



AGENDA
Committee of the Whole
Monday, August 14, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall 10th Floor
Updated 8/10/17 AM

Council Member Spitzley, Chairperson
Council Member Wood, Vice Chair

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - July 24, 2017
 - July 31, 2017
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
 - A.) RESOLUTION - Reappointments of 11 Individuals to Various Boards and Commissions
 - B.) DISCUSSION - Approval of Ballot Language for Bond Proposal for Sidewalks and Neighborhood.
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**

The City of Lansing's Mission is to ensure quality of life by:

- I. Promoting a vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive community that provides opportunity for personal and economic growth for residents, businesses and visitors
- II. Securing short and long term financial stability through prudent management of city resources.
- III. Providing reliable, efficient and quality services that are responsive to the needs of residents and businesses.
- IV. Adopting sustainable practices that protect and enhance our cultural, natural and historical resources.
- V. Facilitating regional collaboration and connecting communities



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, July 24, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Spitzley called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Brown Clarke
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar
Councilmember Tina Houghton
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Jody Washington
Councilmember Carol Wood
Councilmember Jessica Yorke-arrived at 7:38 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Robert Johnson, Representing the Mayor's Office
Heather Sumner, Assistant City Attorney
Nicholas Tate, Assistant City Attorney
Dick Peffley, BWL General Manager
Heather Shawa, BLW Chief Finance Officer
Loretta Stanaway
Deb Parrish
Stan Shuck
Kathy Miles
Elaine Womboldt
Stephen Monti
Michael Ruddock
Bryan Madle
Brett Kaschinske, Parks & Recreation Director
Veronica Gracia-Wing, Parks & Recreation Board Member

Council President Spitzley informed the public that comment would be taken after the meeting reconvened from Closed Session and instructed everyone to sign up by that time if they

wished to speak. Public Comment on BWL presentation would be taken after the presentation.

Presentation

Lansing Board of Water and Light Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Ms. Shawa began the presentation going through the handout on the FY2018 income statement by utility. The Rate of Return on electric was 3.03%, water was 1.38%, steam at 2.25%, chilled water 5.73% which brought the total to 2.60%. The total operating revenue was at \$355 million with the operating expense at \$313 million with a projected income at \$42.2 million. The second slide was on cash flow by utility, noting their total operating cash would be projected at \$81,417 million. Lastly, the BWL proposed their total Capital Budget would be at \$139.5 million.

Council Member Wood asked if there was a projected rate increase, at which Mr. Peffley stated there is no % yet, and they will project a 3 year increase after the first year. He was then asked if there would be a water rate increase for the hydrants, and which he also stated no. Council Member Wood asked if BWL was still working on the technology for the outage maps. Mr. Peffley confirmed they will have a new map in the first quarter of 2018 and rely on smart meters.

Council Member Brown Clarke asked if the safe guards and enhancements have been added to the IT system. Ms. Shawa confirmed they have been made, and they plan to do a complete reconfiguration of the IT infrastructure, and they plan to use an EDMS system for the outage map. The 1st phase will replace the map as we know it which is cloud based

Council Member Houghton referred Mr. Peffley to the first table in their handout which did reflect rates increases, even though earlier he stated no increases. Mr. Shawa confirmed she was correct, there is an increase effective 2/1/2018, however the BWL Board still needs to do a rate hearing which they expect to occur fall 2017.

Council Member Houghton then asked about the installation of the smart meters, which Mr. Peffley confirmed they had done as pilot project in an apartment complex.

Lastly, Council Member Houghton acknowledged the BWL for their website recently that shows the work on the substation making all information transparent.

Mr. Schuck provided his opinion that BWL has stated at Public Safety meetings that their service cannot maintain the uses, and asked if there is funds in their budget to bring the infrastructure up to meet today's needs.

Ms. Stanaway asked for an update on the funds spent on the substation at the Scott Garden site.

Mr. Monti asked BWL to provide an incentive to register for the home occupation licensing.

Mr. Peffley responded that their infrastructure can handle the uses, but if it exceeds the standard residential use the owner can upgrade for better usage at a cost. The substation project is a capital fund and is on budget. There is no equipment on site yet, because they are working on the surveying and construction engineering, with plans to break ground the 2nd week in August. Council Member Wood stated to Mr. Peffley that at the Committee on Public Safety meetings they were told anything exceeding the standard service of 3500 KWH could potential damage the service. Mr. Peffley confirmed.

{CLOSED SESSION}

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:54 P.M. TO ADDRESS THE LAWSUIT UPDATE ON MANNING VS THE CITY OF LANSING; A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY SUBJECT TO THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE ON MEDICAL MARIHUANA STRATEGY; IAFF LOCAL 421 RATIFICATION OF THE 2016-2019 CBA. ROLL CALL VOTE CARRIED 7-0.

{RECONVENE}

Committee of the Whole meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ms. Stanaway supported the proposed Charter amendments but asked for copies to review. Ms. Stanaway did not support the proposed language on the Ballot Proposal for the sidewalks.

Council President Spitzley directed Council staff to create one packet binder for the back of the Chambers at the future meetings, and she also noted to the public that the packet is on the website prior to the meeting.

Ms. Parrish spoke on the Medical Marihuana Ordinance, the process thus far and delays that have occurred. She also asked that the July 10th Committee of the Whole minutes be changed to reflect that Ms. Collison spoke on behalf of her daughter, not that her daughter spoke. Council President Spitzley asked Council staff to make that change in the minutes.

Mr. Schuck spoke on the recent presentation by the City Attorney office at Foster Community Center to medical marihuana patients, asking how they were located and contacted, noting his concern with confidentiality.

Ms. Miles spoke in opposition to the proposed ballot proposal on sidewalks, and spoke in support of the ballot language on the sale of parks.

Ms. Womboldt spoke on the medical marihuana ordinance, noting her belief that a public hearing was already set, and what is currently being proposed for a public hearing has not been vetted.

Council Member Wood stepped away from the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Monti spoke on his concerns with the differences between Draft 6d, D& P Draft and COW Draft #1 in the Medical Marihuana Ordinances.

Council Member Wood returned to the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Monti also spoke in support of Medical Marihuana Facilities.

Mr. Ruddock referred the Committee to the Mission statement at the bottom of the agenda highlighting #4. Then went on to question the how public funding is spent, and ended with his support of not touching Ormond Park.

Mr. Madle spoke about the Medical Marihuana application process proposed.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Reappointments of 20 Individuals to Various Boards and Commissions

Council President Spitzley informed the Committee she was not proposing reappointing all twenty (20) that were referred, but acting only on the reappointments that expired over the last year. Council Member Wood stated the Boards receiving reappointments would be the Board of Fire Commissioners, Board of Police Commissioners, Board of Public Service, Board of

Zoning Appeals, Downtown Lansing, Inc., Election Officers Compensation Commission, Human Relations and Community Service Board and Memorial Review Board. The members were vetted by the Mayor's office and have been appointed before.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TWELVE (12) INDIVIDUALS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Council Member Washington asked if it was confirmed that the appointee only sits on one Board and that they live in the City of Lansing, per the Charter. Council Member Wood noted that they are vetted by the Mayor's office and can sit on one board, but with some of the classifications and their job could sit on two boards. As for residency, some Boards such as LEFPA and the DDA do not require residency. Council Member Washington noted she prefers all appointees live in the City.

Council Member Dunbar asked why there were two resolutions. Council President Spitzley noted that is how they were referred by the Mayor's office and they were referred at different times, and note placed on the Committee agenda immediately. Council Member Dunbar then stated the names of the re-appointees as follows; Betty Draher, Clyde Carnegie, Drew Macon, William Renfrew, Lyndon Babcock, Emily Horne, Jordan Leaming, Terry Carella, Summer Schriener, Kurt Berryman, Edwina Marshall, Chad Rogers.

Council Member Washington stepped away from the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Council Member Hussain asked if there was the appointment on EDC did not have to reside in the City, and Council President Spitzley confirmed. Council Member Hussain also asked what the criteria were in determining only 12 of the 20 referred. Council President stated that she only moved forward on the one's whose term recently expired, and the others had expired multiple years earlier. Those will continue to serve until at the pleasure of administration they are replaced or reappointed.

Council Member Washington returned to the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RESOLUTION – Reappointments of 6 Individuals to Various Boards and Commissions

Council Member Wood stated the reappointments would not be for six (6) but for the following: Nancy Mahlow, Mitch Rice, Pierre Lavoie, Calvin Jones and Amy Kraus.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FIVE (5) INDIVIDUALS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RESOLUTION – Ballot Language for Charter Amendment; Chapter 4; 8-403.7

Council Member Washington outlined the resolution she had worked on with the City Attorney's office. The resolutions she stated were split into two (2) because of the limit on words per proposal. Mr. Smiertka confirmed he had also presented them preliminarily to the Attorney General office and their recommendations were incorporated into the latest version dated July 24, 2017 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Washington then recited the language:

Chapter 4 Property

8-403.7. In addition to Section 8-403.6, no part or entirety of dedicated park land may be disposed of by transfer, easement, lease, license, or other

exchange, or be converted to another use without approval, by majority vote, of the electors of the City voting on the question at a regular or special election.

As used in this Section, “converted to another use” means changing the use of a park, or significant part thereof, from a recreation or conservation use to another use not directly related or incidental to public recreation or conservation.

This Section shall not apply to park land disposed of or converted to use by another public entity transferee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the Home Rule Cities Act (MCL 117.1, et. seq.); the question shall be captioned and stated on the ballot as follows:

*CITY OF LANSING CHARTER AMENDMENT
ELECTORATE APPROVAL OF PARK LAND DISPOSITION AND CONVERSION OF USE*

Pursuant to Section 8-403.8 of the Lansing City Charter, an affirmative vote of a majority of the electorate is required before any park land may be sold.

It is proposed that the Lansing City charter be amended by adding Section 8-403.7 to also require electorate approval prior to park land being disposed of or converted to another use not directly related or incidental to the public recreation or conservation. However, this Section shall not apply to disposition or conversion of use to another public entity.

Council Member Washington asked if with the proposed language the Administration could turn a public park over to another entity. Mr. Smiertka confirmed it would have to follow the Ordinance on sale of property, and in the case of BWL all property is titled in the name of the City of Lansing, and the deeds say “City of Lansing, on behalf of the Board of Water and Light”. Mr. Smiertka confirmed he had vetted both ballot language charter amendments through the Attorney General’s office. Nothing was formally approved but they did confer with them.

RESOLUTION – Ballot Language for Charter Amendment; Chapter 4; 8-403.8

Council Member Washington then recited the language for the amendment to 8-403.8.

Chapter 4 Property

8-403.8. Monetary consideration received from the sale of dedicated park land in accordance with Section 8-403.6 of this Charter or from other methods of disposition of park land shall be deposited in the operating fund accounts of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the Home Rule Cities Act (MCL 117.1, et. seq.); the question shall be captioned and stated on the ballot as follows:

*CITY OF LANSING CHARTER AMENDMENT
BUDGET ACCOUNT DEPOSIT OF MONETARY PROCEEDS FROM SALE OR OTHER
DISPOSITION OF PARK LAND*

It is proposed that the Lansing City Charter be amended to require monetary proceeds from the sale or disposition of park land be deposited in City Parks and Recreation Department accounts by adding section 8-403.8 that will provide for the following:

8-403.8. Monetary consideration received from the sale of dedicated park land in accordance with Section 8-403.6 of this Charter or from other methods of disposition of park land shall be deposited in the operating fund accounts of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Council President Spitzley asked if any of this language in either proposal would have stopped the sale of the Scott Park issue. Mr. Smiertka confirmed that there is a Charter provision that gives the ability to BWL to use City land for utilities. So it would not have stopped it and it would also not stop the road through Ormond Park either. The City Attorney office used template language from Rochester Hills which was more extensive than the City. Currently right now the only thing in the City Charter is the word "sale". Council Member Washington spoke in support of removing "*However, this Section shall not apply to disposition or conversion of use to another public entity.*" from the proposed ballot language in 8-403.7. Mr. Smiertka stated with that removal that would be in an issue in the future for Law to interpret the Charter.

Mr. Johnson presented issues that could arise if every easement and license had to be placed on the ballot, and recommended the Committee table the items for further discussion.

Council Member Dunbar asked if the ballot language had gone to the Park Board and if not it should, and Mr. Kaschinske confirmed the Board had not seen it.

Council Member Washington stated that she would work with Law to tighten up the language and bring it back however her belief is that the public should be more engaged in the decisions. Council Member Washington chose to pull the ballot language from the agenda on 8-403.7, however still wanted to proceed with the ballot language for 8-403.8. Any questions she stated could be forwarded to Council staff.

Council Member Wood asked Mr. Smiertka to create an outline on how these changes would protect the City, and what it would protect them from.

Council Member Houghton asked Mr. Kaschinske if the City has acquired any park land. Mr. Kaschinske confirmed since his time with the City they have added Hunters Ridge, and did an exchange with Delta Township for Grand Woods which still remains a park. There was a sale of Miller Road, Waverly and the Red Cedar. He did confirm the City has had a net gain since 2011. Council Member Houghton then asked Mr. Smiertka if this change would also affect all the licenses that are issued for cell towers, ITEC, LCC and festivals. It was confirmed and that it should be looked at to see what could have to go to the voters. It was written as restricted as it could get, and it would include that all easements and licenses would have to the public for a vote.

Council Member Washington asked when the next election would be after November, and after being told May, 2018, she proposed pulling the resolution for the ballot language on 8-403.7 until she can meet with the new Administration in 2018.

At this time Council President Spitzley also pulled agenda items D. and E. which were Ballot Proposals also, and move that discussion and action to the July 31st Committee meeting. Those were for sidewalks and for the sale of the Cooley-Haze House.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BALLOT LANGUAGE TO AMEND SECTION 8-403.8 OF THE LANSING CITY CHARTER.

The Committee discussed the effect of the ballot language on the funds from the sale of the park land and where the funds go in the park improvements and park planning. Mr. Johnson pointed out that some funds for the parks actually do not come out of the Parks Department budget, but from CDBG and the Planning and Neighborhood Development Budget because of parking lots. He also noted that some sales might contain restrictions on the funds. Council Member Yorke suggested adding “barring any statutory requirements” to the language.

Council Member Dunbar asked if this language, 8-403.8 had been presented to the Park Board, and she was informed it had not.

Council President Spitzley passed the gavel and stepped away from the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Council Member Dunbar requested that the Park Board review the language.

Council President Spitzley returned to the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and Council Member Wood passed the gavel.

Council Member Hussain suggested pulling the resolution at this time until things can be clear and vetted by the Park Board. During his time on the Park Board in 2011 they were told funds would go into the green space when they sold the Red Cedar because it was part of the Charter, then after the sale they were told it was not part of the Charter and the Administration could do anything they wanted, so the Board and the public felt cheated. The language needs to be clearer.

COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON WITHDREW HER MOTION.

Council Member Washington stated she would work with the new administration in January 2018 on the ballot language.

RESOLUTION – Ballot Proposal; Sidewalk Millage

Item moved to the July 31, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

IAFF LOCAL 421 RATIFICATION OF THE 2016-2019 CBA

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RATIFICATION OF THE 2015-2019 CBA FOR THE IAFF LOCAL 421. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Mr. Kaschinske pleaded with the Council President to address the Resolution on the Cooley Haze House since Ms. Garcia-Wing was present.

RESOLUTION – Ballot Proposal; Sale of Cooley Haze House with Historic Covenant

Mr. Kaschinske recapped for the Committee that the house was rented by the Michigan Women’s Historical Museum from 1987 until 2017, when they chose not to renew the lease.

Mr. Smiertka stepped away from the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Ms. Gracia-Wing presented the Park Board Subcommittee Recommendation on the sale, where they had performed historical research, the significance of tax credits, a list of potential buyers and markets, and their goals.

Mr. Smiertka returned to the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

The subcommittee proposed 4 requirements of the sale, those to include a robust public education campaign for the ballot proposal, a historic covenant on the sale, the development of a comprehensive marketing plan for the sale, and a “low cost” sale.

Council Member Brown Clarke asked for confirmation on the location and its relation to the Cooley Gardens. Ms. Gracia-Wing confirmed that this would be for the house and the land it sits on. Mr. Kaschinske provided information that the lot is 70' x 170'.

Council Member Yorke acknowledged the subcommittee for all their work, and asked for confirmation from Law they had reviewed the language and it was confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER YORKE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE OF THE COOLEY HAZE HOUSE WITH HISTORIC COVENANT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Place on File

- Lansing Police Department 2016 Annual Report

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by Committee on



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CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice President Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Brown Clarke
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar – arrived at 5:44 p.m.
Councilmember Tina Houghton
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley- excused
Councilmember Jody Washington
Councilmember Carol Wood
Councilmember Jessica Yorke- arrived at 5:37 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor
Brandon Waddell, Assistant City Attorney
Dick Peffley, BWL General Manager
Calvin Jones, BWL
Annie Rzepecki, BWL Community Relations
Kellee Christenson, BWL
Rebecca Rostar, BWL
Kate Long, TCOA
Sara Aikman, TCOA
Kathy Miles
Elaine Womboldt
Mary Reynolds

Minutes

Council Vice President Wood pulled the minutes until the next meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ms. Miles referenced information from a conference she attended on smart meter, and spoke in opposition to them citing her opinion of the dangers.

Ms. Womboldt spoke in opposition and asked that all residents get a choice on the install.

Ms. Reynolds asked for Council to inquire as to the cost of the smart meters, and if the residents have a choice to accept them.

Presentation

Lansing Board of Water and Light; Smart Meters

Council Member Wood asked Mr. Peffley and Ms. Rzepecki to address the concerns stated thus far by the public. Ms. Rzepecki acknowledged the questions and began the presentation. Highlighted was that the current meters do not notify BWL where there is an outage, and the new meters will send a signal to BWL where this power outage at the residency and when it has been restored. The Smart Meters will also allow residents to monitor their usage. Council Member Wood asked if the decision to install the meters is a decision by the BWL and their Board of Commissioners or the Council can choose. Mr. Peffley confirmed it is a decision by BWL and their Board, and was approved for a 5 year project. Years 1-2 addressed the technology with the first installs in October. The project has been approved in the BWL capital project and is on track. Ms. Rzepecki then presented a video that is currently on their website; www.lbwl.com/bsmart and something they will use when presenting to any groups or neighborhoods that are interested.

Council Member Houghton stepped away at 5:43 p.m. during the presentation and returned at 5:44 p.m.

Ms. Rzepecki began the PowerPoint presentation which noted the BWL will replace 97,000 electric meters and 67,000 water meters with the new Smart Meters. These new meters they believe will allow them to partner with the residents on monitoring their usage and how it affects their bill. A goal of installing the meters is to eliminate estimated usage, and provide an accurate actual reading. Ms. Rzepecki noted that in relation to the RF emissions of the meter compared to a cell phone and baby monitor it is much lower, and is placed outside as compared to other two which are inside the homes. A PILOT program was performed in East Lansing, and with the rapid turnover there with students, it has been successful. Regarding the question on a rate increase, Ms. Rzepecki noted it might be seen, however that could be because the current analog meter was running slow and now the Smart Meters will be reading accurate. This could occur with a small number of meters the BWL representatives confirmed. Regarding the privacy and security, they also confirmed the meters are held to the same standards as the Department of Defense on privacy. Ms. Rzepecki also added that the meters do not transmit personal information, but only usage.

The Committee reviewed handouts that the BWL will be offering to communities, neighborhood groups and anyone who is seeking information before the installation at their residence. The brochure presented at this meeting, she noted, would also be in the first mailing to residents 1-2 months prior to install. She again referred everyone and the public to their website, www.lbwl.com/bsmart. A second communication will be sent 3-4 weeks before which is a post card format.

The Committee then were referenced to a map which outlined which areas in Lansing would be scheduled for the install in 2017/2018; 2018/2019 and 2019/2020, noting that is subject to change depending on how smooth the installs go. There will be three types of meters; water, water/electric and electric. A water meter install will require an appointment because the installers need to access the house.

Ms. Rzepecki again acknowledged the Council for allowing them to present and wanted to make them aware of all the materials available for them to forward information to the residents of Lansing before the project begins.

Mr. Peffley spoke on the change in staffing, with the 18 meter readers that will no longer have those jobs, but will have jobs with BWL in other areas. With the current meters there are an average of 100 turn-offs a day due to non-payment, and now with the smart meters the turn-off and turn-on when payments is made can all be done remotely. Mr. Peffley then answered an earlier question from the public, stating that in the first year if a resident notifies BWL that they are not ready or want the smart meter, they will skip them and come back at a later date.

Council Member Yorke asked if the Smart meters will address peak demand issues and future energy planning. Mr. Peffley stated that currently the Michigan laws stated it will be 1% efficiency a year, but by 2021 the State will no longer require it. BWL does plan to continue it. They are also encouraged with the time of day reduced rate to help the user monitor their usage portfolio.

Council Member Dunbar asked about the vendor and their security. Ms. Christenson informed the Council the vendor is LITOS, who is also used by the Defense Department. They are off site, highly encrypted and respond to data flow with a mesh network where the information is encrypted and authenticated multiple times. It is a 4G network where the meters speak to the collector not a cell tower, and then re-encrypted up to 4 times a day. The meters are being installed with chips so if the owner in the future wants to monitor and regulate it with the smart phone it is already set up, but currently they are offering time-of-use rate discounts. There has been a PILOT program in East Lansing for 3 years and they have eliminated all estimating.

Council Member Brown Clarke asked if there was a parallel program for the businesses. Mr. Peffley confirmed they will be part of the roll out, and Ms. Rezpecki added they have been working with the Chamber utilizing their publications and communication channels.

Council Member Hussain asked if BWL looked into the issues that the 23 cities that stated they banned Smart meters used for their concerns. Mr. Peffley acknowledged that BWL believes the Smart meters address the biggest concern with is outages and the resident's urgency to have power restored. Ms. Christenson added that 5 years ago BWL did engage with a consulting firm to help them evaluate and prepare. This study found that any fires with the meters were due to poor installation, and BWL has spent the funds to have all their meters tested with UL ratings.

Council Member Wood voiced a concern with hacking into the meters, asking if they had analyzed it. Ms. Christenson assured the Council that the reason they went with the vendor they did was because they have the connection to Department of Defense and the rate of hacking meters is low. Council Member Wood then asked about energizing the meters and any risk to the workers. Ms. Christenson assured them that with the Smart meters they provide data on their status, and the signal will tell them all the information. Council Member Wood asked if the owner is going to be required to trim the landscaping near the meter as the door hanger currently states. Mr. Peffley stated that BWL currently already requires that, so they will continue with their existing policy.

There was a brief discussion on the on-line bill payment plan, in which Council Member Wood stated she is charged a fee when paying from her checking. Council Member Dunbar stated she was able to eliminate that by signing up for e-statements eliminating the paper statement. Mr. Peffley stated he would look into the concerns.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION –Tri County Office on Aging (TCOA) FY2018 Annual Implementation Plan

Ms. Long and Ms. Aikman presented the FY2018 Implementation plan, which was a continuation of the multi-year plan for FY2016-2019. Ms. Aikman briefly noted for the Council

that TCOA is one of 16 area agencies in the State, and they focus on Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties to promote and preserve the dignity of the aging population. Ms. Long highlighted the plan, noting the goals from the multi-year plan will continue in to 2018 with no changes or additions. In 2018 they will offer programs that explore and address elder abuse, address support for family and care givers, and transitions. Ms. Long noted that Sparrow Hospital did not renew their contract for the transitional program so they are currently holding discussions with McLaren. This program helps transition patients from the hospital stay to recovering back at their home. At the end of the contract with Sparrow they were servicing several 1,000 patients.

Council Member Wood asked what percentage of their budget dealt with Federal dollars and if they were making choices differently because of what is occurring in Washington. Ms. Long assured the Council that this plan is funded by the Older American Act.

The Council spoke briefly on TCOA need for volunteers, and they were referred to the website where there is a downloadable application. Council Member Washington informed Ms. Aikman she had reached out to volunteer for Meals on Wheels and had never heard back. Ms. Aikman apologized and stated she would look into that ASAP, and also offered 517-887-1440 for people to call directly to sign up for the program as a volunteer.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN CLARKE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE TCOA FY2018 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council Member Wood asked Ms. Aikman to keep the Council updated on their discussions and any action with McLaren.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary
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Approved by Committee on



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Virg Bernero, Mayor

TO: City Council President Patricia Spitzley and Councilmembers
FROM: Mayor Virg Bernero
DATE: 7-24-17
RE: Multiple Re-appointments to Boards/Commissions:

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your review and appropriate action.

VB/rh
Attachment



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Virg Bernero, Mayor

7-24-17

Council President Patricia Spitzley and Councilmembers
City Council Members
10th Floor City Hall
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Dear President Boles and City Councilmembers:

I herewith submit for your confirmation the re-appointments of:

Board of Water & Light Board of Commissioners:

Anthony Mullen as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2021

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Josh Hovey as Planning Board Representative for a term to expire June 30, 2018

Employees Retirement Board:

Scott Dedic for a term to expire June 30, 2020

Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority:

James Butler for a term to expire June 30, 2020
Fred Sparrow for a term to expire June 30, 2020

Memorial Review Board:

Maria Starr VanCore for a term to expire June 30, 2018

Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority:

Scott Gillespie for a term to expire June 30, 2021

Park Board:

Veronica Gracia-Wing as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2021

Planning Board:

Josh Hovey as 4th Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2020
Lynne Martinez as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2020



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Virg Bernero, Mayor

John Ruge as 1st Ward Member for a term a term to expire June 30, 2021

Your confirmation of these re-appointments is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Virg Bernero
Mayor

VB/rh
Attachment

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE City OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made reappointments to various Boards as stated below:

Board of Water & Light Board of Commissioners:

Anthony Mullen as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2021

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Josh Hovey as Planning Board Representative for a term to expire June 30, 2018

Employees Retirement Board:

Scott Dedic for a term to expire June 30, 2020

Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority:

James Butler for a term to expire June 30, 2020

Fred Sparrow for a term to expire June 30, 2020

Memorial Review Board:

Maria Starr VanCore for a term to expire June 30, 2018

Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority:

Scott Gillespie for a term to expire June 30, 2021

Park Board:

Veronica Gracia-Wing as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2021

Planning Board:

Josh Hovey as 4th Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2020

Lynne Martinez as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2020

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WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has verified that the nominees have been vetted and meet the qualifications as required by the City Charter.

BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council confirms the reappointments to various Boards as stated below:

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Virg Bernero, Mayor

TO: City Council President Patricia Spitzley and Councilmembers
FROM: Mayor Virg Bernero
DATE: 7-6-17
RE: Bond Proposal for Sidewalks and Neighborhood Streets

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your review and appropriate action.

VB/rh
Attachment



Virg Bernero, Mayor

City of Lansing
Inter-Departmental
Memorandum



To: Virg Bernero, Mayor

From: Randy Hannan, Chief of Staff

Subject: CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM - Bond Proposal for Sidewalks and Neighborhood Streets

Date: 7-6-17

Please forward this resolution to City Council for placement on the Agenda.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please give me a call.

Attachments

"Equal Opportunity Employer"

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of City of Lansing, State of Michigan, at a Regular meeting held on _____, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act 267.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: _____

_____ and that the following Members were absent:

I further certify that Member _____ moved for adoption of said resolution and that Member _____ supported said motion.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said resolution: _____

_____ and that the following Members voted against adoption of said resolution: _____.

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

SIDEWALK AND NEIGHBORHOOD STREET IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Lansing, Counties of Ingham and Eaton, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Eleven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$11,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed three (3) years from the date of issuance of each series, for the purpose of paying the cost to improve, replace, reconstruct and construct sidewalks and neighborhood streets in the City, including related site improvements, appurtenances and attachments?

The estimated millage to be levied in 2018 is 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

City of Lansing
Counties of Ingham and Eaton, State of Michigan
RESOLUTION SUBMITTING SIDEWALK AND NEIGHBORHOOD STREET
IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lansing (the "City") has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents and property owners that the City improve, replace, reconstruct and construct sidewalks and neighborhood streets , including related site improvements, appurtenances and attachments (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the City should borrow money in an amount not-to-exceed Eleven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$11,500,000) and issue general obligation bonds of the City in one or more series for the purpose of paying the cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to place a proposal to issue bonds for the Project before the qualified electors of the City at the general election to be held in the City on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 (the "Election Date"); and

WHEREAS, in order for the bond proposal to be submitted to the City's electors on the Election Date, it is necessary for the City Council to certify the ballot wording of the proposal to the City and County Clerks as required by Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended (the "Michigan Election Law").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The bond proposal attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A (the "Bond Proposal") shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City on the Election Date.
2. The ballot wording of the Bond Proposal is hereby certified to the City and County Clerks for submission to the City's electors on the Election Date. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this Resolution and/or complete any such forms, certificates or documents as may be required by the County Clerk to evidence the foregoing certification and/or submission as required by the Michigan Election Law.
3. The City Clerk and the County Clerk are hereby directed to (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election for the Election Date in the manner required by the Michigan Election Law, and (b) have prepared and printed, as provided by the Michigan Election Law, ballots for submitting the Bond Proposal on the Election Date, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.
4. The estimated first year millage rate and simple average annual millage rate set forth in the Bond Proposal are reasonable estimates of such millage rates based on current assumptions.

5. The City makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended:

- (a) As of the date hereof, the City reasonably expects to reimburse itself with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City for costs of the Project that were or will be paid subsequent to sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.
- (b) The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Project is \$11,500,000.
- (c) The expenditures described above are "capital expenditures" as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.150-1(b), which are any costs of a type which are properly chargeable to a capital account (or would be so chargeable with a proper election or with the application of the definition of placed in service under Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2(c)) under general Federal income tax principles (as determined at the time the expenditure is paid).

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.