



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Public Service**  
**Tuesday, April 16, 2019 @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Conference Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair  
Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair- arrived at 3:35  
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager  
Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney  
Walter Sorg  
Charles Yambiut

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Minutes**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 2, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**Discussion/Action:**

**RESOLUTION – Appointment; Walter Sorg; Board of Public Service**

Council Member Spadafore went through Mr. Sorg's application noting this board was his first choice and he was a resident of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. Mr. Sorg briefly spoke on his experience.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT WALTER SORG TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**RESOLUTION – Special Assessment for Glenburne Commons; Roll #GB-2018**

Council Member Spadafore confirmed there were not comments at the public hearing.

The Committee then reviewed the two written appeals. The first was from Theresa Brooks for 3906 Limerick Circle. After review of the letter and confirmation that the letter did not specify a specific appeal but a complaint on the process, Law confirmed it should be handled as a complaint.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO DENY THE APPEAL COMPLAINT FROM 3906 LIMERICK CIRCLE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The second written complaint was from Mr. Yambuit who was also present. The owner stated to the Committee he had mowed and maintained his yard. Council Member Dunbar explained to the owner it was not for his yard. Council Member Spadafore outlined the area it was for, the common area where the City mows and removes trash, maintains and then per a decision by Council three (3) years ago, the fees are charged back to the residents in Glenburne Commons in an assessment. Council Member Dunbar provided Mr. Yambuit with a map. Ms. Boak confirmed that Mr. Yambuit mailed in a check to the Council offices for his assessment, when in turn it was then taken to the Treasury office for deposit. Mr. Yambuit appealed based on his medical condition and not being able to maintain the yard, and he was provided more details and interpretation that the fees were for the common area maintenance not his, and that everyone in Glenburne Commons received an assessment, and will continue to receive one yearly. Mr. Venker informed the Committee that since the owner had submitted payment there would be not need to consider an appeals. Council Member Spadafore added to the determination that it was also clear the owner thought the fee was for mowing his own property and was here for clarification.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2018 GLENBURNE COMMONS ASSESSMENT ROLL AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**OTHER**

Council Member Spadafore asked the Committee to consider items they would like to recommend for the budget including recent discussions on climate sustainability, planters, and rain gardens.

Council Member Garza stated he had an issue with an ongoing project on Schafer Road.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: May 7, 2019