



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, November 12, 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

Renee Richmond, Administrative Assistant
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Randy Watkins
Chief Backus, LPD
Joe Neller

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 22, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Patty Farhat; 3rd Ward Member; LPD Police Board of Commissioners; Term to Expire 6/30/2027

Councilmember Kost stated Ms. Farhat was unable to attend but spoke with her, she is staying with the Police Commissioners just switching spots. She is engaged and on board to service for a long time and has verified she has the time to serve.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PATTY FARHAT AS THE 3RD WARD MEMBER TO THE LPD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/27. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Randy Watkins; At Large Member LPD Commissioners; Term to Expire 6/30/2026

Mr. Watkins briefly summarized, he serves as Chair of Criminal Justice and Public Safety subcommittee of the DEI Board. Concerns on how departments are viewed and interactions with the community. Wants to make sure if there is a complaint it's against the correct department, uniforms look alike so difficult. He works with five police agencies and instructs LCC classes.

Councilmember Spadafore asked what five agencies he's worked with, Mr. Watkins answered State Police, East Lansing, Lansing Township, LCC and LPD. Councilmember Kost confirmed he is able to attend the meetings, Mr. Watkins confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF RANDY WATKINS AS AN AT LARGE MEMBER TO THE LPD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION- Residential Handicap Parking Signage

Councilmember Kost briefed the Committee that a resident called to complain that someone was parking in her handicap spot on the street. He noted that this is not a 'reserved' spot and anyone can park there and asked Chief Backus if he could speak on it.

Chief Backus noted when LPD review the person parking in the spot has a valid placard vehicle and it is not a reserved spot so that person is not in violation. Councilmember Kost added the sign was removed to because it was a temporary sign. Councilmember Spadafore clarified it was not her spot but just happened to be in front of her residence, Councilmember Kost confirmed. Councilmember Pehlivanoglu also clarified that she, the requestor, now understand not specific for her, Councilmember Kost confirmed.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu asked Chief Backus for future request what department would they refer to, Chief Backus noted he believes it would initially start with Public Service.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Adjourned 4:14p.m.

Submitted by

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

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Approved by the Committee on November 26, 2024