



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Thursday, May 10, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Budget Meeting
Foster Community Center

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Wood called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Kathie Dunbar- arrived at 5:43 p.m.
Councilmember Jeremy A. Garza
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Council Member Brian T. Jackson
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley- excused
Councilmember Jody Washington- excused
Councilmember Carol Wood

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney- arrived at 5:38 p.m.
Mark Lawrence, Mayor's Citizen Advocate- arrived at 5:33 p.m.
Angie Bennett, Finance Director
Nancy Mahlow
Kat Tyler
Otto Graveser

Council Member Wood gave an overview of the meeting process and noted there is another meeting on May 15th at Alfreda Schmidt.

Discussion/Presentation

City of Lansing Fiscal Year Budget 2018/2019

Ms. Bennett spoke about the FY19 Budget and current steps which is the budget hearings, and the planned adoption on May 21, 2018. It was stated that in the proposed budget the Mayor has top priorities, one of those being neighborhoods. The budget also shows an increase for \$150,000 for business corridor for façade improvements, and additional funds for an increase in premise officers, which will give one full and part time office for each Ward. In regards to the roads, the Mayor is proposing for the first time in 4 years, \$400,000 from the General Fund to supplement the account. In addition the Mayor has proposed additional staffing in Treasury, and a social worker on staff for the LPD. Lastly Ms. Bennett pointed out

that there are still revenue challenges and State limitations which are noted in the Budget Executive Summary.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ms. Mahlow spoke in opposition to the proposed budget and stated her opinion that there were wasted funds in the proposed budget. Ms. Mahlow noted a concern that there is a need for funds for the Legacy costs, but there are no proposed plans to address that or other areas.

Ms. Tyler voiced her concern and opposition to the \$863,000 budgeted for the new department, Neighborhood and Citizen Engagement. Ms. Tyler asked the Committee consider funds to be allocated to the LPD.

Council President Wood reminded the group about the meeting on May 15th at Alfreda Schmidt and also the scheduled public hearing on May 14th during the regular Council Meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on May 14, 2018