



MINUTES
Committee on Public Service
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Hall, Conference Room, 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair
Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair- excused
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director
Michael Dombrowski
Erika Poland

Public Comments

No public comments.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 16, 2019.
MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Michael Dombrowski; Park Board

The Committee reviewed the application. Mr. Dombrowski provided information about himself and noted that as a daily user of the parks and River Trail he has an interest in assisting in making the parks have smaller projects creating a more inviting healthy area with tools for exercise.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL DOMBROWSKI TO THE PARK BOARD AS AN AT LARGE MEMBER FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2020. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Erika Poland; Park Board

The Committee reviewed the application. Ms. Poland also noted her interest in serving on the Board and her role as a user of the City Parks with her pets, and encouraged additional exercising options and tools at the parks.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ERICA POLAND TO THE PARK BOARD AS THE 3RD WARD MEMBER FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 20, 2023. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OTHER

Discussion: 2019/2020 Budget Priorities and Recommendations

Council Member Spadafore spoke about budget priorities and any interest the other Council Members had. Council Member Garza stated an interest in repairing the current sidewalks. Mr. Kilpatrick noted that if they had enough funds to replace sidewalks they would need \$1.5 million in a 50 year replacement. The City can use road money for new sidewalks, but not to repair sidewalks. Council Member Garza asked if they can use new sidewalk money to repair the roads. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that sidewalk gap projects are on assessments. The Act 51 projects can be used on Act 51 eligible projects. Council Member Garza then referenced the Public Service Budget presentation noting they stated they would be considering leasing street sweepers and asked why, Mr. Kilpatrick stated they are going to lease to see if getting a truck mounted sweeper could get the job done. Act 51 funds cannot purchase these items, however they can be used towards a lease. Council Member Garza asked if they could use the \$500,000 proposed for new sidewalks to purchase a street sweeper instead, and Mr. Kilpatrick stated that if the funds were in the fleet budget they could buy it and pay back. Council Member Garza then asked where the new sidewalks were being proposed. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that there are major streets that do not have sidewalks and are a priority 3. Those includes areas of Jolly at Aurelius north of Cavanaugh, Dunkel north of Jolly and Waverly Road south. He added more details that road funding can be used for the ADA ramps on the sidewalks but not to fix the sidewalks themselves. To fix sidewalks they need to use GF or a special assessment. There is a millage that was identified for ramps and sidewalks and that has the flexibility to be used for repairs. Council Member Spadafore asked how much Act 51 money was being spent. Mr. Kilpatrick stated he would have to look at the road projects for this year or millage money to do ramps to see what can be used. Council Member Spadafore asked if there was a capacity to do more since it is the desire and Council to do more. Mr. Kilpatrick stated if they had the funds they could identify the areas and spend it. Council Member Garza asked if they had an issues with the sidewalk grinding they did a couple years ago. Mr. Kilpatrick stated the grinding was only ½'-1" and the only complaints they have gotten were where there was a large section and in the winter those sections were slippery. The concerns they have heard are where there is a tree heaving the sidewalks. Mr. Kilpatrick stated they would look at what estimates they have for millage money and Act 51 funds. Council Member Spadafore then inquired into the Enterprise Funds and the Greenwise item of \$185,000 which is sewage and parking. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed the sewage portion has to stay there and can only be used on sanitary sewer projects and the parking funds can only be used for parking items. Council Member Spadafore suggested the option of creating a position to monitor sustainability instead of going greenwise, and then assess all departments. Mr. Kilpatrick stated it would be the same methodology that is used with IT Technology for the departments. Sometimes allocations are done on the time spent on the research. Council Member Spadafore asked Ms. Hagen to look into what process can be done. He then stated his interest in what is the option for reducing the carbon footprint and a climate action plan and sustainability person would be helpful.

Council Member Spadafore then stated his interest in a budget policy to address bike safety and the safety in the bike lanes. He asked Mr. Kilpatrick if the temporary break away stantions used outside City Hall can be used on the bike lanes. His interested was for a pilot area, possibly Saginaw and Capital. He asked for a cost estimate and a list of critical areas the department would be willing to do a pilot with. Mr. Kilpatrick stated those items could be Act 51 eligible.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: May 21, 2019