



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, November 26, 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 - excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Administrative Assistant
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Jordan Creagh
Nick Montry, EDP Deputy Director
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP Director

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 12, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

ORDINANCE – Amending Chapter 404; Provide for designated Electric Vehicle (EV) parking space regulations

Councilmember Kost asked OCA if they reviewed the language requested from the previous meeting, Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated the language is acceptable due to public spaces.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 404 FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING REGULATIONS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Make Safe or Demolish; 1044 Ontario St.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO REMOVE THE ITEM FROM THE TABLE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Mr. VanFossen stated the owner has pulled and paid for a building permit which has been issued, plumbing is in the planning phase, and it is the department recommendation to either table or move to Council to vote out.

Mr. Creagh noted the date for plumbing in middle of next week then the rest is mostly finished going forward. Councilmember Kost asked if they tabled for 90 days does he believe he'd be done, Mr. Creagh believes so. Councilmember Kost noted that this pushed into the 2025 year and the Committee members and date/time will be different.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted she is happy with the progress and asked the department if they believe 90 days is sufficient to get the permits, work, schedule inspections given the holidays and short staffed. Mr. VanFossen noted they always have one inspector for each trade on hand.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION FOR 90 DAYS FOR MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH 1044 ONTARIO STREET WITHIN. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

DISCUSSION- 30 Oldest NEAT Properties and their Status – Economic Development and Planning

Councilmember Kost referenced 603 Shepard and if that has been heard at Demo, Mr. Montry answered they have over 500 homes currently in NEAT. Mr. VanFossen indicated that he believes that was recently heard the past week and is up for reinspection, should be referred on 12/16.

Councilmember Kost asked for a little light on the process for when they are considered for hearing. Mr. VanFossen noted their staffing shortages but have their strongest two lead housing inspectors to help on the timeliness but are just catching up from August with two key staff out at the same time but shall be caught up by 12/16.

Councilmember Kost asked he is assuming they look at oldest properties first, like 603 Shepard and it's from 2008. He asked if there is a process or what could they do to help the department and the resident to get ahead of being on this list so long. They may not be teardowns but just minor things, the goal is to not have an empty lot. Mr. VanFossen stated they are relooking at the tags and possibly doing different levels/colors. Councilmember Kost noted residents see a red tag and immediately think it's a safety concern and it may not be.

Mr. VanFossen lastly stated he will update Council on the list as 14 should be coming off for the 12/16 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu suggested since a member of the public came in late that we hear what they have to say, Councilmember Kost concurred.

Ms. Fitzpatrick state she liked what Mr. VanFossen is trying to accomplish and spoke on houses that are red tagged without due process.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Adjourned 4:27p.m.

Submitted by

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on December 10, 2024