



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Wednesday, February 28, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Brown called the meeting to order at 11:00am

PRESENT

Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice-Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Tracy Tanner
Alex Watkins, LEDC
Yanelis Lopez
Chelsea Dowler, LEDC
Antwan Johnson

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public present.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Sean Gehle as an At-Large member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028

Ms. Richmond explained Mr. Gehle had a meeting conflict but was informed it would be on the agenda and if the Committee had questions it would be moved. Councilmember Garza mentioned the application was from 2022 and wondered if anything has changed. Councilmember Spadafore noted he knows Mr. Gehle and work and home information is still current.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SEAN GEHLE AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Tracy Tanner as an At-Large member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2028

Ms. Tanner stated she was born, raised and grew up in South Lansing. She went to Ferris State and moved back. She has worked at Peckham for 10 years. She feels she can bring a lot to the Board with her background.

Councilmember Garza noted he know Ms. Tanner and supports the appointment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TRACY TANNER AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement

Councilmember Brown noted there were two appeals from the Public Hearing, and this is a yearly occurrence for Glenburne.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF GLENBURNE COMMONS, TRASH & GRASS ABATEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Spadafore asked if anyone reached out on the inquiry from one appeal, Ms. Richmond is unsure but will ask and forward to the appropriate person.

RESOLUTION – Redevelopment Area Liquor License; La Mulata at 5334 S. Marting Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Ms. Lopez is from Cuba and lives on the southside, she was renting a building for private parties and found out she need a license, she is now applying so she can open a restaurant/bar. Mr. Watkins stated if this is approved then it will go forward with the State for MLCC .

Councilmember Garza stated there has been issues in the past regarding parking is that being addressed, Ms. Lopez answered yes she is planning to do that. Mr. Watkins mentioned she passed the food inspection and will be starting brunch until things have gone through.

Councilmember Brown asked about the cabaret license, and did she have it, Ms. Lopez said she did, but she is no longer doing that. Councilmember Spadafore supports her effort and sticking with it. Councilmember Brown asked how she got engaged with LEDC, Ms. Lopez answered her realtor.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LA MULATA AT 5334 S. MARTING LUTHER KING JR. BLVD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Redevelopment Area Liquor License; Sea Level at 200 S. Washington Square

Ms. Dowler noted this is like the previous item, this is going in the old Grand Traverse Pie building. Mr. Johnson noted he is born and raised in Flint went to Ferris State but graduated from MSU and has family in Lansing. Was introduced to LEDC by Julie Reinhard. The concept of this is a fast food/casual seafood restaurant. Mr. Johnson added they will be doing a self-serve daiquiri wall, they will have wristbands along with a full-service bar. Ms. Dowler added the self-serve does limit how much they can pour so not to get over pour.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SEA LEVEL AT 200 S. WASHINGTON SQUARE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Claim Appeal Resolution Form

Ms. Richmond explained what is currently used, Councilmember Brown stated he would like the Committee to look over and discuss at next meeting.

MLCC Notice - Pandoff-Hill 3224 E. Michigan Avenue request new Class C license

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MLCC Notice – M & S1 LLC 221 S. Washington Square request for new Class C License

Mr. Watkins noted an update to this request, they will not be obtaining the outdoor license or extended permit hours and will be closing at 2. Councilmember Brown asked when the Committee will get this information. Mr. Watkins stated they just did the initial inspection yesterday and replying back to the State and when they complete that, he will get that information for the Committee.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 11:27am

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on March 20, 2025