



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Council Member Trini Pehlivanoglu, Chair

Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair- excused

Council Member Kost, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA

Rawley Van Fossen, EDP Director

Meredith Johnson, EDP

Joe Neller

Verl Green

Rahmi Alik

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 11, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 5625 Kaynorth Road

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

Mr. Van Fosse, noted the property owner is absent, based on recent building plans submitted yesterday, asking for table for 30 days.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked what is left. Mr. Van Fossen stated family started the work and sold to the current owner. Then permits have to be transferred, will still need electrical permit service, pending for building permit.

Council Member Kost voiced his concern it was tabled 2/2025 and then something happened yesterday, and they were told they need to be aggressive, and wait a month to do something before the meeting. He asked if Council made a 60 day Make Safe, would it be completed. Mr. Van Fossen stated yes, based on scope of work on his building permit and electrical. Would support 60 day table, and Council Member Kost stated 60 day MSD, and Mr. Van Fossen stated he would not support

because it does not need to be torn down. To Mr. Van Fossen he believes that pressure from Council make this move. Council Member Kost noted it goes to Council April 7th, and so if 30 days they would get 45 days, and now Council is finding out that there is flexibility with EDP now.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 5625 KAYNORTH IN 60 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 204 Potter Avenue

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

Mr. Van Fossen noted that there is a permit issued, and owner showing progress. EDP recommends for tabling 30 days to get all final approval or discharge out of the process. Only remaining item is to get the building permit to pass.

Mr. Rahim seeing progress and provided details on the remaining aesthetics.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 204 POTTER AVENUE IN 60 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1023 Porter

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

Mr. Van Fossen asked to table for 60 days. Council Member Pehlivanoglu confirmed it is an exceptional circumstance.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO DISCHARGE BACK TO CODE COMPLIANCE AT 1023 PORTER. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

Ms. Hagen- Lawrence confirmed City Council does not take action on the discharge; this is act of discharge is strictly at Committee.

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1723 Osband

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

Mr. Van Fossen stated all trade permits are open, building final ready to schedule but need trades and get approved. Request to table.

Ms. Green spoke briefly on the details remaining.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 1723 OSBAND IN 60 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1033 Shepard

Mr. Van Fossen noted the owners was at show cause hearing, there are no new permits, no updates, there is open zoning enforcement for trash and junk in front on district court. This is not a fire damage and would recommend make safe in 60 days.

Council Member Kost noted the property has had damage.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 1033 SHEPARD IN 21 DAYS.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked if 21 days is appropriate legally. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence noted Council needs to make their determination that it has been substantially destroyed by fire, neglect.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0

Status on Properties Council Deemed Make Safe or Demolish from March 2023-March 2025

Council Member Pehlivanoglu acknowledged the report, and noted there has been discussions recently on commercial property that was past the demolition date, and property from 2024 in the same case. She then noted notes "order compliance period in process" and Mr. Van Fossen stated they are still in that time frame of the Council compliance period and during that time the department does not expend time or funds on something the property owner still has time to fix it.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked about 1326 Jenison and 1342 Walnut were ordered in 2024 and the deadline passed. Mr. Van Fossen stated those were an internal department issue that were addressed. The process would be once the date expires, they look to see if it was made safe, if not then a survey which could be 2-4 weeks, then days after receiving report, then out to bid which is a 30 day bid, then sign contract and contractor will pull permit. Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked about the 30 day bid process, once that starts it is hands off for the property owner. Mr. Van Fossen stated it is still their property, but the city now has permission to come in and demolish the home. If the owner attempts to interceded that they work with OCA, and there could be a small pause. It would be unique to each property.

Council Member Kost, asked about the 2 properties that were missed, were they bid out in 2024. Mr. Van Fossen confirmed one was but they will re bid. Council Member Kost asked about the bidders. Mr. Van Fossen stated the staff they worked with in 2024 are no longer here. Council Member Kost acknowledged the report and moving forward this will be a clean list. Council Member Kost asked what happens if someone does not want to leave their house, and Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated it would be a conversation with LPD and OCA to address if it happens.

OTHER

No other topics.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Submitted by

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on April 8, 2025