



MINUTES
Committee on Public Service
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81633315842>; ID: 816 3331 5842; Dial In: (312) 626 6799

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Council Member Dunbar.

ROLL CALL-via remote audio/video

Council Member Dunbar, Chair
Council Member Spitzley, Vice Chair – arrived at 4:13 p.m.
Council Member Spadafore, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Dept.
Michelle Smalley, Administrative Assistant Public Service Dept.
Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney – arrived at the end of the meeting
Nicholas Montry, Public Service Dept.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 29, 2020 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Discussion

RESOLUTION – Special Assessment; Snow & Ice Removal Assessment Winter 2019-2020; 500 E. Oakland Avenue

Council Member Dunbar asked Mr. Kilpatrick to explain the policy regarding the Snow & Ice Assessment, and after the brief overview Ms. Smalley informed the Committee that the notification period is 24 hours after they are posted. Mr. Montry introduced himself and stated he was available if they had any questions. Council Member Dunbar stated there were no public comments made at the Council Public Hearing. The Committee did receive two email appeals, one from 500 E. Oakland and one from 1112 Kelsey. The Committee reviewed the email appeals.

500 E. Oakland

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR 500 E. OAKLAND ON THE SNOW AND ICE ASSESSMENT WINTER ROLL FOR 2019/2020.

Council Member Dunbar read the appeal which stated there were tenants at the time and are no longer renting so they cannot collect on the charge. Council Member Dunbar asked if anyone from Public Service had reached out to the property owners, and Mr. Kilpatrick stated

Public Service received the appeal from Ms. Boak, Council Office Manager on August 24th and believes his staff did speak to someone from the property.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION TO DENY CARRIED 2-0.

1112 Kelsey Avenue

Council Member Dunbar ask Public Service representatives for details on their practices when someone purchases a property and there is no lien, no assessments and no outstanding issues because of delay in the City processing. It was noted the appeal document noted there were no outstanding notices or assessments. Mr. Kilpatrick and Council Member Dunbar both agreed there were no attachment to the email response to dispute the assessment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL WINTER 2019-2020 FOR 1112 KELSEY AVENUE. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION TO DENY CARRIED 2-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE SNOW AND ICE ASSESSMENT FOR WINTER 2019/2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Spitzley arrived at 4:13 p.m.

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

4307 Courtland

Council Member Dunbar noted she did not have any public comments from the Council public hearing. It was also noted the author of the email appeal was not present in this ZOOM meeting. She lastly noted that the email made it appear the owner was not familiar with the assessment and why the residents were paying. Council Member Dunbar then briefly outlined the history of the assessment for the Committee and public present, explaining the area that is maintained by the City contractors because it had become a nuisance and the Glenburne Commons Association was not currently set up to maintain it and pay for it, therefore the City assisted them setting up this annual assessment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR 4307 COURTLAND FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; GLENBURNE COMMONS, TRASH & GRASS ABATEMENT, ROLL #GM-2020. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION TO DENY CARRIED 3-0.

4333 MacDougal Circle

Council Member Dunbar reviewed the email appeal noted the resident obtained the property in April and requested to be removed as the assessment doesn't apply. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed this does get assessed to the property and he suggested possible assistance from Bob Rose to have a history of the Glenburne Commons property mailed to the current residents. Councilmember Spitzley suggested possibly sending out an overview and history along with the notice. Mr. Kilpatrick offered to start to work with the OCA on the appropriate paperwork.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR 4333 MACDOUGAL CIRCLE FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; GLENBURNE COMMONS, TRASH & GRASS ABATEMENT, ROLL #GM-2020. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION TO DENY CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR GLENBURNE COMMONS TRASH AND GRASS ABATEMENT, ROLL #GM-2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Priorities

Council Member Spadafore stated that he would be presenting to COW a discussion to change the format of the document. Council Member Dunbar stated the Committee on Public Service will review at their meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Mr. Venker arrived into the meeting asking if they needed any assistance from the OCA regarding a legal history on Glenburne Commons assessment, and Council Member Dunbar stated there was nothing presented.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Submitted by Renee Richmond,

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: August 31, 2020