



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on General Services**  
**Monday, May 13, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.**  
**City Council Conference Room, City Hall 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Member Jody Washington, Chair  
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Vice Chair  
Council Member Carol Wood, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager  
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor  
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney  
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance  
Andrew Brewer, Men Making a Difference  
Scott Koehn

**Minutes**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 22, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No comments at this time.

**Discussion/Action:**

Council Member Washington amended the agenda since the only agenda applicant present was for Claim # 1677.

**RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #1677; 640 E. Jolly Road; Scott Koehn; \$440.00**

Scott read the staff report in the packet highlighting the dates and concluded by stating their recommendation for denial of the claim. Mr. Brewer informed the Committee that the Claims Review Committee met on March 20, 2019, and after reviewing the information on the violation and notifications, determined they would deny the claim in full.

Mr. Koehn confirmed he was new to living in the City and was not aware of the ordinances, but when the violation occurred he was out of town, and ironically because of the weather and

timing asked his son to move the furniture to the front porch until he got home. It wasn't until he got home did he get the violation notice and realized it was an actual violation. He encouraged the Committee to consider changing the policy to post the notification on the residence in addition to mailing it out. Council Member Washington acknowledged that the owner probably thought moving it to the porch addressed the violation, but indoor furniture cannot be anywhere outside. Council Member Wood pointed out that the owner did admit it was at the curb and sidewalk and that is what the notice was written for, and it appears there was proper notification. She informed the owner there is a minimum charge, via contract with the contractor to pick up the items, and there is a minimum administrative fee also. Mr. Koehn offered to pay the \$175 for the contractor fee if the Committee would consider his claim. Committee members explained the process of the claim, the set administrative fees and the goal to have the items removed. Mr. Koehn then informed them of other neighbors who have not mowed their yard yet this year and have yards full of trash, stating his opinion that it appeared Code was only focusing on him. Council Member Jackson supported the suggesting of posting a notice on the property and that the fees appeared high. He noted that ignorance is not an excuse.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO DENY THE CLAIM FOR \$440 AT 640 E. JOLLY ROAD IN CONCURRANCE WITH THE CLAIMS REVIEW COMMITTEE. MOTION CARREID 3-0.

Mr. Koehn asked if he hired an attorney to appeal his claim would that help, and Council Member Wood informed him that if the Council denies it at their meeting tonight, he can take the claim to circuit court.

Mr. Sanford stated he would send a Code Officer out to the 600 block of E. Jolly today.

RESOLUTION – Community Funding Application; Men Making a Difference, Family Community Cookout

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FOR MEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE 2019 FAMILY COMMUNITY COOKOUT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The applicants acknowledged Council and Committee Members for their commitment to the community.

RESOLUTION - Noise Waiver Permit; Mt. Hope Avenue; Capitol Avenue; Saturday and Sunday work; June 1, 2019 to August 30, 2019

No representatives present from Public Service.

Council Staff noted that the hearing is scheduled for tonight, May 13<sup>th</sup> and up for passage at Council on May 20, 2019. Since the Committee will not meet again before May 20<sup>th</sup>, the request is up for action today in anticipation there will be no public comments tonight that will affect the decision.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE NOISE WAIVER PERMIT FOR THE CAPITOL AVENUE AND MT. HOPE AVENUE STREET PROJECTS FROM JUNE 1, 2019 TO AUGUST 30, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; Noise Waiver; Rehab of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. from Pleasant Grove north to 550 ft. south of Victor Avenue; Weekends and Weekdays during 2019 Construction Season

No representatives were present from Public Service.

Council Staff noted if this was approved at Committee, it is on the Council agenda tonight for a hearing on June 10<sup>th</sup>, allowing the department 30 days to provide notice. She then provided them with a brief overview of the project provided by MDOT. Council Member Wood read into the record that the project will perform pavement repairs and preventative maintenance on M99 (MLK Jr. Blvd) between Edgewood/Pleasant Grove and Victor. The traffic will be maintained during the project and one lane will be open in both directions with a center lane during daytime hours and most evenings. Some night time activity will require closing the center left turn lane.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 10, 2019 FOR THE MDOT PROJECT ON MLK HR. DURING THE 2019 CONSTRUCTION SEASON.

**Other**

- o Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Transfer License with Sunday Sales, Outdoor Service, Catering Bars and Dance-Entertainment from 7786 E. US 10, Walhalla to 419 Spring Street, Lansing. Transfer Governmental Unit from Branch Twp., Mason County to Lansing City, Ingham County (**Pending Application**)
- o Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Transfer Ownership of a 2018 Class C and SDM Licensed Business w/Sunday Sales, Dance-Entertainment Permit and Outdoor Service from Leo's Outpost, Inc. located at 600 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing, MI 48912 (**Pending Application**)
- o Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Transfer Ownership of an escrowed 2018 Class C Licensed Business w/Dance Entertainment Permit from Tini Bikinis-Lansing, LLC; transfer location from 511 East Hazel., Lansing; cancel existing Outdoor Service and request new Sunday Sale to Bar Mitena, LLC 2001 East Michigan Avenue (**Pending Application**)
- o Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Transfer Stock Interest through Transfer of Stock from Corporation to New & Existing Stockholders for Mash Mavericks at 523 E. Shiawassee Street(**Pending Application**)

**Place on File**

- a. Michigan Liquor Control Commission; New SDM License Issued under MCL436.1533(5)(b)(i) & Sunday Sales Permit (AM) for Meijer Inc. at 600 E. Michigan Avenue

**Adjourned**

Adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Office Manager,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on June 10, 2019