 and prior to that worked for Senator Levin until he retired. During that time she was able to make connections in the neighborhoods and now wanted to expand on that. After that she moved to Syracuse for her masters and has working experience in Washington, D.C.

Council Member Kost introduced himself and asked if she would have time to dedicate to the board. Ms. Horste confirmed she then expanded on her work with groups and hopes to bring those experiences to the Board to address challenges in the community.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; MELISSA HORSTE AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Application for Non-Profit Recognition for Capital Area Blues Society

Council Member Spadafore first clarified that there were corrections and issues brought to his attention by OCA and turned the table to Ms. Hagen-Lawrence.

Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated the resolution cites MCL 432.103 (9) and should be 432.103a , and the By Laws are included by not signed.

Mr. Lineberry spoke briefly on the application and explained their non-profit roles and events that take place in Lansing.

Council Member Spadafore suggested moving out of Committee and tabling at Council tonight until the By Laws are addressed correctly. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated that OCA can not vet the By Laws until they are corrected and signed. Mr. Smiertka asked what is causing the statute to come in play, and Ms. Hagen-Lawrence it is the gaming portion of the MCL that was not noted correctly in the resolution.

Council Member Spadafore asked the corrected By Laws be sent to Council office. Mr. Smiertka asked for authority of the Board, and Mr. Lineberry confirmed he is VP, and Mr. Smiertka stated he could sign right now. Ms. Hagen- Lawrence stated that they have vetted the document, but need to confirm they are signed. With them being signed at the meeting today there would be no issue. Mr. Lineberry signed the document and provided to OCA.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE CORRECTED LANGUAGE OF 432.103a FOR NON-PROFIT RECOGNITION FOR CAPITAL AREA BLUES SOCIETY. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ORDINANCE – Ordinance to repeal licensing requirements for Wreckers

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE. MOTION APPROVED 3-0.

Mr. Swope provided detail from the past when there was a discussion on State licensure of this being sufficient enough to block the City from regulating since it is fully regulated by the State. It was never taken off the books, and this is just the process to remove from the ordinances. It was tabled at the last Committee meeting due to some concerns with LPD but the packet reflects they are okay with it being removed from the table and action being taken to repeal.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO REPEAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR WRECKERS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No other topics at this time.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:49 pm

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 13, 2023