

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023
7:00PM**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, November 20, 2023, at Livonia City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Committee Members Present: Jim Jolly, City Council President
Scott Bahr
Rob Gjonaj Donovic
Brandon McCullough
Kathleen McIntyre
Scott Morgan

Committee Members Absent: Laura Toy, Council Vice President

City Officials Present: Lynda Scheel, City Treasurer
Susie Nash, City Clerk
Leo Neville, Assistant City Attorney
Mike Slater, Finance Director
Jerome Hanna, Inspection Director
Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Dev. Director

Additional attendees: See attached.

1. CR 130-23 The subject matter of the vacant and abandoned fee schedule.
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The meeting convened at 7:00 PM

The subject matter was introduced by Councilmember McCullough.

Jerome Hanna, Inspection Director, explained the processes and procedures of the Ordinance Enforcement Department for vacant and abandoned buildings.

Councilmember McIntyre asked about different types of taxation for vacant and abandoned buildings.

Councilmember Donovic asked about the enforcement process.

A motion was made by Councilmember McCullough for a report and recommendation from both Law and Ordinance Departments about costs expended and for comparables from other communities regarding vacant and abandoned buildings.

Mike Slater, Finance Director, explained fees that are put on taxes when unpaid and their subsequent actions. He indicated that in most cases the city recoups the amount expended during the process unless buildings are not sold for the amount owed or have lesser interests.

The Committee recommends:

1. For the Ordinance and Law Departments to both provide a report and recommendation of the costs expended and for comparables from other communities regarding vacant and abandoned buildings.

Note: This item will remain in Committee.

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of December 4, 2023**

2. CR 221-23 The subject matter of city user fees.

The subject matter was introduced by Councilmember Donovic.

Councilmember Scott Bahr explained that he did not like that any fees could be charged without Council approval. Councilmember McIntyre was in agreement.

Council President Jolly explained the Parks and Recreation Commission fee setting ability.

Mike Slater, Finance Director, explained the extent of fees within the city.

Councilmember Bahr offered a motion for a report and recommendation to include all fees currently charged by the city and whether they require Council approval.

The Committee recommends:

1. For the Administration to provide a report and recommendation to include all fees currently charged by the city and whether they require Council approval.

Note: This item will remain in Committee.

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3. **CR 288-23** The subject matter of Petition 2023-07-08-06 submitted by Leo Soave Building Company, LLC.

A plan overview was presented by Mark Taormina, Planning and Economic Development Director. An explanation was given of the property zoning history, that it has changed from R-U-F to R2 to N2 and was previously abandoned.

There were eleven (11) conforming N2 lots originally proposed. The site plan has since changed to show ten (10) lots.

M. Doyle, resident, spoke on behalf of the existing area neighbors, along with resident P. Abbott.

Joe Eadeh, petitioner, was present for any questions and provided additional insight and considerations for neighbor concerns.

Councilmember Bahr offered an approving motion of the revised plan that included ten (10) lots.

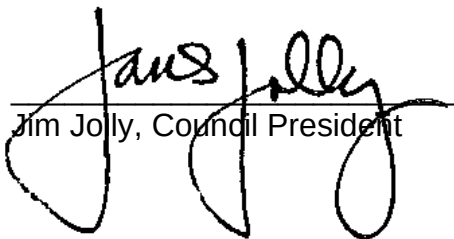
The Committee recommends:

1. For the Law Department to prepare an approving resolution for the revised site plans

Note: This item will be out of Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

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Jim Jolly, Council President