



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, February 6, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Council Member Brown, Chair

Council Member Spadafore, Vice-Chair - excused

Council Member Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant

Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA

Emily Linden

Mallory DePrekel

Tracey Taylor

Jennifer Czeiszperger, City Assessor

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO PLACE ON FILE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 18, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public present.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Emily Linden as a City of Lansing member of the Potter Park Zoo Board for a term to expire December 31, 2027

Ms. Linden stated her application is probably old since she didn't complete a new one, she is currently on the Zoo Board and loves it. She goes there often and is involved in the community.

Councilmember Brown asked since the application is from 2021 are there any changes. She confirmed she lives in Colonial Village in Ward 4 and is the CFO for the Lansing Public Media Authority.

Councilmember Garza is supportive of the reappointment and asked if she is willing to attend constituent meetings. Ms. Linden responded yes.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT; EMILY LINDEN AS A CITY OF LANSING MEMBER OF THE POTTER PARK ZOO BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2027. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Non-Profit Recognition; Communities in Schools of Michigan, Inc.

Ms. DePrekel introduced herself and Ms. Taylor, they are requesting this as it's needed to hold a raffle. Councilmember Brown asked for an overview of the non-profit. Ms. DePrekel responded they partner with over 73 schools from Benton Harbor to Ypsilanti and provide integrated student support, which is basically wrap around services.

Councilmember Garza asked this is to obtain a gaming license do you not have one, Ms. DePrekel answered no. Councilmember Garza asked law what other gaming they are able to do. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence said she would have to look, but they are seeking a charitable gaming like bingo, raffle is strictly charitable event. They looked at by-laws and articles of incorporation and everything looked good. Councilmember Garza noted they mentioned schools from Benton Harbor to Ypsilanti, are they in the Lansing area. Ms. DePrekel answered they were once with Holly Park and East Lansing, with Lansing in 2019 for 3 years, trying to get back it all depends on budget.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE NON-PROFIT RECOGNITION; COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF MICHIGAN, INC. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Setting a Public Hearing on Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement

Ms. Czeiszperger explained this is an annual assessment set up for grass cutting, common area that the city maintains. The total of the year is divided by units, and they all agree to this. Adding the resolution goes through 2026 so it will have to be revisited at some time this year.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; GLENBURNE COMMONS, TRASH & GRASS ABATEMENT FOR 02/24/2025. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Amending Chapter 206, Preference for Local Bidders

Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated this went to Committee and a public hearing was held and doesn't recall any comments. It defines Lansing Based sub-contractor and essentially for contracts over \$15,000. If a general contractor is not local but are utilizing Lansing based subcontractors they have the opportunity to rebid if they aren't the lowest bidder. Councilmember Garza asked if this also removes the upper threshold of \$100,000, and she answered yes.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZAJ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN AMENDING CHAPTER 206, PREFERENCE FOR LOCAL BIDDERS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:12pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 20, 2025