



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, October 26, 2020 @ 4:15 p.m.

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Held virtually in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public & to mitigate the spread of COVID 19

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:18 p.m.

Members Present via audio/video

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair remotely from Lansing, Michigan

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice Chairperson remotely from Lansing, Michigan

Council Member Brian T Jackson, Member - unexcused

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, City Council Office Manager

Joe Abood, Chief Deputy City Attorney

Joe McClure, LPD

Chris Swope, City Clerk

Mary Hemstreet

Bill Heighland

Mike Tobin, LFD

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2, 2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

Ms. Hemstreet spoke on the issues with the current retiree healthcare changes proposed by the Administration. She asked how far along the City was in the process, what the opt-out options are and noted she has not received any information. Council Member Wood noted that there will be another Committee meeting dedicated to this topic.

Mr. Heighland spoke on his concerns with the recent proposed retiree healthcare changes.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance- CTCL Elections Grant Amendment

Mr. Swope outlined for the Committee that this is an amendment to a grant that has been approved, providing an increase to address facility improvements at the South Washington Complex. These facility improvements will include improvements to heating and ventilation

concerns. In addition funding will be used for the recent drive thru voting. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Swope if there was a City match and was informed there was not. Council Member Wood then asked if there were any funds going towards temporary staff payments. Mr. Swope stated it is, but he has been offering overtime to his full time employees as well before temporary employees. Council Member Spadafore asked if the heating and ventilation equipment would be rented or purchased. Mr. Swope stated some of the ventilation portions will be installed permanently, but the hearing unit itself is rented and sitting outside the building with a propane tank.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ON CTCL ELECTIONS GRANT AMENDMENT. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance – DUI and Seat Belt Overtime Traffic Enforcement

Mr. McClure informed the Committee that the fund is \$55,803 focused on overtime for DUI and Seatbelt traffic stops. Historically he noted that from 2014-2019 there were 7,724 Michigan traffic crash that there were injuries or death, 3,787 of no seatbelt use in that same time period. The City of Lansing will administer the grant and \$16,024 will go to MSU Law Enforcement, \$16,332 to East Lansing Law Enforcement and the remaining \$23,447 to the Lansing Police Department. Council Member Wood asked if there is a City match and was told by Mr. McClure there is no match. Council Member Spadafore if the funds will also address the fringe, FICA and benefits in the overtime. Mr. McClure stated that the costs will include FICA, Retirement and Fringes, but for the LPD there are no social security but Medicare. Mr. McClure then concluded his presentation by outlining that the number of hours for the grant would be 208 hours for the LPD, MSU is 223 hours and East Lansing is 221 hours. For the seat belt enforcement the LPD has 53 hours, MSU has 57 hours and East Lansing 57 hours. As the nationwide effort, there is a specific time period of October 30th through November 1st. Council Member Wood asked, based on the policy LPD has adopted, how would this impact the policy on stops. Mr. McClure stated this is for primary stop issues. Lastly, Council Member Wood asked if the City had received this grant before, and Mr. McClure confirmed they had it last year, but last year it was administrated by the East Lansing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADADFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE OF THE DUI AND SEAL BELT OVERTIME TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OTHER

Council Member Wood noted for the record that there was a COVID grant that was referred to Committee, however she was informed that it was withdrawn because it was not the grant acceptance but a grant application. Once the grant is granted, it will come to the City Council for grant acceptance.

Council Member Wood then stated to the public there will be a future Committee on Ways and Means strictly dedicated to the City retiree questions on their benefits.

Council Member Spadafore noted to Council Member Wood that Council this afternoon received emails from the auditors on their annual questions.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 6, 2020