



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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

LaSondra Crenshaw, Council Staff  
Joe Abood, Assistant City Attorney  
Sharon Bannon, Citizen  
Marshall Clabeaux, Citizen  
Randy Dykhuis, Citizen

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No Public Comment

Introductions

**MINUTES**

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2019 WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING MARCH 27, 2019

## **DISCUSSION** – Other Municipal Climate Action Plans

Council Member Jackson advised the group that today they would be discussing what the Lansing climate action plan could look like compared to others. The city of East Lansing developed their climate plan in 2012, and they targeted five areas. He stated the group would look over other cities climate plans with Ann and see what they do and don't like.

Mr. Clabeaux suggested they narrow the focus to Midwest climate action plans and they should link with cities like Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City.

Mr. Dykhuis asked what exactly Ann Erhardt will be delivering. Council Member Jackson stated that when looking at various climate action plans most start with a resolution, with that being said they should start with an authorizing resolution that speaks on plans/expectations and a timeline. Council Member Jackson then asked council staff to provide him with a copy of the 2017 resolution that was passed regarding climate action plan. The requested resolution was provided during the meeting.

Ms. Bannon stated they need to figure out how to get people informed about the Intergovernmental Relations meetings. Council Member Jackson advised he does use his personal Facebook page to provide information however it is very limited. During the last meeting the group mentioned putting a notice on the City page, however law advised that could be a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Clabeaux asked Mr. Abood if they could make a Facebook page labeled Climate Action Plan, and the city could also share the information on their Facebook page. Mr. Abood advised we could use the city webpage and provide a link, however they have to be very careful not to violate the Open Meetings Act.

Council Member Jackson stated the plan they are looking at would include more than greenhouse emissions. He felt it would be important that people know they already have a commitment.

Council Member Garza asked what Ann's official start date is. Mr. Abood reference the contract provided and stated the contract would not be approved by law in the form presently presented. The contract would have to be in the correct form in order for the city to adopt. He stated this should be addressed, not changing bench marks but it will have to be in a format that the city could approve.

Council Member Garza asked if Ann would be able to write grants. Mr. Clabeaux stated that per the contract she would be able to and it would be beneficial.

Council Member Jackson informed the group that at the next meeting they would go over the resolution, and have law provide an update on the contract for Ann Erhardt.

The next meeting was set for March 27, 2019.

Adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Submitted by,

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant

Lansing City Council

Approved March 27, 2019