MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

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

PRESENT
Council Member Jackson, Chair
Council Member Hussain, Vice-Chair
Council Member Kost, Member

OTHERS PRESENT
Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Emily Linden, Internal Auditor
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Matt Staples, OCA
Walter Allen, Code Compliance Manager
Mark King, Gridiron Marketing Group, LLC
Julie Reinhardt, Macotta Club LLC
Alex Watkins, Lansing EDC
Marc Jones, Dept. of Public Service
Trevor Block, MDOT
Scott Cook, Dept. of Public Service

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action
RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #2017, Gridiron Marketing Group LLC for $900 in red tag fees at 831 N. Chestnut Street

Mr. Allen stated the property has been red tagged since 2008, Gridiron bought it in 2020, and has had over $1,000 in violations. Ms. Linden added that Claim Review along with Council and the Administration follow the no exception rule until all work is done with an inspection and up to code. Councilmember Jackson asked if anyone is living there and if someone is working on it why are we charging a fee, and Ms. Linden answered nobody is living in it, and it is the rule they follow for everyone. Councilmember Hussain asked Mr. Allen in regard to the NEAT team if the owner is doing work is there still monthly visits, Mr. Allen confirmed yes, the city still incurs a cost having to monitor and check on the property. He added that according to the ordinance if it is placard for more than 90 days, they are responsible for a monthly non-refundable fee and it has to be monitored. Councilmember Kost reminded the fee was discussed last year because it was being abused by some and it needs to stay consistent.

Mr. King introduced himself, Gridiron has bought several properties in 2020, originally this was a 3-unit property and then there was a zoning issue and it was changed to a 2-unit property. He added that this property is ready for inspection and has been waiting on the City. Councilmember Jackson what permits have been applied for, Mr. King answered tear-out, roof permit, they also submitted blueprints when it was a 3-unit and was told if they were showing work they wouldn't be charged and it hasn't been consistent and it is currently red tagged but again it has been ready since December for inspection, they now have a date of February 29th. Mr. Allen included they want to be consistent and follow the ordinance.

Councilmember Jackson asked the Committee if they would agree table the item until the next meeting March 6th after the inspection. Councilmember Hussain agreed but stated that the city did everything appropriate, this property has had trash, grass and other violations. The Committee concurred to bring it back on March 6, 2024.

<u>RESOLUTION – Liquor License; New Class C Development District or Area Liquor License, a request from Macotta Club, LLC at 300 S. Washington Square</u>

Mr. Watkins reviewed the request for a new DDA for the Macotta Club, and Ms. Reinhardt added it is located in the historical Knapps Building, it is 2,000 square feet. It will have breakfast, lunch, and dinner while open until midnight to help the downtown area. It will have food start-ups, and 6 restaurants topside. She added that the Macotta Club will be the umbrella for the license, the bar will be centrally located on the first floor and the restaurants surrounding. Councilmember Hussain asked if they had partners and is the program 24months, Ms. Reinhardt responded MEDC is their biggest partner and it is 36 months. Continuing they are looking to open the end of 2024 and will be open 7 days a week.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE; NEW CLASS C DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OR AREA LIQUOR LICENSE, A REQUEST FROM MACOTTA CLUB, LLC AT 300 S. WASHINGTON SQUARE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

<u>RESOLUTION – Setting a Public Hearing on Noise Special Permit; Hoffman Bros. Inc. to allow for Combined Sewer Overflow 016/017 Phase 2 Project</u>

Mr. Jones stated this is the 2nd Phase of the CSO project which in near Turner and North Street, and they intend to work most Saturdays (8:00am-4:30pm) as there is work at a railroad and they want to make sure they have appropriate time. Councilmember Jackson asked if notice is/was given to the neighborhood, Mr. Jones confirmed after this meeting they are sending out notices within a 500ft radius of the project and they are attending a neighborhood meeting at Gier on March 7th.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; HOFFMAN BROS. INC. TO ALLOW FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW 016/017 PHASE 2 PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Setting a Public Hearing on Noise Special Permit; Michigan Department of Transportation request to allow for work activities to take place on I-496/US-127

Mr. Block explained the construction will alternate from going South then North. There will be a certain amount of bridge work at Dunkel Road that they will do at night because of temperature and less traffic. He added it is easier to ask for 24/7 because specific days are unpredictable. Councilmember Jackson asked since the resolution is asking through 2025 can they go that far out, Ms. Hagen-Lawrence confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR WORK ACTIVITIES TO TAKE PLACE ON I-496/US-127. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Acceptance of the Transportation Asset Management Plan

Mr. Cook informed the Committee the City is required to submit the Asset Management Plan every 3 years, it evaluates key transportation areas like roads, bridges, and signs. It looks at what they've done and where they are going and the dollars it takes to get there.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN ACCEPTANCE OF THE TRANSPORATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:39pm
Submitted by Renee Richmond
Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council
Approved as Amended by the Committee on March 20, 2024