



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Wednesday, July 3, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Charles Paul Calati Jr.
Alyssa Turcsak

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 5, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Jon Scott as At Large Member; Board of Public Service; Term Expire June 30, 2028

Council Member Hussain spoke briefly on the application in the packet, noting this member has filled a vacancy on the Board and this would be his first full term. Per the department he has great attendance and they supported the appointment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JON SCOTT AS THE AT LARGE MEMBER ON THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Tirstan Walters as At Large Member; Park Board; Term Expire June 30, 2028

Council Member Hussain spoke briefly on the application. Council Member Kost spoke in support of Mr. Walters role in the City.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TIRSTAN WALTERS AS THE AT LARGE MEMBER ON THE PARK BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Charles Paul Calati Jr. as At Large Member; Arts & Culture Commission; Term Expire June 30, 2028

Mr. Calati spoke briefly on his residency in the City, active role in the arts activities in Grand Rapids, and noted his interest in this Commission and address some of the existing art work in the City and on LCC campus, with the hopes to promoting the art.

Council Member Kost asked if he had any timing restraints to attend the Commission meetings, and Mr. Calati stated he does not have an issue.

Council Member Hussain noted the City website needs to be updated for their meeting schedule at this time.

Council Member Hussain referenced the application and experience with historical structures and economic development, and Mr. Calati confirmed to bring the City where it needs to be also includes art.

Council Member Kost asked the OCA if his work with the City Clerk on elections as paid election work is a conflict. Council Member Hussain asked OCA to look into that before the meeting on Monday.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES PAUL CALATI JR. AS THE AT LARGE MEMBER ON THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Alyssa Turcsak as At Large Member; Arts & Culture Commission; Term Expire June 30, 2028

Ms. Turcsak spoke briefly on her residency in Michigan since 2016, her involvement with East Lansing, participation in the Citizens Academy with the City, and after reviewing the list of vacancies this position was a point of interest for her. With her background in non-profit, she thought this would fall in line with her past experience in the arts and overseeing grants.

Council Member Kost spoke in support of the appointment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ALYSSA TURCSAK. AS THE AT LARGE MEMBER ON THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Special Assessment; Snow and Ice Removal Winter 2023-2024

Council Member Hussain noted that the hearing was held on June 24, 2024 and there were no public comments. He noted that there were only 14 address and from January for 5 days, and majority in Colonial Village, voicing his concern that it does not appear the City is doing a good job in enforcing the ordinance. He encouraged Council Member Kost to noted at Council for the Administration to come up with a new approach to address the concerns of sidewalks not getting shoveled.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2023-2024 WINTER SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:21pm

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on July 17, 2024