



MINUTES
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Chairperson
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Vice Chairperson - excused
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

LaSondra Crenshaw, Council Staff
Joe Abood, Assistant City Attorney
Andy Kilpatrick
Sharon Bannon, Citizen
Marshall Clabeaux, Citizen
Laura Sager, Citizen
Anna Fisher, Citizen

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment

Introductions

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMEBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2019. MOTION PASSED 2-0

RESOLUTION – City of Lansing Climate Action Planning

Mr. Kilpatrick advised there has been some changes regarding dates, and billing procedures. Standard billing was fifty percent up front and the remaining fifty percent at the conclusion of the project.

Ms. Fisher stated she is hoping Lansing will have a full time energy manager, as we wouldn't want to stop with a nine month contractual agreement. She feels as if the council members, and mayor believe this will be too expensive, however she feels we cannot afford to not do it. Council Member Dunbar stated she feels it's the expense that scares everyone, however there are some inexpensive things that we could do.

Council Member Dunbar stated she is pushing for a Sustainability Manager, who would be responsible for checking in every department to see who would be the best contact. She also suggested creating a FB page to get input from others. Mr. Abood advised that the Case law states that you don't have to comment for it to be considered a deliberation, if two or more people from the same committee, or five or more people from the City Council comment it would violate the Open Meetings Act. However there could be a link on the City page that provides information regarding the climate action plan project, and possibly make it so the public could make comments.

Council Member Jackson agreed that our climate action plan should have a clause about continuing education.

Mr. Clabeaux suggested three recommendations the first being a full time Community Energy Manager as that would be a vital role, secondly incorporate Green Core programs that are currently being put to use in Chicago, and lastly initiate a Volunteer Support Network. Mr. Clabeaux also suggested an incentive program for first time home buyers that would include a free roof, windows, furnace, or water heater which could possibly motivate more people to buy homes in Lansing.

Ms. Fisher suggested we have a town hall that would serve to educate the public. Council Member Jackson added that it's possible that our plan will grow the foundation.

Council Member Jackson asked the group what should be discussed at the next meeting. Should they discuss what we need to do to prepare for the person who is hired, or do we continue to work on our climate action plan. It was decided that at the next meeting the discussion will be about the Climate Action Plan in other states.

Ms. Sager suggested that once someone is hired it would be helpful if they come to an Intergovernmental Relations meeting and provide information regarding plans, etc. And possibly invite speakers for a community forum

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ADDED TO THE PARAGRAPH NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: ****With the understanding that the balance of the contract shall be paid by Public Services Department**** FOR THE CITY OF LANSING CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING PROJECT TO SET PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 11, 2019. MOTION PASSED 2-0

The next meeting was set for March 13, 2019.

Adjourned at 9:33 a.m.
Submitted by,
LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant
Lansing City Council
Approved March 27, 2019