



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 3:30p.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
Traci Bergeon, Fox Land Holdings
Walter Allen, Code Compliance

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 23, 2023 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #1927, Fox Land Holdings LLC for \$5,118 in Trash Violation Fees at 1714 Olds Avenue

Mr. Allen outlined the claim for the property which was cited for trash and grass on 8/11/2022, at which point he confirmed they notified the owner at the time, which was the Ingham County Landbank. They sold May, 2022 but ownership was not recorded until 9/22/2022 to Fox Land Holdings, at which point when the City was made aware they sent the notice to the new owners. Per the pictures, Mr. Allen noted the property was out of compliance, and once the property was purchased the owner should have had the property cleaned. Mr. Allen concluded that they recommend denial.

Council Member Spadafore, noted the property was sold in May, 2022 and the violation was 8/11/2022.

Ms. Bergeon introduced herself as the maintenance manager at Fox Land Holdings, LLC and provided and appeal. She noted they were not notified by the Landbank and the City on the violation, and when she was made aware she immediately contacted the Landbank. The Landbank noted to her that they had notified the City, but the City still did not notify her as owner. Fox Land Holdings was not made aware of the violation until they got the \$5,118 invoice. When speaking to Cinnaire they stated to Fox Land Holdings that when they got the notice via Landbank on 8/15/2022 at which point they sent an email to Larry Connolly notifying the City of the new ownership. Ms. Bergeon was not provided a copy of the email from the Landbank.

Committee members did not have any questions.

Ms. Bergeon acknowledged the trash on the property, stating it was not their trash, and even today there are neighbors side street property that is encroaching on the property with trash and parking vehicles. She added that even after this violation and clean up she has been back on the property to clean up. She admitted that her employer bought the property sight unseen, and never told her to make sure the property was added to their maintenance schedule.

Council Member Spadafore noted it was still assessed for blight and trash, and was not halted by owner action, and within the City right to clean up in the timeline.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL; CLAIM #1927, FOR FOX LAND HOLDINGS LLC FOR \$5,118 IN TRASH VIOLATIONS FEES AT 1714 OLDS AVENUE.

Council Member Spadafore advised her to speak to the Landbank.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – CLAIM APPEAL; CLAIM #1914, HAMEED KATAWAZI FOR \$75 IN 2ND NOTICE FEES AT 1017 W. HILLSDALE STREET

Ms. Boak provided an email to Council Member Spadafore from the claimant to Ms. Richmond in the Council office stating they were not going to pursue the claim.

Council Member Spadafore stated the request would be pulled for any action or consideration.

Other

No other topics of discussion at this time.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:40 pm

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 27, 2023