



MINUTES

Committee on Ways and Means Special Meeting Monday, August 3, 2020 @ 12:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86349636821>; Meeting ID: 863 4963 6821; Dial In: (312) 626 6799

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present via audio/video

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Brian T Jackson, Member- absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, City Council Office Manager
Chief Green, LPD
Judy Kehler, Chief Strategy Officer
Joe McClure, LPD
Jake Brower, Budget Director
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 24, 2020 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No public present at this time.

Discussion/Action

REPORT – Chief Strategy Officer Update on Police Budget Details

Council Member Wood asked staff to share the screen with the report from the Chief Strategy Officer. Ms. Kehler began with the General Fund breakdown on the dedicated mill and fees specific to the LPD. Council Member Wood asked Council Member Spadafore if based on the fact the revenues come into the general pot, does this meet his request. Council Member Spadafore stated it does get him what is discretionary dollars. Ms. Kehler asked for his definition of discretionary, and Council Member Spadafore stated his definition would be discretionary in applying the funds to other areas after removing the fixed costs or voter millage. Ms. Kehler noted it is not discretionary, there is a statute on what funds can be spent on. The

mills are designated and the fees are tied to ordinance. Council Member Spadafore asked if there was any language with BWL contract on where those funds from return on equity have to be spent with law enforcement, and was told that was correct. Ms. Kehler added that General Fund dollars by definition have to be based on public use, then referred the Committee to the document from the last meeting on general revenue standards. Council Member Spadafore stated then that it is discretionary and legal, the general funds are not tied to LPD, it could be used under legal guidance for other areas in the City.

The discussion then moved to the breakdown on the legacy costs. After the review of those items on the report, Council Member Spadafore asked if salaries could be broken down to patrol, investigator, social workers, etc. Council Member Wood noted that is already in the budget line item, and that could be added to this report. Ms. Kehler noted that there is \$300,000 contractual or salaried for crossing guards with the school. Mr. McClure noted the crossing guards are contracted out. The Committee moved into the overview of the operating items. Council Member Wood pointed out the line for Contractual does list the \$300,000 for the previous discussion on crossing guards. She then asked Ms. Kehler to detail that out, in addition to detailing out vehicle rental, information technology, utilities, communication and phones, building rent, equipment rental and insurance and bonds noting that those lines items all have to happen to have a police department. Regarding uniforms, Chief Green noted that uniforms can encompass camera batteries, protective equipment, so more items than just an actual uniform. Council Member Wood encouraged making a change to have a note detailing out the uniform line item.

Regarding the topic of Special Revenue Funds, Ms. Kehler stated these are specifically appropriate from Council. She then asked for confirmation on the definition she used for General Funds. It was determined by Committee it was appropriate and could be moved to the first page where the General Fund is at.

Lastly the Committee reviewed page 3, which listed out the staffing for FY2019, FY2020 and FY2021 with total personnel. It was noted in the graph that in the 247 of FY 2021 there are 12 community officers and 1 social worker. The bottom of that graph outlined the legacy costs in percentage. Council Member Spadafore asked if the final is exclusive legacy costs, and asked that a line be included to stated inclusive and then one for non-legacy costs.

Council Member Wood asked Ms. Boak to email Ms. Kehler outlining under the Michigan Taxes that speaks to the fact that police and fire do not receive social security, and since she was not sure if the public was aware of that, it would be worth noting in the report. Ms. Boak sent the email to Ms. Kehler at this time (12:31 p.m). Council Member Wood asked Ms. Kehler to included LPD history, budget process and Chapter 23, to include the social security information to that.

Ms. Kehler was asked if the most recent updates could be provided by end of day so the Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion has it for their meeting tonight. Ms. Kehler stated that was possible, and Council Member Spadafore noted it will also appear on the overview for discussion at the Council meeting.

Other

No other topics of discussion.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on August 28, 2020