



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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT

LaSondra Crenshaw, Council Staff
Joe Abood, Assistant City Attorney
Sharon Bannon, Citizen
Marshall Clabeaux, Citizen
Randy Dykhuis, Citizen
MC Rothhorn, Citizen
Scott Murto, Citizen
Linda Keefe, Citizen

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment

Introductions

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 3-0

DISCUSSION – Continue Conversation on Other Municipal Climate Action Plans

Council Member Jackson explained the group left off looking into other municipal climate actions plans. And the part time position has been approved for Ann Erhardt who has been contracted to gather data and draft a climate action plan.

Mr. Dykhuis stated there has been some baseline data done

Council Member Jackson asked if they should invite someone in. Council Member Dunbar advised that last year she spoke with someone from Meridian Township and East Lansing. She then asked if Ann's position was in the summary from the Mayor. After a discussion it was decided that the position was not in the summary from the Mayor.

Council Member Jackson stated he wonders if moving ahead with 100% renewable energy within city buildings is the best move for the city when it comes to a greener future, and if it is the best way to spend \$280,000.00. Due to the fact that city buildings going 100% renewable would not increase BW&L's net renewable output.

Council Member Garza asked if they talked about getting any grants for solar panels. Council Member Dunbar stated we could put together a list of grants that are available.

Mr. Rotthorn asked if there is a way to include the young voice such as high school and college students, as they have the greatest stake. Council Member Jackson advised last year he came up with an idea regarding a junior city council and they met last year. He then stated follow up with the junior board would be good. He suggested contacting the Lansing school board to see if we can get on their agenda and asked LaSondra to get their contact information from him later.

Council Member Dunbar advised she will reach out to Ann Erhardt about attending the next meeting. She then later advised the group that Ann will be in attendance at the next meeting April 10th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Council Member Jackson asked the group their opinions on what can they could do for their housing stock. Mr. Abood suggested they may want to consider incentives, and speaking with assessors to see how they plan to access the properties.

Council Member Jackson advised the group that beginning April 10, 2019 he would like the meetings to begin at 8:00 a.m.

Council Member Garza suggested we also invite Kate Madigan with the Michigan Climate Action Network to the next meeting. Mrs. Crenshaw will extend an invitation to Ms.Madigan.

The next meeting was set for April 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Submitted by,

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant

Lansing City Council

Approved April 10, 2019