



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, March 20, 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 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
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP
Haider Al-Sultan
Mike Falk, Pyrotecnico Fireworks
Mitch Whisler, Dept. Public Service
Nicole McPherson, Dept. Public Service

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public present

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #2158, Haider Al-Sultan for \$585 in board-up fees at 2423 Dunlap Street

Mr. Al-Sultan briefed that he purchased the property at auction and was informed it was not red tagged, a few weeks later he was pulling permits and again told not tagged. Months later he received an invoice and was told there was an error, and it was red tagged and didn't inform him. Councilmember Brown asked who he spoke to, and Mr. Al-Sultan stated he didn't have a name but was the front staff person, adding at auction it was two gentlemen that told him. Mr. Al-Sultan continued that for past violations he was invoiced instantly, not three months later. He has been working on the inside, and they left the window open to allow for ventilation and it was boarded up.

Councilmember Spadafore asked if this is a board up fee for broken window as he doesn't see red tag monitoring fees. Mr. Van Fossen responded they received a call by LPD, and the property was not occupied, and the window was open, so it is an automatic board up. Adding, when going through auction with the county the city has no jurisdiction, he encourages when buying to research at the local level, noting that the red tag fees have been paid for this property. Mr. Al-Sultan stated if he new it was red tagged he wouldn't have left the window open. Mr. Van Fossen stated they cannot legally close the window it has to be a board up.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL #2158, HAIDER AL-SULTAN FOR \$585 IN BOARD-UP FEES AT 2423 DUNLAP STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Al-Sultan asked for next steps. Councilmember Brown explained this would go to Council on Monday 03/24, and Councilmember Spadafore added pending that decision the next recourse is courts.

RESOLUTION – Fireworks Display License; Lansing Lugnuts & Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. at Jackson Field for multiple dates

Mr. Falk stated this is a yearly request and everything is the same as far as location of where they do the display, also this is for the Lugnuts 16 home games from May-Aug.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE; LANSING LUGNTUS & PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS INC. AT JACKSON FIELD FOR MULTIPLE DATES MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 25-05, 25-06, and 25-07; regulate parking on Post Oak Lane and Darien Drive

Mr. Whisler explained they received a request from Lansing School District, they have a sign that posts bell times and that has changed, they asked for parking restrictions changed for drop off times only. His department worked with OCA on language for a 2-hour buffer to allow for the yearly time changes, which is what they have now before the committee.

Councilmember Brown asked if there were complaints from residents, Mr. Whisler noted there isn't a morning one-way, and there have been some resident requests. They are getting with the Superintendent to see if that is something they want, but this TCO is set up to allow for that. Councilmember Garza asked if there is a cost to the city, Mr. Whisler indicated minimal, they will have to print and place a vinal sticker on the sign.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 25-05, 25-06, AND 25-07; REGULATE PARKING ON POST OAK LANE AND DARIEN DRIVE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Noise Special Permit; Hoffman Bros. Inc. request to allow for the Combined Sewer Overflow 019 Project

Ms. McPherson noted this is to request Saturday work, in the Saginaw/Oakland area and is a 2-year project, there will be some shutdown for installation of the sewer and this helps. Councilmember Spadafore asked what goes into the process and is there a way to scale down, so Saturdays aren't necessary. Ms. McPherson stated projects are bid out and set forth knowing the city's working hours so that's how they are bid. The hope not to use, but it does help the project get completed sooner. Councilmember Spadafore inquired when contractors are selected, they are not assuming it will pass, Ms. McPherson responded correct. Councilmember

Spadafore suggested maybe waiting until it might actually be needed, and Ms. McPherson noted that weather plays a factor at times.

Councilmember Spadafore asked law can they deny in committee, Ms. Hagen-Lawrence answered she will have to double check.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; HOFFMAN BROS. INC. REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR THE COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW 019 PROJECT PENDING OCA FINDINGS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Claim Appeal Resolution Form

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO TABLE INDEFINATELY THE DISCUSSION ON THE CLAIM APPEAL RESOLUTION FORM. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Home Town Liquor II, Inc., 2701 S. Cedar St., request for Transfer Ownership Escrowed 2024 SDM License with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDM – Mixed Spirits and Beer & Wine Tasting Permit from Merindorf Meats, Inc.; Transfer Location from 500 Williamston Center Rd., Williamston to 2701 S. Cedar St., Lansing; Transfer Governmental Unit from Williamston City to Lansing City (RID #RQ-2502-01666)

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Home Town Liquor II, Inc., 2701 S. Cedar St., request for Transfer Ownership 2024 SDD License with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) from Merindorf Meats, Inc.; Transfer Location from 2289 W. Barnes Rd., Mason to 2701 S. Cedar St., Lansing; Transfer Governmental Unit Under MCL 436.1531(22) from Vevay Twp. To Lansing City (RID #RQ-2502-01661)

Councilmember Spadafore asked if these are on the agenda's now for informational purpose only, and Councilmember Brown confirmed.

Councilmember Brown asked law how the quota works coming from Williamston to Lansing and how many the city has. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence responded she is unsure on the amount, the MLCC may allow transfers, if there is a cap it could be on new license requests. Councilmember Brown asked about the ones from last week, Ms. Hagen-Lawrence noted those were RDA & DDA's (Redevelopment/ Development) District Authority and as long as they meet the requirements then can be permitted. Councilmember Brown asked her to confirm the process, and she acknowledged she would follow up with the Committee.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:29pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on April 17, 2025