



Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Wednesday, July 9, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Jackson, Chair
Council Member Spadafore, Vice-Chair- excused
Council Member Carter, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen -Lawrence, OCA
Randy Dykhuis, Mayor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 11, 2025, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Support for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Policy

Mr. Dykhuis as Chair of the Mayor Advisory on Sustainability spoke to the Committee on the proposed documents, with the Bill in legislation, which recently died, they decided to create the resolution in front of Committee currently. They feel it is in the best interest of the community to address the managing materials for waste product. With the Bill failing at the legislature, it is now up to the consumer. The EPR brings the producers of that waste into that picture, instead of the City and consumer be responsible for the end of life of the products. This will level the play field for manufactures of products because some do take care of the end of life so they have higher costs, but requiring this will make it fair on all producers.

Council Member Jackson how the Bill died at legislation, and was informed it was supported by democrats but no something that caught attention of the speaker and was not pushed forward during Lane Duck. Council Member Jackson asked how would this impact a producer in other countries and global and would they know how to deal with it. Mr. Dykhuis stated if they had a factory in Michigan, and was coordinated with other states that have EPR on the books, it would not be Michigan on the edge. Regarding Lansing, factory in Michigan they are bound by laws the State has – labor, environment, so this would be one more law to follow. Council Member Jackson asked if this would impact any factory or just in Michigan. Mr. Dykhuis stated any

company that produces something in Michigan. Council Member Carter asked how do they keep the accountability. Mr. Dykhuis stated that is designed by State legislature. Council Member Carter asked how they are going to be educated in this shift. Mr. Dykhuis stated if this passes with legislature, then the consumer is no longer on the hook for responsibility, and right now the City of Lansing has to collect recycling, take to recycling company, and at mercy of the market of recycling. Council Member Carter asked what the consumer would save, and Mr. Dykhuis did not have an answer for that at this time.

Council Member Jackson asked if this would go to State legislature and Mr. Dykhuis stated yes, and it does not bind the City to anything but would say the City thinks it is a good thing. Council Member Jackson spoke in support of the resolution of support. Council Member Carter asked with other states, how has the communication been with producers on end of life product. Mr. Dykhuis stated it is not to tell them what to use, they can use what they want, but if they are not going to use product, materials that would be better towards end of life then they would pay more.

Council Member Jackson asked if Mr. Kilpatrick for comment and Mr. Kilpatrick stated he did not at this time.

Ms. Boak asked if they would be interested in adding the directive for the City Clerk to submit copies to the State legislation and it was confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) WITH THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk submit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan and the Lansing delegation to the
MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Other

No other topics of discussion.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on September 10, 2025