



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, November 6, 2020 @ 8:30 a.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 8:30 a.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

Lisa Hagen, OCA

Joseph Abood, OCA

Joe McClure, LPD

Anethia Brewer, District Court

Barb Kimmel, EDP

Brett Kaschinske, Parks Director

Jack Brower, Budget Director

Danielle Strouse, District Court

Bryan Dryer, EDP

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 16, 2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No Public Comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION- Grant Request; Reapprove Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, 1624 E Cavanaugh Road

Mr. Kaschinske acknowledged this was previously approved, but at this time the amendment requires the addition of the Trust Fund number, per Michigan Natural Resources. Council Member Wood asked if this section of property would now become part of Hawk Island, and Mr. Kaschinske stated it would be part of the River Trail.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT REAPPROVAL MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND, 1624 E CAVANAUGH. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Request; Reapprove Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, 700 River Street

Mr. Kaschinske reiterated this request was also an amendment to the resolution showing the Trust Fund number, per Michigan Natural Resources. He added that this trust along with the next one (342 E St, Joseph) sit on the same corner in the Cherry Hill area. They worked with Emergency Management because these properties site in the flood plain.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT REAPPROVAL MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND, 700 RIVER STREET. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Request; Reapprove Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, 342 E St Joseph

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT REAPPROVAL MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND, 342 E. ST JOSEPH. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Donation Acceptance; First Annual Ron Seyka Memorial Golf Outing

Mr. McClure noted this was a 1st time annual event, and the family raised \$6,367.26 in memory of Detective Seyka who was a member of the LPD START Team from 1996 through 2010.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE DONATION FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL RON SEYKA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Funding Acceptance; Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage Funds

Mr. Kaschinske confirmed they have applied for this before, and these funds will be used for trail extensions and bridge repairs. The bridge repairs included 6 locations; three in the downtown area near the Lansing Center and Impression 5, and then others near the Potter Park Zoo area. /Mr. Kaschinske was asked to provide a map of those bridges to Council staff before Monday night. Council Member Wood asked if changes have been made to the existing trail to make sure it is accessible. Mr. Kaschinske confirmed and these changes would provide more access, and connect Durant Park. This funding has already been approved by the Ingham County Board.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE FUNDING ACCEPTANCE FROM THE INGHAM COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS MILLAGE FUNDS. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; STOP Violence Against Women Grant from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Mr. McClure outlined for the Committee this was a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, to be used for one (1) dedicated detective to investigate crime of domestic violence. The grant is \$131,723 and the City match 25% of that; \$32,936. The grant period is 10/1/2020 to 9/30/2021 and the City has had the grant before. Lastly he assured them that they have not asked for any reimbursement on the grant from the State as of yet, and will not until the grant is approved. Council Member Wood asked if the grant was written to use the funds for

any additional options for those funds, and Mr. McClure stated this was specifically for a sworn dedicated officer to specifically address Stop Violence Against Women, and added he would check to see if there are any of the funds that can be used to combat violence. Council Member Wood asked Mr. McClure to also provide Council Staff with a list of cases the detective has been able to address since this is an ongoing grant. Lastly, she asked how long the City has had this position, and was informed this is the second year, and in 2019/2020 it was a partial grant.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan State Police Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) Grant

Mr. McClure began by explaining this is a recurring grant, used solely for initiatives and runs from 10/1/2020 to 9/30/2021. The grant amount is \$168,093 with a match by the City in \$67,237. The funds are used for salary, fringes, vehicle lease and purchase, office supplies and specific memberships. The City has not requested any reimbursement from the State at this time and will not until the grant is approved. Council Member Spadafore asked if a new person was hired, and was informed the City has had the grant for a decade and an employee in that position. The grant covers 60% of the salary and operating cost. Council Member Wood asked Mr. McClure to provide statistics on the position to Council staff.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM THE MSP AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY GRANT. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Capital Area Response Effort (CARE) Grant from Michigan Crime Victims Service Commission

Mr. McClure acknowledged this was also a recurring grant, with its purpose to provide local services for victims of intimate partner violence. There are three (3) staff, training, and travel expenses covered. The staff provide empathic listening to the victims, assesses a victim's risk of further injury or homicide, provides education on the power and control behavior of assaults, personal safety planning, helps to arrange safe shelter, provides advocacy with legal and civil court proceedings, assists with Victims' Rights Compensation medical forms, provide available free 911 phones, arranges transportation to local community agencies, accesses other community resources available to the victims, dispenses emergency personal need items. The grant is \$206,121 with a 20% match by the City in the amount of \$41,224.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE VOCA AND CARE GRANT. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Sobriety Court Grant

Ms. Brewer noted to the Committee the grant came from the State Court Administrators Office and was in the amount of \$35,000, running from 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021. Ms. Strouse briefly outlined details of the program which began in 2005, where they only accept felony OWI offenses. They have had 187 discharged clients, 122 successful graduates, a 65% overall completion rate. Currently there are 14 active in the program, 2 were accepted yesterday and they are in the process of two more transfers. Council Member Wood asked for the activity rate

on the grant, and Ms. Strouse stated she could provide that from the last study they just completed. Council Member Wood asked how they were addressing the process during COVID, and Ms. Strouse confirmed they have been holding ZOOM client sessions, bi-weekly ZOOM meetings with Judge Alderson and ZOOM review sessions.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE TO SOBRIETY COURT. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; 2020 Lead Hazard Control Grant; Department of Housing and Urban Development

Ms. Kimmel informed the Committee that this was the 4th Lead Hazard Grant the City has gotten, totaling \$4,589,943 in reducing funding. The funds this year will pay for 189 housing units, where the household income is below 80% of the AMI, and cover rentals and owner occupied. The program also covers 210 inspections, and training for 100 people, in EPA training and lead abatement. There is a 10% match from the City for the grant, and that will come from CDBG funds.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2020 LEAD HAZARD CONTROL GRANT FROM HUD.

Council Member Wood asked if all the funds were utilized from the last grant, and if expectations were met. Ms. Kimmel confirmed they are in the process of close out of that grant and they were able to 143 units of their 150 goal.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Department of Treasury’s Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program (PSPHPR)

Mr. Brower outlined the grant that would reimburse all April and May public safety and health expenditures. This grant was done in conjunction with LBWL, do the public safety funds will go to the City and the public service funds to LBWL. They applied for \$8,894 858, and are subject to pro-ration according to the amount of applications and the amount of funds available. In September they did get a portion and they anticipate the remaining portion in December. The funds will go towards police and fire payroll, with the justification that their responsibilities were altered due to COVID 19. Council Member Spadafore asked if the LBWL funds would count towards their revenue, and in turn the City would see an increase in the revenue sharing amount from LBWL. Mr. Brower stated they would not, it is used for steam, energy, etc.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION –Grant Acceptance; State of Michigan Coronavirus Relief Local Government Grant (CRLGG)

Mr. Brower explained to the Committee that throughout the year, the State revenue sharing comes from six (6) revenue sharing payments, every two (2) months. The last payment was August, 2020 for the FY 2019/2020. The two portions are constitutional funding and statutory funding in the amount of \$904,305. After the FY closed, the Stated passed the budget and took away the statutory portion from the August payment. Therefore in turn they gave the City \$1.4 million in Federal Revenue to be applied for COVID related items. With the acceptance of this

the net increase is \$501,287 and the acceptance will be written in broad format to cover the COVID expenses.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN CORONAVIRUS RELIEF LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 13, 2020