



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, April 15, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Councilmember Kathie Dunbar
Councilmember Jeremy A. Garza
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Council Member Brian T. Jackson
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Jody Washington
Councilmember Carol Wood

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Samantha Harkins, Mayor Chief of Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor
Angela Bennett, Finance Director
Judge Alderson
Anethia Brewer, 54-A District Court Administrator
Susan Knieling, 54-A District Deputy Court Administrator
Linda Sanchez- Gazella, HR Director
Lisa Thelen, Human Resources
Brett Kaschinske, Parks & Recreation Director
Andi Crawford, Neighborhood & Citizen Engagement
Loretta Stanaway
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director
Christopher Mumby, Public Service

Due to technical difficulty, the meeting began live on the web and the City TV local channel, but the TV monitors in the Chambers were not working.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ms. Stanaway supported the creation of a 501C3 for parks and allowing them to hold onto their funds from sales.

PRESENTATIONS

Department Budget Presentations

District Court

Judge Alderson spoke on changes in personnel with the retirement of Jude DeLuca and appointment of Cynthia Ward. She then went into an overview of the State wide Child Court funding and would be able to have a stronger discussion with Council as things move forward. Council President Wood asked if they knew what impact it will have on the court system and revenues. Judge Alderson stated that 44% of \$1.44 billion is from criminal defenders and 26% is local to fund trial courts. Council Member Spitzley asked what percentage impacts the 54A District Court. Judge Alderson was not able to provide the exact amount but confirmed it was noted in the budget.

Ms. Brewer introduce Ms. Knieling and then provided an overview of the Court caseloads including 1,300 felonies, 3,195 misdemeanors, 10,900 traffic and civil related with 4,000 parking matters. More date she noted would appear in their annual report. In September, 2018 they launched the tax case module and working on PA 230 and PA 235 which is the e-filing action. They held their first Collections Audit and were 100% compliant. They are speaking to other Court Administrators on the tax payment reminder program. Ms. Brewer then noted that they are currently in negotiations with 243 and have requested in the upcoming budget one (1) capital request to do with the Law Office complaint routing process. They currently have a \$6 million, with \$1.1 million in allocations, the balance to personnel, with no projected increase operations, but actually lower than FY19 due to retirements. Lastly Ms. Brewer read an email that Judge Alderson received regarding the high quality of customer service the department has and meeting all averages in satisfaction surveys.

Council Member Dunbar asked if the fees collected as court appointed fees is tied to the ligated costs in the budget and if so what generates that fee. Ms. Brewer stated that the court appointed fees are set and assessed by the court and now the public defender will interview and talk about the ability to pay. From that the public defender will recommend the bond and assessment for service. At that point there will be a judgement order, they will collect and then 80% will go to the funding and 20% to LARA. Judge Alderson added that the attorney fee is a "user fee" as compared to court costs and fines.

Council Member Jackson asked if the future court consolidation plan have any impact on this budget or their projects. Judge Alderson stated that court consolidation would not have any effect on this budget. They would look at court consolidation over the 8 year period and have impact on any future budgets.

Council Member Jackson asked if there is an option for people to do community service base payment and any report on that. Ms. Brewer stated there are no specifics but could that that to Council.

Council Member Spadafore asked where the costs of the capital project they mentioned was. Ms. Brewer stated it was \$15,000 and in their miscellaneous budget and will work with the OCA on it. The item in information technology for licensing and costs. Council Member Spadafore asked Mr. Brewer to do a line item on the information technology of all department for what they spent for FY19. He then asked Ms. Brewer if the text messaging program

resulted in better payments, and she acknowledged the program just started so there was no information. Council Member Spitzley also supported more research into the Information Technology budget line items and how does it per department and why it covers some computers, some software. Council Member Spadafore asked Ms. Bennett if the IT Department budget includes software licensing, then why the Courts are asking for it in their budget. Ms. Bennett stated that IT covers software and licensing. Council Member Spadafore asked again why Court is putting in their budget then. Ms. Bennett stated it was a minimal amount and in FY 2020/2021 it would be in IT budget ongoing, and that this request is for implementation. Council Member Spadafore asked what the total spend on the LF licensing for the City was. Council Member Spitzley again noted her concerns with the IT how they are being told the costs are split in each department budget for IT funds, but then Courts have to purchase their own program. She asked that information be provided on how the dollars are assessed across the departments for Information Technology and legal services.

Council President Wood asked why the contractual services line went down. Ms. Brewer stated with the creation of the Public Defender Office they no longer have to pay for a court appointed attorney.

Human Resources

Ms. Sanchez-Gazella and Ms. Thelen went through the presentation that was in the packet which highlighted the divisions in their department with no changes in personnel in the last year. The department has assisted in hiring 235 people which is a 4% increase over the year before. There have been 67 promotions, 17 lateral moves and 20 reclassifications. The departments other tasks over the last year included a collaborative testing on Fire Department hiring, the transition of Code Enforcement from LFD to EDP, increased recruiting outreach

Council Member Jackson stepped away from the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Ms. Sanchez- Gazella moved onto the implementation of the new employee assistance program. Lastly she acknowledged they are continually training staff, providing labor relations 101 training and Council training.

Council Member Hussain asked what was attributed to the \$50,000 spending in the residency incentive. Ms. Thelen acknowledged it is not as successful as they would like it to be as they always hope get lots of request, so they are focusing on the advertising and current employees. It was noted that the Mayor was looking to add to include part time union employees.

Council Member Garza asked about the random alcohol and drug tests, and if there were any employees who failed. Ms. Sanchez-Gazelle stated if they do they have program set up to address. She also could provide the number of people tested at a later date.

Council Member Washington encouraged them to advertise the resident incentive program. She then asked the timeline on filling a vacancy. Ms. Sanchez-Gazelle stated it depends, if it is internal 4-6 weeks, if it is someone hired from outside it is 8-10 weeks. They are looking at stream lining but looking into new software as well.

Council Member Dunbar asked about the next process after the testing mentioned by Council Member Garza, and was told there is a program at the Health and Wellness division and they work with the union representative to get into counseling, and would have their be 1st disciplinary in file. The same process is followed if there is a marihuana detection.

Council Member Hussain asked what the \$5,000 was and if it included temp help. They stated it was the Segal contract, back ground investigations, not for temp staff. Any contractual staff falls under the temp line item in the budget. Council Member Hussain confirmed with the Director there are two vacancies in the department, then asked who wrote the testing exams for the hiring tests, and Ms. Sanchez-Gazelle stated they are written by Connexa, but they also work with the department and hiring manager.

Council Member Washington stepped away from the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Council Member Spitzley asked how many current employees are listed in the temp budget line, and if there were any plans to move those employees to permanent positions. It was confirmed there are 2.5 positions and they are contracted but they are working with Segal for changes to the job descriptions. They both have labor representation and filled contractually. Council Member Spitzley then asked about the parking subsidy, which she was told was for all City employees.

Council Member Washington returned to the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Council Member Dunbar suggested they survey City employees on the residency incentive program. Council Member Spitzley suggested it be taken carefully since they cannot require residency.

Council President Wood asked if the new programming software they mentioned was in the budget. Ms. Sanchez-Gazelle stated it was, but the cost of the new software could be similar to what is currently being used. Ms. Bennett corrected and said it was not contained in the budget, and Ms. Sanchez-Gazelle clarified it was noted because the cost would be the same as the current system. Council Member Spadafore asked why if replacing software they are not using should not cover this cost. Ms. Bennett stated that IT covers licensing and ongoing, but this is the new purchase. Council Member Spadafore then asked what he \$6 million in the IT budget was for. Ms. Bennett stated it contains software, purchasing, technology, and the \$815,000 in the HR budget also contains the costs for the IT division, which is maintenance of existing of hardware and software.

Council Member Washington stepped away from the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Ms. Bennett stated that the technology and ongoing costs that support the technology are in those line items. Council Member Spadafore asked if any department new software is charged outside of the IT budget, and who decides. Ms. Bennett stated the Mayor decides. Council Member Spadafore then asked why the District Court just asked for \$15,000 to expand, but whatever the HR Director is asking for the Mayor would decide on. Ms. Bennett stated that ultimately it does depend on what the Mayor decides. Once it becomes an ongoing program, it will be under the IT budget. The purchase and licensing comes out of the department budget. Council Member Spadafore asked what the \$800,000 in the IT budget was being spent on and Ms. Bennett stated \$ 515,000 computer replacements; \$300,000 for the Fire Department records management system. Council President Wood asked Ms. Sanchez-Gazelle what the cost was for the two (2) software programs. She was informed it was \$35,000, and the new system would bring efficiency to the hiring specialists.

Council Member Washington returned to the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Council Member Spitzley asked for details from the Information Technology Department on the \$815,000 Capital Improvement Budget.

Council Member Garza stepped away from the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

She also asked for details on what the contract costs are with Dewpoint, and the general allocation in the Information Technology budget for computers, licensed software and charges to departments. Council Member Dunbar added that if the department's line item is for an allocation to the Information Technology Budget, then it is not an expense, it should be shown as an administrative charge.

Council Member Garza returned to the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Council Member Spadafore stated he still wanted to know what the funds were being spent on.

Council President Wood asked Ms. Sanchez-Gazelle if their office has options for those who do not have access to computers have access to the job applications. Ms. Sanchez-Gazelle stated that they have kiosks in Operations and Maintenance and Waste Water, transportation and in City Hall. She was not sure of the actual number. She added there is also an open door policy if they come in or call and her office will give them the area to fill out applications.

Council Member Jackson asked what the HR efforts were on diversifying the workforce. Ms. Sanchez-Gazelle stated the hiring specialist are attending sessions on that, they advertise in different forms of publications, and are in development with local colleges,

Council Member Dunbar asked Mr. Brewer to compile a list of all department IT Budgets, and Council President Wood asked that they research the IT enterprise fund and get an explanation on what that fund would be utilized for and how determined at that time.

Parks & Recreation

Mr. Kaschinske first noted that the power point presentation included a video, but since the City TV was not working at the time, he would send the link to the video to Council. He then presented his presentation from the packet.

Council Member Spadafore asked if the City had wireless parks established already. Mr. Kaschinske admitted there is one in Adado Park which is utilized during event.

Council Member Spitzley stepped away from the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

He did acknowledge that he did not have usage data.

Council Member Garza asked about the \$275,000 in the budget for restoration. And Mr. Kaschinske stated it was all for parks, and they are going through the parks all time to find the needs. This includes redoing parking lots, work at Davis Park and Sycamore Park.

Council Member Spitzley returned to the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

They want to focus as much as they can on crack sealing because the total cost to redo a parking lot will utilize all the funds.

Council Member Hussain asked if the playground installation line item was up or status quo, and it was noted they are trying to build it up. Council Member Hussain then asked if they are attempting or accomplishing 5 new installations a year as was stated during the time of the park millage. Mr. Kaschinske stated it depends on what needs to be repaired. They are currently doing two (2) this year but nothing for a total reconstruction. Council Member Hussain spoke in opposition to \$50,000 for wireless parks. Council Member Washington also spoke in opposition to the funds. She then asked how many parks total the City had, and Mr.

Kaschinske confirmed 111. Council Member Washington asked that it be confirmed all parks have trash cans.

The Committee then inquired into the recent tree trimming and where the City can help with stump removal. Mr. Kaschinske stated he was aware of a notice that went out today from the Mayor.

Council Member Washington stepped away from the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

He noted the item was not in the budget now. Council President Wood stated she had heard there was indication the property owner would have to pay for stump removal.

Council Member Washington returned to the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Council Member Spitzley stated she struggled to understand why BWL would cut the tree, but the resident would be required to remove or pay to remove the stump.

Council Member Jackson stepped away from the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Council President Wood informed the Committee that the item was on the agenda for the BWL COW joint meeting on April 16th.

Council Member Spitzley spoke in support of the Wi-Fi in the parks. She then inquired into the budget increase on page 106 in cemeteries.

Council Member Spadafore stepped away from the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Mr. Kaschinske acknowledged that the UAW has levels and took a #200 employee to another location and brought in someone from another location who was at a higher level.

Council Member Jackson returned to the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Council Member Dunbar spoke in support of Wi-Fi in the parks.

Council Member Spadafore returned to the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Council Member Dunbar then suggested they survey the users of the parks, and the youth. Council Member Hussain again spoke in opposition to the Wi-Fi parks suggesting there would be more critical items to spend the \$50,000 on. Council President Wood asked if the cost was an annual or onetime \$50,000, and Mr. Kaschinske stated that would be a question for Information Technology.

Council President Wood then asked if the amount for Groesbeck was what was anticipated in the first year, less or more. Mr. Kaschinske acknowledged the budget this year would be less than last year from the City, where in the past it was \$24 a round and now \$6 and the partnership with LEPFA is going well. Council President Wood then asked what the irrigation cost was. Mr. Kaschinske state the system at Groesbeck was outdated, and they had issues with drainage on the course and had dead grass. The questions were then asked about marketing costs at Groesbeck and Ms. Bennett stated that anything on Groesbeck would be discussed when LEPFA presented.

Council President Wood asked if the City had a stump grinder, and she also asked if they were looking into park equipment for those with disabilities and those aging in place. Mr. Kaschinske stated the equipment is ADA but different from universal accessible. They are

working on a universal accessible swing at Beacon Park, but currently dealing with the safety concerns. Those are being addressed with Peckham.

Council Member Dunbar stepped away from the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Council President Wood asked them to start implementation, putting money aside for future installation. She then asked Mr. Smiertka if there was any legal liability with a Wi-Fi park. Mr. Smiertka stated it was not an issue for City liability because basically people are using the park to provide access to a telecommunication, it is just a vehicle, not a liability exposure.

Council Member Jackson spoke in support of the Wi-Fi parks.

Council Member Spadafore asked if the decrease in per round to the City at Groesbeck, why was there a big increase in revenues and where does it come from, and why do the operational expenses go up. Mr. Kaschinske stated were differences when the City operates and when LEPFA. Council Member Spadafore asked about the \$60,000 increase in revenue and 50,000 in expenditures. Ms. Bennett stated there is an increase in social security and Medicare, but LEPFA will address all that.

Council Member Dunbar returned to the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Council President Wood called for a recess at 7:46 p.m.

Council President Wood called the meeting back to Order at 7:50 p.m.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Supplemental Appropriation; Real Estate Revenue from Waverly Park, Miller Road Center; Cooley-Haze House

Mr. Kaschinske acknowledged the City has not closed on the Cooley-Haze House or the Miller Road Center or received any payments, but the resolution outlines what the spending would be. He then spoke briefly on funds towards what is now an unknown revision for the Moores River Park Pool. The Friends of Lansing Parks funding is contracting with a group that is a 501c3 that can apply for grants that a government agency cannot and look at park fundraising. The Moores Park pavilion plans came in bids at \$141,000 and with including electrical came up to \$150,000. There will then be a balance of funds put into the Park Land Endowment fund. Regarding the Capital Region Community Foundation, the fees are 1% on the first \$600,000 and 5% on the next million, and \$1.5 million would represent a .7% on that. If Capital Region Community Foundation earns more, the City gets 4%, then the .7% fees, then anything on top would go to build the fund. This structure will give roughly \$50,000 back per year, which could be put back for reinvestment, or \$50,000 for a new park, and the City could control the foundation funds, the net proceeds. There would also be a contract, but the contract would spell out where funds could go to.

Council Member Spitzley asked if the proceeds from the 4% Capital Region Community Foundation is not guaranteed to parks does it go to the GF. Mr. Kaschinske stated it would come back to parks, with the guaranteed draw of 4% annually.

Council Member Washington asked why \$100,000 for the Foundation.

Council Member Spitzley stepped away from the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Mr. Kaschinske stated it is a “starting out” fund, considered capital to start out.

Council Member Spitzley returned to the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

They are expecting more than \$100,000 in returns in grants and this resolution is not part of the budget but sale proceeds of those three (3) park properties.

Council Member Washington asked how the Foundation will invest. Mr. Kaschinske stated their full intent is to invest because they do not want the funds to side and the Foundation Board will manages, which was incorporated in 1987. He offered to have Mr. Dennis Freeman into Council to speak about their portfolio and provide their annual report.

Council Member Spadafore asked if the \$100,000 is seed money for the Friends of Lansing Parks, with under contract with the City to apply for grants the City cannot apply for, and Mr. Kaschinske confirmed. Council Member Spadafore then asked what happens if the process does not work out, and Mr. Smiertka stated there will be a contract with the Friends of Lansing Parks. Council Member Spadafore asked if there would be an anticipated budget or if the City pays the costs. Mr. Kaschinske stated once there is a contract with the group a need will be established, but currently they do not have that. Mr. Smiertka confirmed that those can be a service contract with the City. Everything will be outlined in the Articles of Incorporation in the purpose clause. They would have fiduciary duty to follow the clauses. He assured the Committee that there will be safe guards. Mr. Kaschinske added that the parks are still the City property so they will be involved in the grant applications. They will work with the Mayor to appoint the Board.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION; REAL ESTATE REVENUE FROM WAVERLYPARK, MILLER ROAD CENTER AND COOLEY-HAZE HOUSE. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

The Committee asked for a list of investments of the Foundation.

Neighborhoods & Citizen Engagement

Ms. Crawford took the Committee through her presentation outlining the divisions, their neighborhood resource team at Foster Community Center and Financial Empowerment located at City Hall and Cristo Rey. Ms. Crawford noted the programs in citizen engagement, development program and financial empowerment, and the Offender Success program which began in 2017.

Council Member Spadafore stepped away from the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Ms. Crawford spoke briefly on what the Offender program offered and spoke on the Lansing Save Program with the MSU Credit Union.

Council President Wood asked if the department expected any staffing increases, and Ms. Crawford stated they are proposing to create a coordinator position, at \$60,000 and when writing the position will look at the existing neighborhood resource position under Teamsters 214. Council President Wood asked for the grant list for 2017, 2018 and 2019. Ms. Crawford admitted she did not have 2017 and not sure what the neighborhood advisory would have in their files, and in 2018 and 2019 it was under Northwest Initiatives. Council President Wood asked her to inquiry with the Board for the information.

Public Service

Council Member Hussain stepped away from the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Ms. Bennett referenced amendments to the budget she distributed earlier that effected the Major Street funds, \$500,000 which was moved to Local Streets maintenance.

Council Member Washington stepped away from the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Ms. Bennett also noted the revision to the CIP that she distributed.

Council Member Hussain and Washington returned to the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Mr. Kilpatrick provided his department presentation from the packet which spoke to performance indicators, pothole indicators, walkability sidewalks, cost effective on the waste water, but the cost is projected to go up, and that is reflected on renewable energies at all City owned buildings.

Council Member Spadafore returned to the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Mr. Kilpatrick then presented in his power point the organizational chart where they proposed a change with operations and maintenance and would split the division in two and so far it has worked well so hope to move forward.

Regarding street millages, Mr. Kilpatrick noted the City and County street projects are at 3.9 miles at \$1.95 million, with a map of the street conditions, this year there 76.5% if the streets in poor shape rating. In the area of the CIP, he noted they amounts are the same as past years. They will have on for streets and one for sewer.

Council President Wood referenced slide 8 and asked if that reflected the recent change by Ms. Bennett for the \$500,000 in major street maintenance, and Mr. Mumby confirmed.

Mr. Kilpatrick referred the Committee to slide 10 which reflected the CIP sewer projects, and the other CIP was the \$1,950,000 for vehicle and equipment purchases.

Council Member Spitzley inquired into the trash cart fees change and why the larger cart fee increases were less than the small cart increases, and asked why they were not an even percentage for each cart size across the board. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed it was listed corrected in the fee changes, and stated essentially there is a commodity charge and extra for dumping and they look at the whole system and the cost to collect. An idea he would consider, if the City had the technology would be to pay per pick up and weight. Council Member Spitzley noted she did not support the changes because it was not an equitable fee charge.

Mr. Kilpatrick then moved onto the fleet services, noting their aging stock and no funding to replace. Council Member Spadafore asked how much do they collect into the fleet service fund. Mr. Kilpatrick stated it is not like the information technology funding, in fleet service funding, there is a replacement cycle twice as long and maintenance charges are higher because they are not replacing them as often, and would 50% more in replacement costs. Once the average age goes down, the maintenance cost decrease. He continued, that if the department was going to charge what they think is the cost there would not be enough, even though they have been increasing over time so not to take funds not of fund balance. Council President Wood asked if the "rental fee" also covers the cost of the employee who does the maintenance. This was confirmed and note it pays employees and other than the vehicle purchases, the fund should be self-sufficient. Council Member Spadafore asked if they need 50% more and Mr. Kilpatrick stated they look at what they currently spend on maintenance, what the replacement cost desired would be in the replacement cycle. It was noted these vehicles include Police and Fire. He was then asked if they were working on a long term plan and Mr. Kilpatrick noted they hope to have before next year's budget.

Council Member Dunbar asked if they have looked into the private fleet companies on maximizing the rotation of the fleet. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed he was aware of those who also have alarms when outside the area, or idle too long, speed limits, etc. but they would not look at those for the LPD or LFD. The programs could also tell them when they need fueled, service and predict turnover. Ms. Bennett stated with going to one garage they were to consolidate and the debt service expired in FY2018, so \$1.5 million freed up to help with resources for vehicle replacement.

Council Member Garza stepped away from the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Lastly Mr. Kilpatrick noted the CSO projects and locations, and presented the slide on sidewalk details noting there were no changes in sidewalks.

Council Member Jackson asked if they purchased renewable energy credits and if so from who. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that the Board of Water and Light manages.

Council Member Garza returned to the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Council Member Jackson asked if there was any indication or change as a result of the City purchasing 200,000 credit in their BWL overall profile. Again that was referred to the meeting with the BWL on April 16th.

Council Member Washington stated in her discussion with the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, the rain gardens on Michigan Avenue do not work or do their purpose. Mr. Kilpatrick stated there are funds set aside to maintain them and they have done test on them Council Member Washington asked him to contact Mr. Lindemann and inform the County they are working.

Council Member Dunbar asked if he was aware if BWL was purchasing renewable energy credits and Mr. Kilpatrick stated his understanding was the BWL was purchasing on the open market. He added that there is a benefit for buying renewals, so the question is it more cost effective. So currently they are starting by looking at City buildings to look at now and long term.

Council Member Washington asked Mr. Kilpatrick to look at all the rain gardens because the plants are dead and they collect trash. Council President Wood noted that when they were installed the Council was told they would clean out and replace plants every five (5) years. Mr. Kilpatrick said at the time of install the material was engineered, and with tests the materials are still perking so no need to replace. Mr. Mumby added there is a balance for aesthetics and function. Council Member Washington asked they consider replacing the plants.

It was then noted there is a \$280,000 agreement with BWL already signed for renewables. Ms. Harkins noted that is part of the proposed budget and the agreement is not signed and will not be unless the proposed budget is approved with those funds in it.

Council Member Garza asked about any future plans for a street project on Schafer Road. Mr. Kilpatrick stated his understanding was a letter was sent the property owners Mr. Garza asks about and one property is up stream and affected and one property is downstream.

Council President Wood suggested that the department look into the accommodations for those residents that are aging in place such as street crossing areas, pedestrian signals, and sidewalk funds to ramps for ADA. Ms. Harkins was also asked for a copy of the study and draft report that was done.

Council Member Hussain asked what the status street sweepers and how many sweeps. Mr. Kilpatrick admitted the City sweeper is not in great shape, and the cost is \$200,000 each, and currently the City has four (4). In 2019 they plan to rent two (2) truck mounted sweepers to see if production is better, and then next budget year look at what to purchase. Regarding the cycle, they currently do four (4) sweeps on major streets and two (2) on local or State trunk lines.

City Attorney

Due to timing, the budget of the City Attorney was moved to April 29, 2019.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; Special Assessment; Red Cedar Floodplain

Council President Wood asked for details on what this exactly was and why they were assessing the community. Mr. Kilpatrick stated based on the emergency management and flood maps, if you live in the designated flood plain area, your home insurance is higher. This would remap the areas of the Red Cedar and the mapping would be more accurate for emergency management and therefore change the insurance premiums for those that would paying the assessment out of the GF instead of assessing individual property owners. Mr. Kilpatrick stated because the residents would be benefiting from the cost in lower insurance rates because they would no longer be in the flood plain. Council Member Spitzley asked if this area could also be assessed with the Red Cedar Development itself, and Mr. Kilpatrick admitted there could be some such as Frandor, Sears, and some also subject to the Montgomery Drain Assessment. This assessment proposed is a onetime assessment for the remapping. Council Member Spitzley asked if this assessment necessary, and Mr. Kilpatrick answered it was not but is believed to benefit the owners by lowering their flood insurance or eliminating the need for it by taking them out of the area. Council President Wood referred the Committee to the second page of the resolution for the number of commercial, single family and apartments.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 13, 2019 FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, RED CEDAR FLOODPLAIN PROPERTIES AS NOTED IN THE ROLL. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Issuance and Sale of Wet Weather Control Program State Revolving Fund Project Obligation Bonds

Mr. Kilpatrick stated that this was for the central interceptor which is estimated at about \$12-13 million, and the pipes are from the 1930's, with the projected work to be to line the pipe not dig them up.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF WET WEATHER CONTROL PROGRAM STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT OBLIGATION BONDS. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on April 22, 2019