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Committee on Public Safety

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Council Member Ryan Kost, Chair

Council Member Trini Pehlivanoglu, Vice Chair

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA

Nick Montry, EDP

Joe Neller, SIMTOB

William Engelter, Emergency Management

Neil Wright

Bryce Elford, 911 Technician

Missy Harris, Ingham County 911

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHILIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 23, 2024 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Neller stated 2222 W Holmes is their last renovation project in the portfolio, and after final inspection last week they are working the plan to resolve within the next week and have occupancy in the next week or two.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION – Make Safe or Demolish; 1342 N Walnut

Mr. Montry explained that this property owner has owned since 2015, and red tagged in March 2014 and since then attempts for permits. There was an electrical in 2020 that got a partial approval. Other permits had plan review submitted in October 2020 which required revisions, owner notified and no other plans submitted. Based on that, the permits that were applied for were denied. Place in MSD process March 2023, and first hearing on May 23, 2024.

Mr. Wright as owner of the property, first apologized for the delay admitting it fell between the cracks at his end. There was work on the property and a lot of funds put into the property. What he has done to get into compliance, to not use asset or capital, but he has now secured contractors; electrical,

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plumbing, engineering, and a contractor to take care of the exterior. At this time he asked to move forward on the property, and offered photos of the repairs he has done on the fire damage repair.

Mr. Montry noted they are looking at property that was red tagged for a decade, and the department opinion is to move forward on make safe or demolish. No further action since permits were applied for, there has been no further action with the office of building safety.

Mr. Wright stated the contractor could not proceed with inspections, since the permits not going forward, but his contractors did the work. He confirmed he has current bids and believes he has responsible contractors.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked how the work was done without a permit, and Mr. Montry confirmed that if work was completed it was unpermitted.

Council Member Kost noted again it has been red tagged for a decade, and with the recommendation to move forward on the demolition, but even with capitol put into it, it has been lingering. There is a concern that if taking other action besides will continue in a circle.

Council Member Spadafore asked why no permits, Mr. Montry stated the plan review was submitted and there were revisions needed to move forward, and no revisions were submitted and that was in 2020.

Council Member Kost asked if the time frame is 21 or 30 days. Ms. Hagen -Lawrence stated 21 days, but if they want to keep at 30 they can.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 1342 N WALNUT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Lansing Siren Deployment Update

Council Member Kost noted the issue is that some people have not heard sirens in some area.

Mr. Engelter stated that since the first presentation in 2023, they have taken action to test individual sirens. They get reports on if everything goes off, weekly, if they are working as design. During State wide tornado drill they posted people by the sirens to verify what they believed was correct based on electronic reports. They have been tracking throughout. Mr. Engelter had Council staff play an audio of the testing at Cooper and Rundle, and also the decibel reading. Mr. Engelter then distributed a map of the current siren coverage. Realistically in the City the decibel is 60. Council Member Kost asked about adding more sirens and if they look at that for the future. Mr. Engelter stated they look at their mfg. sound plan, federal signal, and build the system. Now that been in a year, they are finding the pockets and will always evaluate and verify, and if needed will make appropriate steps to remediate. The ones on the State buildings are the State. Council Member Pehlivanoglu also noted a complaint on Baker near Cedar and once the signal goes in on S. Washington in the City new complex, it should take care of it. Mr. Engelter stated the sirens are outdoor warning signs and are meant to notify while you are outside. They encourage other devices in their phone, such as weather radios and RAVE.

OTHER

Economic Development & Planning Department Updates

Council Member Kost first spoke to Mr. Montry, noting he went to a violation for right of way issue, noting the complaint was sent to Public Service. Mr. Montry stated that anything in the right of way public service is enforcing, just the trash bins, because bins are public service. Council Member Kost asked about couches and trash in the right of way, and Mr. Montry stated that is Public Service. Mr. Montry stated that Public Service has enforcement in place to handle trash within the right of way. He did not want to speculate but with trash in a right of way, the EDP does not have the authority since it is not on private property. In the past Code might have, but recently told by Public Service they are

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handling trash in public right of way. Mr. Montry stated with grass, the ordinance states grass in front yard and so right of way, but trash ordinance not. Council Member Kost noted in this budget Council approved more money to EDP for trash in road, but not it appears Public Service. Mr. Montry stated he was informed that if Code witnesses trash in right of way then they should contact Public Service. Council Member Kost stated Council will have to speak to Public Service on their enforcement.

Regarding the enforcement list, a new list was given. Along with the MSD list dated 8/9/2024. It was noted on the enforcement list there are some enforcements on the list that should not be on there, and they are hoping to have more accurate data. Regarding the MSD list there are 16-17 that will be heard at the 8/22/2024 meeting.

ADJOURN

Adjourned 4:32 p.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

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Approved by the Committee on