



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Charles Randall, Internal Auditor
Matt Staples, OCA
Glenn Lopez
Wesley Pandoff
Robert Hill
Deborah Mulcahey
Andy Kilpatrick, Director Public Service
Nicole McPherson, Public Service
Harry Kief, CDDM Corporation via Teams

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 6, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Glenn Lopez 1st Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board; term to expire June 30, 2025

Mr. Lopez stated he grew up on the northside, born and raised in Lansing and his whole family has always been involved in the city one way or another. He is looking forward to continuing to get Lansing to its best.

Councilmember Hussain noted his first choice was the Police Commissioners, so why HRCS. Mr. Lopez stated he received a call from Ms. Solis and thought he'd be a good addition to this and any board. Committee consensus was in support, and all noted they know Mr. Lopez.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF GLENN LOPEZ AS 1ST WARD MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD; TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Redevelopment Area Liquor License for Pandoff-Hill Corporation dba Lansing DuckPin at 3224 E. Michigan Avenue, Suite G

Mr. Pandoff explained that duckpin bowling is a 16-foot lane with no oil, the pins are on strings ball a skeet ball size is used. They will serve alcohol but no food and be part of the social district in Frandor.

Councilmember Jackson asked where it's located and about parking. Mr. Pandoff answered near the red cedar project and the hotel has some parking below but there is also some around the side.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PANDOFF-HILL CORPORATION DBA LANSING DUCKPIN AT 3224 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE G. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Westside CSO work

Ms. Mulcahey expressed concerns with constant chaos in the westside area and lack of communication. Trees have been removed and trimmed, there are massive size equipment down the neighborhood streets, and her water is not safe to use. She acknowledged tonight's Public Service Board meeting this evening and plans to attend to hear them address the issues.

Ms. Contreres also expressed the lack of oversight on who is incharge, decisions that may not be necessary, and seeing massive machines going through the neighborhoods. Adding the amount of traffic and speeding because of the construction in the area.

Mr. Kilpatrick addressed he is only aware of trees being removed that were diseased and dead in the middle, they don't dictate the size of equipment needed and the sewers can be deep so bigger may be necessary. They always do a walk through in the neighborhood and when streets are narrow they might need to do some trimming. They are looking at other options for better communication, as they are aware some don't use social media or have access to internet, and open to suggestions. As the water is concerned he isn't aware of issues but that would have to be addressed by BWL. Lastly, traffic is trickier, it can be difficult to get a study done, they can look at speeding issues and traffic calming, however there are other neighborhoods already in line, and they would need a request/study for this particular neighborhood.

Councilmember Jackson asked if they cut trees to fit the equipment, Mr. Kilpatrick indicated he only knows of trees dying or diseased being cut down. Ms. McPherson added they did a walk through looking at trees and some did need trimming to fit the equipment, removal is for trees to close to the sewer trench and those identified by forestry. Councilmember Jackson asked if additional trees are anticipated, Ms. McPherson answered they did identify a few more not on the initial list due to disease and forestry will do a second evaluation and walk through.

Councilmember Hussain asked if tree restoration is planned and what is the timeline of this project. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed a minimum of 1 to 1 but need to look at. AH – looking at more trees for restoration, it is a 4yr project but won't really know what 2026 will look like until after next year. Councilmember Hussain asked if it's a monetary decision on the communication aspect. Mr. Kilpatrick noted the issue is BSA is not up to date and if they do have a forward on mail, he believes it has to have name and not occupant/resident.

Councilmember Kost asked if EDP can provide, Mr. Kilpatrick believes it's the same information. Councilmember Kost mentions a traffic study over the summer on speeding down Michigan Avenue. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed they pulled counts but it's a major street and don't do calming measures and its secondary fire route.

Ms. Mulcahey again expressed concern with two trees that were taken down.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #2086, CDDM Corporation; 5910 S. Pennsylvania Avenue for \$629 in trash fees

Mr. Kief explained he's been the owner of the property for over 40 years, the property backs up to an apartment complex and they've been known to throw furniture over the fence. His manager noticed it and threw it back over, they do not have any couches at their property. Mr. Kief noted he never received any violation notice at his addresses, and that the amount owed is extremely high for one couch.

Councilmember Jackson stated there is an administration fee of \$265 and a minimum cost for removal. Mr. Montry confirmed the administration fee and the remainder was removal. Councilmember Jackson ask to hear from Claim Review, Mr. Randall noted the couch was on the property when notified and again when revisited. Councilmember Jackson asked about notification and if it is just the property or the property owner if address is different. Mr. Montry confirmed that the taxpayer of record was notified. Mr. Kief responded he didn't receive the violation notice but he always received tax information, so something didn't happen.

Councilmember Jackson passed the gavel to Councilmember Hussain.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OWED TO \$300 FOR THE CLAIM APPEAL #2086, CDDM CORPORATION; 5910 S. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. MOTION FAILED 1-2.

Councilmember Hussain passed the gavel to Councilmember Jackson.

Councilmember Kost noted the staff report states Crutcher as the contractor but the invoice is from Eric's Refuse so who did it and noted no photo at the time of the violation. Ms. Richmond verified not photo in the Laserfiche program.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO WAIVE THE ADMINISTRATION FEE OF \$265 FOR A TOTAL OWED OF \$364 FOR THE CLAIM APPEAL #2086, CDDM CORPORATION; 5910 S. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Hussain mentioned to Mr. Kief this does not happen often, suggesting maybe a higher fence or cameras.

Mr. Kief asked how he will be notified of the final decision, Ms. Richmond noted she sends a letter of the Council determination, and it will be sent to his Detroit address.

RESOLUTION – Introduction and Set a Public Hearing; Amending Chapter 206, Preference for Local Bidders

Councilmember Kost indicated he asked OCA to put this together, bidders come to Council and when they are an outside firm but using local subcontractors and don't get the opportunity to rebid or match. This lifts the cap and if they want to match or rebid the offer they can. They also included language for subcontractors in Lansing even if the corporation is based outside the city.

Councilmember Jackosn asked how they know they are using Lansing subcontractors. Mr. Randall noted they could add an audit clause to verify when invoiced. Committee consensus was more discussion is needed and asked OCA to review. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence said she would get the city attorney's opinion but possibly a breach of contract if subcontractors are not based in Lansing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING; AMENDING CHAPTER 206, PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL BIDDERS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:59pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on December 4, 2024