



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Hussain called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

PRESENT

Council Member Adam Hussain, Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Vice Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Lori Thomas, Parks & Rec
Brett Kaschinske, Director Parks & Rec
Eric Petrovslas, Meijer Inc.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2025 AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, United States Department of Energy

Ms. Thomas said that this is not a traditional grant, they were told how much they were going to get. They then accepted and had to tell what they were going to be used for which is fleet electrification. Councilmember Garza asked if these are like golf carts, used by city employees, and how often they are replaced. Ms. Thomas responded yes like golf carts, employees, and was unsure when replaced. Councilmember Spadafore commented he believes Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that they replace when resale makes sense. Councilmember Garza asked if they were already purchased, Ms. Thomas replied they have some.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE; ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Frances River Lot Improvements, MNRTF

Mr. Kaschinske indicated this item has been seen before, when they apply they need approval from the highest governing board, and were awarded the maximum amount of \$400,000. It will be used for the shoreline along Frances which is very popular for fishing and access. They are looking to improve two docks currently wood timber and looking to hopefully make concrete. Also, flex pavement between docks with trees and want to keep those. Councilmember Garza noted the completion time of 10/2027, and asked if it will be done before that, Mr. Kaschinske is unsure. Councilmember Hussain asked if the pathway is new, Mr. Kaschinske responded no they are just looking at a different product.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE; FRANCES RIVER LOT IMPROVEMENTS, MNRTF. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Donation Acceptance; Meijer for the Great Bubble Barrier in the Grand River

Mr. Petrovslas introduced himself, he is the Director of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability at Meijer. Continuing that they did a study with customers and the number one issue to work on was plastic pollution. He became aware of this technology out of Milwaukee that a hose is placed at the base of a river at an angle and a compressor makes bubbles, so it pushes pollutants to the surface and directs to a catchment area on the Bank of the river. Adding the donation is for the design, permitting, and ongoing discussions to move forward. Councilmember Garza asked about sustaining it ongoing, Mr. Kaschinske noted the study mentions \$100,000/year in utilities and they can do that from the CIP and budget.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE DONATION ACCEPTANCE; MEIJER FOR THE GREAT BUBBLE BARRIER IN THE GRAND RIVER. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:44pm

Submitted by,

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 19, 2025