MINUTES
Committee on General Services
Monday, September 23, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.
City Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting called to order at 8:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Council Member Jody Washington, Chair
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Vice Chair- unexcused
Council Member Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT
Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor
Lisa Hagen, Council Legal Analyst
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney- left at 8:04 a.m.
Mike Jones
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance – not in attendance

Minutes
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items
No comments at this time.

Discussion/Action:
ORDINANCE – Repeal Chapter 288, Section 288.18
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 288, SECTON 288.18. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #1722: 924 Middle Street; M Jones; $3,811
Mr. Jones explained that the garage on the property had fallen and he was in the process of cleaning it up, but the weather and his financial situation he was not able to
accomplish it in a timely manner. He continued by informing the Committee that he was working with Code compliance on extensions, however in March 2019, he ran into an unexpected health issue and while he was in the hospital, another Code Officer cited the property. During that time, he was in the hospital and his mother, the property owner, is in a nursing home, so they were unaware of the notice and the cleanup. The Power of Attorney documents along with the medical verification forms for himself were referenced in the packet.

Council Member Wood acknowledged that the City contractor was on site and did the work, but would consider reducing the claim by 50%. Council Member Washington stated it appeared to her they were working with the inspector, suddenly became ill, and was not able to address the issue before the City contractor was on site. Mr. Brewer provided the amount of $1,095.00 as half the claim. Council Member Washington stated she would consider granting the entire claim except the Administrative fees, due to the circumstances. Mr. Brewer then provided and amount of $381.00, which would be 10% of the claim that the Committee consider as still owing. After discussion by the Committee on the work done so far, the situation, the claimant, the circumstances and setting any type of precedence, the Committee proposed granting the claim in the amount of $3,546.00 leaving a balance owing of $265.00, which is the Administrative Fee. Mr. Jones acknowledged that if that was the new balance owed he could agree to make arrangements to make that payment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO GRANT THE CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,546.00 AND DENYING THE CLAIM ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR THE AMOUNT OF $265. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Other
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)

Adjourned
Adjourned at 8:17 a.m.
Submitted by Sherrie Boak,
Office Manager,
Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee on September 30, 2019