



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Michael Falk, Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc.
Scott Cook, Dept. Public Service
Walter Allen, Code Compliance Manager
Haideyvis Sardinas Ramirez
Michael Cole, Attorney for Forever Friendship Inc.
Wen Zhang
Yin Li

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 3, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Fireworks Display License; Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. at Oak Park on the 4th of July

Mr. Falk informed the Committee this is an annual request done for several years. Councilmember Jackson asked where Oak Park was, Councilmember Kost responded, Councilmember Jackson then noted how Council received complaints on fireworks and the affect pets.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE; PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS INC. AT OAK PARK ON THE 4TH OF JULY. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Fireworks Display License; Lansing Lugnuts & Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. at Jackson Field for multiple dates

Mr. Falk stated this is for multiple dates during the Lugnuts games and have done it for years. Councilmember Jackson asked about extra innings and goes until 10pm. Mr. Falk does not know, but other townships if it is after midnight they would not, but usually doesn't get dark until 10pm. Councilmember Hussain asked law if there are restrictions, Ms. Hagen-Lawrence noted the dates are listed and just weekends.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE; LANSING LUGNUTS & PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS INC. AT JACKSON FIELD FOR MULTIPLE DATES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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

Councilmember Jackson stated hearing was held on April 15th, and there was no public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION 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 – Noise Special Permit; Hoffman Brothers request to allow for the Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project

Mr. Cook informed the Committee that the hearing was held on April 15th, Councilmember Jackson stated one person spoke in favor.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; HOFFMAN BROTHERS REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR THE MICHIGAN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal; Claim #2038, Haideyvis Sardinias Ramirez for \$375 in trash fees at 1110 Bensch Street

Ms. Ramirez informed the Committee she bought the property in auction and has been cleaning and fixing it. The refrigerator was outside because it was being moved to another location. The home was broken into while she was cleaning it, she noted she didn't receive a prior notification for the violation. Councilmember Jackson asked if she was living at the property and received the mail, Ms. Ramirez responded no and that the refrigerator was in the back yard and in the photos, there were bicycles and they did not have bicycles at the property.

Mr. Allen noted the property was cited on 09/08/2023 with compliance due on 09/15/2023, the violation was still present on 09/20/2023 and the contractor went out the same day. Councilmember Jackson asked what address the notice was sent to, Mr. Allen responded a notice went to the owner of record at the time which was Treasury as well as the property itself. Councilmember Kost asked if there was a partial grant, and Ms. Hagen-Lawrence spoke on behalf of the Claims Review Committee that the notices were sent appropriately, but there were some missing pictures by the code officer so a portion was granted leaving a balance of \$375. Councilmember Kost then read the notes on the violation that the refrigerator was at the curb, but Ms. Ramirez stated it was taken from the back so doesn't add up.

Councilmember Kost made a motion to deny. Councilmember Hussain noted that when Ms. Ramirez decided to appeal the decision then the full amount of \$640 is what the amount is correct, Ms. Hagen-Lawrence confirmed. Councilmember Jackson reiterated Ms. Ramirez was offered a reduced amount of \$375 and asked if she wanted to accept that. Ms. Ramirez stated that she was appealing the amount.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL; CLAIM #2038, HAIDEYVIS SARDINAS RAMIREZ FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF \$640 IN TRASH FEES AT 1110 BENSCH STREET. MOTION CARRIED 2-1.

Ms. Ramirez asked what to expect for the next meeting, Councilmember Jackson explained the process of the appeal and one last chance to appeal at Council on May 6th. Councilmember Hussain explained she is not required to attend but it is her choice.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License Transfer; Forever Friendship, Inc. request for transfer of Class C Liquor License and SDM Permit from Tannin, LLC to Forever Friendship, Inc. at 727 E. Miller Road

Mr. Cole introduced the owner and the manager of King Ocean Crab and the request is to transfer from Tannin which was the old KFC on Michigan Avenue, the purchase agreement was done last fall from Tannin to Forever Friendship and was approved.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER; FOREVER FRIENDSHIP, INC. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE AND SDM PERMIT FROM TANNIN, LLC TO FOREVER FRIENDSHIP, INC. AT 727 E. MILLER ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Cole mentioned that the order from commission says approved, and all liquor licenses need to be reviewed by end of April. He asked if the city frowns upon if it's transferred prior to Council approve. Councilmember Jackson stated as far as the city is concerned this Committee has approved but it still has to go before Council.

Other

Council Member Jackson informed the Committee that the May 1st meeting is cancelled, the next meeting will be May 15th.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:30pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on May 15, 2024