



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, October 8, 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
Jordan Craig
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP
Hal King, Parking Mgr.
Joe Neller, SIMTOB

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Make Safe or Demolish; 1044 Ontario

Mr. Van Fossen summarized the updates from the permits, which a mechanical permit was applied for and ready to be issued, just need payment. The status of the project is still the same.

Mr. Craig referenced a mechanical permit from his contractor. Mr. Van Fossen stated it has not paid, and he could send a reminder. Mr. Craig referenced photos of the water heater installed and there is nothing he can do as the homeowner. Mr. Van Fossen stated they are liable for having a permit on site before work being performed. This permit was ready to issue in May. Mr. Craig noted the duct work on the violation list and the furnace inspection was performed as well. This removes two violations from the list. He referred to photos of siding, cracked window that were repaired and off the list. He is waiting on the electrical and installation of a handrail. Council Member Spadafore asked again which work required a permit, and it was confirmed all the mechanical was done without paying for a permit. Council Member Kost voiced his concern that work was done without a permit. Mr. Craig confirmed the contractor is Oasis Heating and Cooling and as the homeowner he cannot pull the permit. He stated this has all been done since the last Committee meeting, which is what the Committee asked for.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked Mr. Van Fossen to explain details on this situation. Mr. Van Fossen stated there is a fee/fine which can be assessed for enforcement of the contractor working on this without paying for the permit. If looking for a recommendation, asked Committee for time to get this paid and inspect to make sure it passed. Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked how long delayed it would be. Mr. Van Fossen stated the inspections time out is 3-4 days. Council Member Spadafore stated at the last meeting the Committee asked for progress and it appears there has been progress.

Council Member Kost asked what the demolition turn around if Make Safe. Mr. Van Fossen stated it would be required by law; 60-90 days; following bidding process, enter into agreement. Council Member Kost asked if that would be 5 months, and so if move forward today, there would be ample time to get this straightened out, if is made safe, then what. Mr. Van Fossen stated that if there are any other permits finalized and the red tag lifted. Council Member Kost, once the bid goes out, can it be pulled back. Mr. Van Fossen stated that he believes it cannot, and if the owner has not done anything they have to demo. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence, once hired and bid out demolition, that is it.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu concurred she could table until the next meeting.

Mr. Wright asked what can he do. Council Member Kost stated this has been red tagged since 2016, and did not see activity until this Make Safe process was started. With the grace period of two weeks, this will allow. Mr. Wright stated he bought it in 2019 and was never aware of the 2016 red tag because he did not know it then.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2024 FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND HOMEOWNER TO WORK WITH THE CONTRATOR TO GET THE PERMIT PAID AND INSPECTIONS PERFORMED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Joint Appointment; Ayanna Neal and Jacqueline Gallant to the Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term to expire September 17, 2027

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE JOINT APPOINTMENT OF AYANNA NEAL AND JACQUELINE GALLANT TO THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 17, 2027. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

Street Parking Enforcement – Office of the City Attorney (9/24/24)

Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated to the Committee that they have drafted an ordinance for vehicles on streets to have valid registration. This is going through the full office for review later this week, and that draft should come to Committee in the near future.

Council Member Kost stated this would address for those vehicles not registered. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated citations could be written by LPD or Parking, and Mr. King stated they do have the staff to enforce and have also been attempting to work on this since they have gotten complaints in the past. Ms. Hagen- Lawrence confirmed people can still park on the street, but this would speak to unregistered, non-valid, or expired registration.

Mr. Van Fossen asked Committee to work with OCA on this ordinance. Council Member Kost confirmed that should be done.

Red Tag Landlord Hotel Fee Update – Office of the City Attorney (8/15/24)

Council Member Kost this is to address recouping costs the city in cures

Ms. Hagen -Lawrence stated OCA received a request to get an ordinance to help displace people who are renting something that becomes red tag. There are some innovative ideas, not easy to write, and does take time to draft.

ADJOURN

Adjourned 4:22 p.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on October 22, 2024