



MINUTES

Committee on Development and Planning Monday, March 25, 2019 @ 5:15 p.m. Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Hussain called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Hussain, Chair
Council Member Garza, Vice-Chair- excused
Council Member Washington, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney- arrived at 5:19 p.m.
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney – arrived at 5:19 p.m.
Mikki Droste, Housing – arrived at 5:19 p.m.
Rawley VanFossen, CAHP
Brian McGrain, Economic Development & Planning Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Ordinance – PILOT; 517 N Walnut – Apartments

Mr. VanFossen outlined the need for the passage at Committee and Council before April 1st. He highlighted that they currently are the new as of the end of December, 2018 and in an overview of the funding for the project, there is an existing housing grant that they need to apply for by April 1st because the continuum of care will no longer fund. He continued by explaining that this is a supportive housing program that funds a portion of the rent, so it allows tenants to come with \$200 towards rent and to preserve this rental assistance program. If the funding is approved, they will have housing vouchers and can make sure the rent stays the same. Mr. VanFossen was asked if there were any projects planned for the property, and he informed them there would be “face lift” items addressed on the units. Council Member Hussain asked if there had been any major rehab projects over the last decade and was told there had been projects for upkeep.

Council Member Washington noted to the applicant and Committee that she does not approve 4% pilots, because the City cannot take on any more, and has a budget to balance and cannot do that with PILOTS. In this case, however, she feels differently because the applicants took

over ownership on a PILOT that was already in place and are only looking to extend it a few years under their name. For that, she is supportive of this PILOT because they are not sure what they are walking into with it being under a previous ownership. She then asked if they offer supportive services. Mr. VanFossen confirmed they have agreements for those services and assistance from Health Ministries and Community Mental Health.

Council Member Hussain also noted for the record that the PILOT is only for an extension of 2-4 years, the CAHP is a reputable non-profit and they will also be providing assistance and services to the residents.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE FOR THE PILOT AT 517 N WALNUT. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Ordinance – PILOT: 516 West Saginaw: Ferris Manor

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Mr. McGrain confirmed he had walked the property.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on April 15, 2019