



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Monday, August 28, 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
Emily Linden, Internal Auditor
Matt Staples, OCA
Mitch Whisler, Dept. Public Service
Alec Malvetis, Dept. Public Service
Nicole McPherson, Dept. Public Service

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2023 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order 23-17; remove the traffic control signal and install all way stop signs at North Grand River Avenue and Willow Street

Mr. Whisler explained as part of the bridge and road construction project over 2021, this intersection signal required modernization if it were to remain. In the modernization review they did traffic counts in 2022, and that was significant in previous years and volumes have not come back up. The 2016 volumes did not meet any of the 8 traffic signal warrants, and therefore looked at volume if they removed the signal. Based on analysis did not meet major for a multi way stop, and side streets being more than 200 met for multi way. Concurrently, while doing the study a business in the area, during COVID there was an increase in their need. That required parking to be added that was removed years earlier during the bike lane installation. During the process the street was restriped with turn lanes to accommodate improvement of operations in a multi-way stop and allowing them to retain the bike lanes. Regarding historical

accidents, there was enough to meet warrant, and during the study there were zero accidents. At this time they are recommending removal and maintain the traffic pattern that was put in place.

Council Member Kost asked if they took into account a future development along the river. Mr. Whisler stated they take into account of potential. The volumes there are significantly lower than what would be needed.

Council Member Hussain asked if there is a signal there flashing, and Mr. Whisler stated the only thing that is not there is the push buttons. The signal currently there has been there for years. The volumes from 2022 were significantly lower than the 2016.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 23-17; REMOVE THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AND INSTALL ALL WAY STOP SIGNS AT NORTH GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND WILLOW STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Noise Special Permit; Leavitt and Starck Excavating, Inc. to conduct work as part of the CSO 015 South Project

Ms. Boak informed the committee that the resolution will needed to be updated with the second hearing date because it was not updated when signed off on by OCA.

Council Member Spadafore confirmed there was feed back at the hearings. Council Member Kost noted there was concern about the start time.

Public Service noted that a lot of the CSO projects do require the noise waiver based on the work that is needed, and that is why the department is recommending the waiver. It will be one construction season effecting each area.

Council Member Spadafore asked if they anticipate using every Saturday. He was informed one Saturday was used a couple weeks ago administratively. This project is anticipating more Saturdays, but will need a revised schedule from them.

Council Member Kost stated the last WHEREAS noted no substantive written or verbal comments, however there were. Council Member Spadafore recommended removing that WHEREAS.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR THE NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; LEAVITT AND STARCK EXCAVATING, INC. TO CONDUCT WORK AS PART OF THE CSO 015 SOUTH PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Malvetis noted the contractor needs as much time as possible.

RESOLUTION – Social District; add CP Lansing – Red Cedar LLC to the Red Cedar Social District

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SOCIAL DISTRICT; ADD CP LANSING – RED CEDAR LLC TO THE RED CEDAR SOCIAL DISTRICT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION – Board of Public Service Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THEM TO BE ADDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; Bonnie's Lansing LLC request for a Class C License, Specially Designated Merchant "SDM", a Sunday Sales (AM/PM), Entertainment, Outdoor Service, SDM Sunday Sales (PM) Permits at 637 E. Michigan Avenue

The applicant was not present, however the Committee reviewed the application.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE; BONNIE'S LANSING LLC REQUEST FOR A CLASS C LICENSE, SPECIALLY DESIGNATED MERCHANT "SDM", A SUNDAY SALES (AM/PM), ENTERTAINMENT, OUTDOOR SERVICE, SDM SUNDAY SALES (PM) PERMITS AT 637 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:45 pm

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on September 11, 2023