



MINUTES
Committee on Development & Planning
Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Council Member Hussain, Chair

Council Member Brown, Vice-Chair

Council Member Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant

Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA

Tiffany Dowling

Alexander Rusek

Andy Fedewa, EDP

Joan Nelson

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nelson spoke in support of the ADUs and thanked the Committee for all their work.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Tiffany Dowling as a Business Representative of the Saginaw Street Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire June 30, 2028

Councilmember Hussain asked Ms. Dowling what they have been able to fund, what she sees down the pipe, and any unforeseen challenges.

Ms. Dowling responded that they've strategized and researched on what the Corridor needs, and what residents and business owners want. Worked with CATA for bus structure, created gardens and finished the Lansing letters on the Corridor, plans to do marketing on what it means. Councilmember Hussain asked if meetings are still at M3 and what the development district is. Ms. Dowling answered yes and to Pennsylvania not Frandor.

Councilmember Garza asked if the CIA's get with each other and discuss what's going on in their meetings. Ms. Dowling answered no but they get information from LEDC on what other CIAs are doing, but see's more collaboration in the next year

Councilmember Hussain asked if there was anything keeping her from living in the city, Ms. Dowling responded it was the pandemic and family things that sent her to the suburbs.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TIFFANY DOWLING AS A BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SAGINAW STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Alexander Rusek as a Business Representative member of the Downtown Lansing Inc. Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028

Mr. Rusek summarized he is a shareholder at Foster Swift law firm, he used to live downtown now on N. Cambridge, has lived here for about 10 years. He was informed of a vacant spot coming up on DLI Board, and has been involved in activities, give back to city and wants to help out.

Councilmember Garza asked if appointed what his vision is and if he would go to the Ward meeting and share information. Mr. Rusek answered there is always room for growth and wants to make downtown a place people want to work, visit, and have fun and yes he would share at Ward meetings.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ALEXANDER RUSEK AS A BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF THE DOWNTOWN LANSING INC. BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ORDINANCE – Amending Part 12, Title 6, Form Based Zoning Code, Second Amendment

Mr. Fedewa mentioned no Councilmember's reached out asked to speak one on one, Councilmember Brown indicated he attempted but no response back. Mr. Fedewa did confirm that, but they hit a firewall, and nothing was set up. Councilmember Hussain asked if they were to reach out now could the department make it happen, Mr. Fedewa responded he'd have to let Mr. VanFossen know, but he and Ms. Stachowiak are open to it.

Councilmember Hussain inquired about terms of the structure do the ADUs have to be owner occupied or can they be rentals. Mr. Fedewa answered they do not have to be owner occupied and yes they can be rentals. Councilmember Hussain noted his concern on if someone brought in a parent to take care of then had to sell or an out-of-town investor.

Councilmember Hussain expressed concern about so much information to absorb and Councilmembers not reaching out for clarity.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO TABLE THE ORDINANCE IN AMENDING PART 12, TITLE 6, FORM BASED ZONING CODE, SECOND AMENDMENT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Hussain requested Council staff to all of Council with the contact information to reach out to the department to set one-on-one meetings.

ORDINANCE – Amending Part 12, Title 6, Chapter 1250 to include 1250.08, Accessory Dwelling Units

Councilmember Hussain inquired about changing line 12 language to include Accessory Dwelling Unit detached from an owner occupied principal single-family home. Mr. Fedewa answered he feels adding another subsection number (8). Ms. Hagen-Lawrence suggested another public hearing may be necessary and would confer with the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO TABLE THE ORDINANCE IN AMENDING PART 12, TITLE 6, CHAPTER 1250 TO INCLUDE 1250.08, ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:05pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on December 11, 2024