



## **MINUTES**

**Committee on Intergovernmental Relations  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.  
Council Conference Room, City Hall**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Chairperson  
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Vice Chairperson  
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Member – arrived at 8:39 a.m.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

LaSondra Crenshaw, Council Staff  
Joe Abood, Assistant City Attorney  
Turney Gratz, Citizen  
Marshall Clabeaux, Citizen  
Scott Murto, Citizen  
Nathan Jemison, Citizen  
Jerren Osmar, Citizen  
Anna Fisher, Citizen

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No Public Comment

### **Introductions**

### **MINUTES**

No minutes from 2018 to approve.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **PLACE ON FILE – Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Audit Fiscal Year 2018**

Council Member Jackson stated that the job of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is an organization that serves as a regional authority with officials from Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties to develop regional projects and disburse Federal and other funds.

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO PLACE ON FILE THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AUDIT FISCAL YEAR 2018. MOTION PASSED 2-0**

### **Climate Action Plan Update/Discussion**

Council Member Jackson stated he felt climate action is important to everyone and deferred to Council Member Dunbar to speak regarding the subcommittee's climate action plan. His vision was to have at least the City of Lansing come together with mitigating items that can control lowering the emissions and become a greener City. Council Member Jackson also suggested that currently the City fleet vehicles are kept running even when they are not inside the vehicle, so that could possibly be one thing to address.

Council Member Garza agreed regarding the City fleet vehicles and suggested asking them to come to a meeting to discuss lowering emissions. He also suggested inviting CATA & BWL in to discuss their plans for the future.

Council Member Dunbar informed the Committee that last year there were a group of people that met and they found they did not have a baseline for anything. They attempted to get City data and met with the City IT Department. She also stated that water, steam, gas, electric, and fuel for fleet is tracked differently. Council Member Dunbar then confirmed that the Mayor agreed that he would contract with an agency and he would like to split the cost with the City Council. The Committee then discussed possibly hiring someone to get the needed information and meet with department heads.

Mr. Clabeaux spoke in support of a need to act now because he believed it was urgent, and he would be excited to start talking but added that he believe they need action.

Mr. Murto spoke on the deep adaptation helping climate change.

Mr. Osmar stated he felts BWL seemed to be the biggest pressure point.

Ms. Fisher spoke in support of the need to have dedicated funds in the budget for a person who can oversee the effort, but adding that in her opinion this group currently does not have the expertise to create an action plan, stating that she believed the City of Lansing was already behind other Cities as they already have a climate action plan. Lastly, Ms. Fisher asked what can be done to encourage people to change their light bulbs to LED and ban the use of plastic bags.

Council Member Dunbar asked that Council staff provide her with an example resolution authorizing expenditure.

Council Member Jackson asked the group to come to the next meeting with ideas regarding the climate action plan.

The next meeting was set for February 27, 2019.

Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by,

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant  
Lansing City Council

Approved Wed Feb 27, 2019