



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:01pm

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Charles H. Randall, Internal Auditor
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Julie Vandenboom
Mark Clouse
Rawley VanFossen, ED&P
Nick Montry, ED&P
Mitch Whisler, Public Service Department

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2, 2024, AS PRESENTED.

Councilmember Kost asked about the difference between the original \$1762.50 and the \$1672.50 now. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence said it is taken from the original claim appeal that was \$1762.50 and does not require amending.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Julie Vandenboom as a City of Lansing Member of the Capital Area District Library for a term to expire April 15, 2028

Julie shared she is an avid library patron and wants to continue to represent the community, and not just focus on the book aspect but all that CADL does.

Councilmember Hussain noted the possibility of CADL moving and asked Ms. Vandenboom her thoughts. Ms. Vandenboom answered she is unsure that's accurate, sounded like they recognize it still needs to be downtown. Councilmember Kost appreciated her honesty and asked if she had time to go to meetings, she responded yes.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIE VANDENBOOM AS A CITY OF LANSING MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 15, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Mark Clouse; 4th Ward Member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2028

Mr. Clouse summarized his residency of 12 years. He has observed 2 meetings and would like to serve the community and feels he'd be an asset to the Board. Spoke on the utilities and road conditions are a common topic of concern. He has made sure his calendar is open for the meetings and the 4th Ward was vacant.

Councilmember Kost ask what his observations from the 2 meetings where on what he thought they were doing well and could do better. Mr. Clouse noted he was unfortunately late for the first meeting but observed appropriate conversations. The second was in September and he shared concerns in an effort to change the minutes from several months before, and noted he's unsure how that works for past meetings and is interested in learning that portion.

Councilmember Jackson acknowledged Mr. Clouse is an attorney for the Eyde Development and asked if he sees any conflict. Mr. Clouse responded if something were to come before the Board that was questionable, he would recuse himself.

Councilmember Hussain mention he was glad to see him active ahead of time and expressed that this is an impressive Board in the City and are the only Board to have a Charter driven process and provide budget priorities to the mayor and is encouraged that he's attended meetings already.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK CLOUSE AS THE 4TH WARD MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Jackson stated they would address item E next.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-58; Regulate parking along the 200 block of N. Grand Avenue

Mr. Whisler stated they received a request from the IT Department to add a loading/unloading zone, there is one space that potentially could be added for sight distance requirements. Adding based on the request they see no issue and recommend. Councilmember Kost asked if this will benefit IT and people paying parking tickets, Mr. Whisler answered there is already parking for paying tickets. Councilmember Hussain inquired about restriping, and Mr. Whisler responded they would have to add it.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-58; REGULATE PARKING ALONG THE 200 BLOCK OF N. GRAND AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Jackson informed the Committee the Claimant contacted the office and requested to reschedule to the next meeting. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence confirmed since it was tabled at the last meeting it must be un-tabled.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO UNTABLE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE CLAIM APPEAL #2059; IPLANGROUP FOR \$1672.50 IN RED TAG FEES AT 1504 LANSING AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #2059; IPLANGROUP for \$1672.50 in red tag fees at 1504 Lansing Avenue

Councilmember Jackson reiterated the claimants request to table so they could be in person, and the amount is a lot. Adding he believes they should have the opportunity to appeal.

Councilmember Kost asked since ED&P is there if they could speak to it. Mr. Montry indicated that without hearing or knowing what the claimant said it difficult to speak against. Councilmember Hussain stated it was indicated that they closed on the home summer 2023, it was red tagged back to 2021. They had been calling Mr. Coates repeated, along with the department and that was the only reason for the red tags and just needed the final inspection. Mr. Montry stated with that information they can now look into it. Mr. VanFossen answered the system doesn't record or track phone calls in BS&A and would have to reach out to the officer and mentioned both red tag and trash fees. Councilmember Hussain noted why it was confusing because of the two claims. Mr. VanFossen noted Claims Review offered a \$600 reduction, they refused, when that happens then it moves forward with the full amount. Councilmember Hussain stated that's why it was confusing because that was for the other claim. Councilmember Jackson reference they cleaned up the home, and Councilmember Kost added the home is on Zillow and looks nice inside. Mr. Montry noted they will have to verify all permits required were pulled and will be back and prepared for the next meeting.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE CLAIM APPEAL #2059; IPLANGROUP FOR \$1762 IN RED TAG FEES AT 1504 LANSING AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:20pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 6, 2024