



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Carter called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

PRESENT

Council Member Tamera Carter, Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice Chair
Council Member Deyanira Nevarez Martinez, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistance
Luke Bingaman, Legislative Analyst
Greg Venker, OCA
Anethia Brewer, Courts
Judge Simons, Courts
Brianna Koshmider, Courts
Susan Knieling, Courts
Emily Stevens, Parks and Recreation
Andy Fedewa, EDP

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2025 AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Drug Court Grant for treatment, testing, and supplies

Ms. Brewer spoke on this new specialty court and handed out a booklet previously submitted in 2024. This grant and program is new and will help fund the treatment, testing, and supplies, as well as Judge Simmons has agreed to be the keeper of program and supervise it, they will be able to use current personnel. Councilmember Nevarez Martinez asked about the mission and focus behind the court. Judge Simmons responded that the goal is for rehabilitation and avoid punitive consequences. Councilmember Nevarez Martinez then asked about collection and keeping of data for evaluation purposes. Ms. Koshmider answered that SCALES tracks all their

data. Councilmember Carter asked since current personnel is being used do they anticipate asking for anything in the budget, Ms. Brewer answered not at this time.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE, MICHIGAN DRUG COURT GRANT FOR TREATMENT, TESTING AND SUPPLIES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Sobriety Court Grant for treatment, testing and supplies

Ms. Brewer noted this has been going for 20 years and Ms. Koshmider oversees this program. Ms. Koshmider stated they currently have 14 active participants, 13 discharges, and 10 successful. Since 2005 they have had 271 admitted, 257 discharges, and 171 successful, with a success rate of 66% so getting better each year. They will use \$12,000 for substance abuse treatment, \$12,000 for alcohol/drug testing, \$2,000 for electronic monitors, \$750 for breathalyzers, and the remaining \$197 for graduation supplies. Noting in order to enter all participants must have been charged with a felony OWI 3rd offense. It is a two year long program broken down into two phases, starts off very intense, the participants meet with her weekly and the Judge bi-weekly, they are typically in an intense outpatient program. With some perks/rewards once phases are completed like maybe a restricted license restored. Councilmember Nevarez Martinez asked what risk assessment they use and is it validated, Ms. Koshmider answered ORAS (Ohio Risk Assessment System) and confirmed it is validated.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR MICHIGAN SOBRIETY COURT GRANT FOR TREATMENT, TESTING, AND SUPPLIES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION - Grant Acceptance; National Recreation and Parks Association Inc. for training through the Positive Coaching Alliance

Ms. Stevens said that this grant is a small amount as the goal is to connect volunteer coaches and the Parks & Rec staff together and apply training.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Application; State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Program, Westside Neighborhood Survey to assess the appropriateness of a historic district

Mr. Fedewa indicated the last survey for the Westside Neighborhood was conducted in 1986. This grant will help identify the properties, assist in the preservation work, surveys and designations. Also, noting this is a reimbursement grant so once everything is finalized it will get reimbursed. Councilmember Carter asked about a timeline, Mr. Fedewa responded it should get awarded in Spring and finalized in Summer and then they expect to find a contractor. Councilmember Spadafore asked if he had a map, Mr. Fedewa said he would get one.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION; STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) FOR WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Application; State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Program, to create contemporary design guidelines for Old Town

Mr. Fedewa stated this grant allows us to apply for more than one, and there has not been a survey for Old Town since 1999, so allows for historic integrity and preservation of updated structures, and updating design guidelines and what zoning changes might be tied to those. Councilmember Spadafore asked if 1999 influenced zoning changes. Mr. Fedewa answered it could update zoning, so they could explore overlay. Councilmember Carter asked if it would restrict special land use, and Mr. Fedewa said no, they would just use best practices.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION; STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) FOR OLD TOWN. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

No other topics.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:30pm

Submitted by,

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 5, 2026