



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, December 10, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Wood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Kathie Dunbar
Councilmember Jeremy A. Garza
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Council Member Brian T. Jackson
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Jody Washington
Councilmember Carol Wood

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Samantha Harkins, Mayors Executive Assistant
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Elaine Womboldt
Kathy Miles
Brent Forsberg
Matt Donelan
Loretta Stanaway

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 26, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ms. Miles spoke in support of the ACT-8-2018 for the public art easement.

Ms. Womboldt provided support on behalf of Rejuvenating South Lansing for ACT-8-2018 for the easement for public art.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Council President Wood stated to the Committee that all four (4) items on the agenda will be on the Council agenda for action later tonight.

RESOLUTION - Elected Officers Compensation Commission (EOCC) 2019; First Meeting 2019

Council President Wood reminded the Committee that the EOCC meets on odd years and the proposed date for the first meeting would be February 6, 2019 at noon.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EOCC IN 2019 FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION - ACT-8-2018; Public Art Easement between the City of Lansing and Southwest Action Group (SWAG)

Council Member Hussain stated this is a part of an overall project at the intersection of Pleasant Groves and Holmes for a town square. This easement would allow the City to own and maintain the public art which will be funded by the Greater Lansing Art Council. It will also allow the City to maintain the property. Council Member Hussain then acknowledged members of the Southwest Action Group.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR ACT 8-2018; PUBLIC ART EASEMENT WITH SOUTHWEST ACTION GROUP. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION - Amendment to the Resolution for Brownfield Plan #70 (735 Hazel)

Council President Wood clarified the Committee that this is not an amendment to the Brownfield plan, but to the resolution regarding the DEQ loan accommodation. The language was changed in the resolution itself to state "in consideration of Developer's obligations in the Secure Loan Agreement". Council Member Spadafore asked why the change was necessary. Mr. Smiertka stated it was advised from the Attorney General office at the DEQ.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION FOR BROWNFIELD PLAN #70 (735 Hazel Street). MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Outside Legal Counsel; Fahie Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC

Mr. Smiertka explained that there is a big project with the Montgomery Drain coming up in the future that include special assessments and this firm has the talent to discuss the options and decisions that the City will go through. He noted they work with many municipalities on drain topics. Council President Wood asked if this was the same firm the Ingham County Drain Commission was using, and Mr. Smiertka confirmed it was not and would not be a conflict. Council Member Jackson asked if, since the City of Lansing could be one of their biggest clients, if there was consideration placed on the rates. Mr. Smiertka assured the Committee that the rates were negotiated, and they were very cautious on those rates.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE ADDITION OF FAHIE, SCHULTX, BURZYCH, RHONDES PLC TO THE CITY COUNCIL OUTSIDE COUNSEL LIST. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

OTHER

Council President Wood referenced back to the November 26, 2018 Committee meeting where a question was asked of the Administration on when the closing was for Waverly Park Golf Course sale. She reminded the Committee that at that time there was not definite date given, however since that time she wanted them to know that Ms. Bennett has provided the information that the sale had occurred on September 19, 2018 and the amount of

\$2,131,395.00 is in a segregated account, outside of the General Fund, and that is why it was not shown in the 1st Quarter General Fund report. Council Member Spitzley asked what the “segregated fund” was, and noted it was supposed to go to Parks and Recreation. Ms. Harkins stated to the Committee that the funds will be represented in the FY2019-2020 Parks and Recreation budget.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on January 7, 2019