



MINUTES
Committee on Public Service
Wednesday, July 29, 2020 @ 3:30 p.m.

Via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88625771502>; Meeting ID: 886 2577 1502; Dial In: (312) 626-6799

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Council Member Spitzley

ROLL CALL-via remote audio/video

Council Member Dunbar, Chair- arrived at 3:44 p.m. via audio/phone

Council Member Spitzley, Vice Chair

Council Member Spadafore, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney

Ron Wilson

Jennifer Poplar

Brian Daniels

Council Member Betz

Sharon Frishmann, City Assessor

Scott Sanford, Code Compliance

Judy Kehler, Chief Strategy Officer

Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 16, 2020 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Discussion

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Ronald Wilson; At Large Member; Board of Public Service; Term Expire June 30, 2021

Mr. Wilson spoke about his work experience with the City recycling, yard waste, traffic calming, pot holes, and code compliance while an employee of Public Service Board

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF RONALD WILSON TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Jennifer Poplar; At Large Member; Park Board; Term to Expire June 30, 2024

Jennifer provided details on her experience, work history and large investment in the community. Noting during high school she worked with the parks program.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER POPLAR TO THE PARK BOARD. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Brian M. Daniels; At Large Member; Park Board; Term to Expire June 30, 2022

Mr. Daniels spoke on his involvement with the City and his small business- Empower Lansing and interested in giving feedback and involvement in the City. Council Member Spadafore acknowledged Mr. Daniels for his interest to serve.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN DANIELS TO THE PARK BOARD. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Dunbar took over as Chair of Committee.

RESOLUTION – Street Name Change; City Market Drive to Riverfront Drive

No staff were present for the meeting. Council Staff read an earlier email stating the change would only effect the former City Market building.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE STREET NAME CHANGE FROM CITY MARKET DRIVE TO RIVERFRONT DRIVE. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; Special Assessment; Snow & Ice Removal Assessment Winter 2019-2020

No staff were present from Public Service, so Council Member Spadafore noted it was annual assessment. In 2019 there were roughly 20 parcels at a \$3,777.00. He noted that typically it would on the summer tax roll to avoid confusion on the winter taxes, since it will be an assessment from the previous year.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 24, 2020.

Ms. Boak went through the timeline of the process for this special assessment and the next agenda item. For the residents to have the required 60 days to pay the assessment to avoid it going on the winter tax bill, the hearing will be set on August 10th. The hearing itself will be August 24th; this Committee will meet on the rolls August 25th taking final action, and then Council will take final action on August 31, 2020. The notices will then be mailed by the Clerk and/or Assessor with the 60 day deadline, and anything not paid by that deadline will appear on the winter tax roll.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement, Roll #GM-2020

Council Member Dunbar recapped that this is an annual assessment, and she then provided historical details on the assessment, the property and the homeowners.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORO TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR GLENBURNE FOR AUGUST 24, 2020.

Mr. Sanford clarified that this was a public hearing for the special assessment work done in 2019 in the amount of \$24,341 which was a result of 10-12 days of mowing and 1 trash clean up. Council Member confirmed it was not a renewal but is a charge for work that was done in the previous year.

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – ORDINANCE –Set Public Hearing; Amendment; Repeal Section 404.01(j); Eliminate the prohibition of street parking from 2am – 5am

DISCUSSION – ORDINANCE- Set Public Hearing; Amendment; Repeal Section 404.13; Eliminate Annual and Temporary Permits for Overnight Parking

DISCUSSION – ORDINANCE- Set Public Hearing; Create Section 404.12; Regulate Street Parking during Snow Emergencies

Council Member Betz introduced the proposed ordinance amendments and repeals, stating that he felt that some policies do not work so they should be re-examined and repealed if they are not effective. He noted that he understood that when these three ordinance were passed there was an influx of people for certain demographics such as low income tenants, and rentals stating they could not afford the fee for the permit, therefore in his opinion Council needed to re-evaluate to make it more equitable. Council Member Betz continued stating Council should first repeal the ordinance on prohibiting parking from 2am – 5am, then in turn repeal the ordinance the required permits for that time frame, and lastly create an ordinance to address parking in snow emergencies. Council Member Dunbar noted, that at this time the Committee is only setting the public hearing to amend or repeal those ordinances. Council Member Spitzley supported the repeal of the ordinance, noting that it would not however solve the parking issue. Council Member Betz admitted at this time he did not have a solution, but continued to recap that the only concerns he heard during the establishment of the ordinances was that fire trucks could not get down the streets. But in talking to the Administration, any streets that have no room for fire trucks already have signage that states there is no parking. In conclusion, Council Member Betz stated that repealing the ordinance to prohibit parking on the street from 2am – 5am should positively affect the residents. Council Member Dunbar noted that the streets would need to be evaluate for width during this process if they are going to proceed with something different. Council Member Spadafore noted that Traffic Control Orders can be set for restrictions in certain areas and this would not repeal overnight parking in the whole City. He then asked if it would repeal the residential parking permit ordinance as well, but then confirmed it wouldn't matter if the ban was lifted.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO INTRODUCE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING.

OCA was asked if there could be one motion for setting the public hearing for all three (3) items. Mr. Venker confirmed that a motion could be lumped all together.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO INTRODUCE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 24, 2020 FOR REPEAL SECTION 404.00(J), REPEAL SECTION 404.13 AND CREATE SECTION 404.12. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: August 25, 2020