



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Monday, June 12, 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
Walter Allen, Code Compliance
Jenafer Quenby
Jon Scott
Henry Green, R.E. Old Transportation Museum
Jackson Mills, Finance

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 22, 2023 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Jon Scott as an At-Large Member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2024

Mr. Scott outlined his residency in Lansing over the last two years, his involvement in his fraternity chapter, volunteer work, community outreach engaging the youth and serving in his community. Mr. Scott stated he was approached by Ms. Solis in the Detroit Mayor's office for being appointed to a Board, but also had experience in internships in the Mayor's office in the past and the government software company BS&A.

Council Member Hussain noted this board was not one of his choices and asked if he was still interested in this Board and Mr. Scott confirmed. Council Member Kost asked if he had the time to serve and he confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT; JON SCOTT AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR A TERM T EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUEST – R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, Car Capital Auto Show

Mr. stated this is an annual event and he outlined the event activities, and noted they do more expansive displays everything going on in the area on transportation but also what Lansing has to offer to its citizens in the national imprint in the City of Lansing. Mr. also noted it is the 75th year of NASCAR and that will be on display as well at the event.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUEST FOR R.E. OLDS TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, CAR CAPITAL AUTO SHOW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim 1951, Kings Property LLC for \$360 in grass fees at 2306 East Michigan Avenue

The claimant was not present for appeal.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL; CLAIM #1951, KINGS PROPERTY LLC FOR \$360 IN GRASS FEES AT 2306 EAST MICHIGAN AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #1958, Eulanda Wilson for \$7,190 in trash fees at 1017 N. Larch Street

The claimant was not present for appeal.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL; CLAIM #1958, EULANDA WILSON FOR \$7,190 IN TRASH FEES AT 1017 N. LARCH STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #1970, Jenafer Quenby for \$7,558 in trash fees at 3517 Pleasant Grove Road

Mr. Allen noted it was cited for trash on 9/14/2022 with compliance of 9/21/2022, officer returned on 9/22/2022 and multiple violations present. The contractor arrived on 9/28/202 and multiple violations were found and all violations were removed. The claimant came into the office and the staff explained she would need to change mailing addresses with assessing. There was a court agreement in November, 2019, that if property was in compliance in next 45 days it would be untagged, and property has been tagged since then. The owner did not provide access to property to remove tag, and house appears to be occupied.

Ms. Quenby stated she did not send notice to her, but her fathers ex-girlfriend and it was not provided to her. Ms. Quenby appealed on the damage of the fence, and she also appealed that she did not believe it was trash, but her belongings such as kid toys, swing set and a trampoline. She then stated she has asked about what the tag is for, but they have not provided information other than it was tagged for utility wires and now flat tires on a vehicle on the property. Ms. Quenby appealed that Code compliance is continuing to “terrorize” her.

Council Member Spadafore asked for clarification on where the notice was sent, and Ms. Quenby stated it was in Mason.

Council Member Hussain, the basis of the appeal is not the amount but what was removed and the notice, and asked Mr. Allen to speak to the items in the claim such as hot tub, grill, etc. and asked what kind of disrepair for removal. Mr. Allen stated it has to be in a condition of deterioration.

Council Member Kost asked if this is the first time the City has removed, and Ms. Quenby stated they have sent notices and she has removed, but they have been in her back yard. She then referenced the photos that depicted metal boxes, at which the former Code Manager, Scott Sanford stated to her they could stay there, and toys were kids toys in the boxes. Council Member Kost asked about previous complaints and removal.

Council Member Spadafore confirmed that there is no dispute that the work was done, and code enforcement performed what they could do.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL; CLAIM #1970, JENA FER QUENBY FOR \$7,558 IN TRASH FEES AT 3517 PLEASANT GROVE ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:49 pm

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on June 26, 2023