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Committee on Development and Planning
Wednesday, February 1, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER
Council Member Spitzley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT
Council Member Spitzley, Chair
Council Member Brown, Vice-Chair
Council Member Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT
Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Karl Dorshimer, EDC
Charles Carrillo
Sandra Lupien
Barb Kimmel, EDP
Greg Venker, OCA
Nicholas Miller

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 18, 2023 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment
No public comment on this time.

Discussion/Action
RESOLUTION – Appointment; Chaz Carrillo; At Large Member; EDC/TIFA/Brownfield Authority; Term to Expire 2/28/2028
Council Member Spitzley referenced the application noting the section on why he was interested in serving which stated "Mayor asked me", and asked him why he was interested. Mr. Carrillo clarified he is interested in serving and has been for years, but wanted to make sure he had the time to serve before he made his commitment. He expanded that he has passion to serve on this because of his other experience with community development and community impact.

Council Member Garza asked if he would be willing to attend Ward meetings to speak about what this Authority is proposing, and he confirmed he would be interested.

Mr. Carrillo then provided information on a large project he is working on is on S. Waverly, in the 3700 block with TH Forsburg to redevelop. Council Member Spitzley spoke briefly on that area.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES CARRILLO; AT LARGE MEMBER OF THE EDC/TIFA/BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

<u>RESOLUTION – Appointment; Sandra Lupien, At Large Member; EDC/TIFA/Brownfield Authority; Term to Expire 2/28/2029</u>
Ms. Lupien spoke about her experience career in engineering and offering new ways for aesthetics. Currently she works at MSU in research, teaching and outreach.

Council Member Brown asked if she was from the City of Lansing area. Ms. Lupien stated she lived in Michigan most of her life, moved away, then moved back to spend the second half of her career.

Council Member Garza asked what her vision for the board was and if she would be willing to come to the Ward meetings and update the public. Ms. Lupien acknowledged her love for community engagement and her vision or goal for this authority would be to listen and understand the context, hear from the community and other entities.

Committee members spoke in support of the appointment.

Ms. Lupien acknowledged she also sits on the Sustainability Committee and it was confirmed with OCA she can serve on both boards.

Council Member Garza asked if she sees any conflict with her career and actions with the Authority, and Ms. Lupien confirmed she would recuse herself if there was a conflict.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA LUPIEN AS AN AT LARGE MEMBER TO THE EDC/TIFA/BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

<u>RESOLUTION – Appointment; Nicholas Miller; 3rd Ward Member-Planning Board; Term to Expire 6/30/2023</u>
Mr. Miller spoke briefly on his expectations by serving on the Board.

Council Member Garza asked if he has served on any planning boards in the past at which Mr. Miller stated he had not, but he does sit on his neighborhood association.

Council Member Garza asked Mr. Miller if he would attend the Ward meeting and he agreed he would, and also as asked in the earlier appointment if there was a conflict with her career and role on the Planning Board he would recuse himself.

Council Member Brown asked if he would attend other neighborhoods even though this is in the 3rd ward. Mr. Miller stated he would and noted he works all over the City of Lansing with his job where he helps seniors with their taxes.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS MILLER AS 3RD WARD MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Introduction and Set Public Hearing; Ordinance to rename the Planning Board to the Planning Commission
Council Member Spitzley asked the OCA why this ordinance was being proposed.

Mr. Venker stated a request was made by a member of the Planning Board to the 2022 Council President, and that Council Member asked the OCA to draft the ordinance.

Council Member Brown asked if Council needs to do it or they are being told they can do it. Mr. Venker confirmed they do not need to do it, but under ACT 233 of 2008, there is a sentence that notes no matter what the City calls it in their ordinance or charter, hereafter shall be called the Planning Commission. If the City never changed the name, it does not affect the legality of the actions; just a name change.

Council Member Spitzley asked OCA that if the state statue does say "commission" then what impact is that on the City. Mr. Venker confirmed the statue does call it "commission" however it is the same body as the "board" and nothing has changed. An analysis was done earlier to see if anything needed to be changed, and the answer then was no. The original proposal from the Planning Board member and the 2022 Council President was a resolution to call it a Planning Commission, but OCA looked at, it was cleaner as an ordinance because in the ordinance and charter references are adopted it would affect all the language in the ordinances.

Council Member Spitzley asked if there are costs to making these changes, and Mr. Venker stated no, and Ms. Boak added there would be a cost for publication of the public hearing notice.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 3/13/2023 ON THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO RENAME PLANNING BOARD TO PLANNING COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other
No other topics.

Adjourn
Adjourned at 4:28 p.m.
Submitted by Sherrie Boak
Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee on February 15, 2023