



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Special Meeting Monday, June 8, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82074625780>
Meeting ID: 820 7462 5780

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Spadafore called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT- via audio/video

Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Carol Wood-arrived at 5:05 p.m.
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar- arrived at 5:01 p.m.
Councilmember Brandon Betz
Councilmember Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson

MEMBERS PRESENT- via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Samantha Harkins, Deputy Mayor
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Rachel McIlvaine, LEDC
Joe McClure, LPD
Chris Mackersie, LCC

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 18, 2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council President Spadafore stated to the Committee that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, on March 23, 2020 Governor Whitmer signed a "Stay Safe, Stay Home" Executive Order in response to the severe health and concerns relating to the COVID19 outbreak in the State of Michigan, and under the authority granted under Chapter 234.05, the Lansing Emergency Management Ordinance, the Mayor declared a local state of emergency on March 16, 2020 taking effect March 17, 2020; again on April 9th, April 27th, and May 11th.

Governor Whitmer has begun re-opening the State of Michigan in phases, and the City of Lansing is in the process.

The following action items were referred to the Committee of the Whole during this time to address any urgent items. At this time, with the City of Lansing re-opening the following items are now discharged from Committee of the Whole and referred to the appropriate Committees:

RESOLUTION – Street Name Change; City Market Drive to Riverfront Drive (Committee on Public Service)

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Versey Williams; 3rd Ward Member; Human Relations & Community Services Board; Term to Expire June 30, 2023 (currently vacant)(Committee on General Services)

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Cheryl Tennis; At-Large Member; Human Relations & Community Services Board; Term to Expire June 30, 2024 (replacing Abby Frazier)(Committee on General Services)

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Josephine (Jody) Washington; 1st Ward Member, Human Relations & Community Services Board; Term to Expire June 30, 2021 (currently vacant) (Committee on General Services)

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Jennifer Poplar; At-Large Member; Park Board; Term to Expire June 30, 2024 (filling Dombrowski vacancy)(Committee on Public Service)

RESOLUTION – Introduction & Set Public Hearing; Ordinance Amendments Chapter 240; Grant Award Process for Basic Human Services (Committee on General Services)

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO DISCHARGE THE ABOVE ACTION ITEMS. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; STOP Violence Against Women Grant; Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (discharged from Committee on Ways and Means)

Council President Spadafore outlined the grant form in the packet, noting it is for \$71,011 for personnel costs of a detective with a 25% match from the City. This will be for one (1) detective dedicated to investigate crimes related to domestic violence.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE; STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT; MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Council Member Wood asked for further details on statistics and currently with not knowing LPD was present, Council President Spadafore outlined the demographics from the report noting with the 117,000 population, in 2017 there were 1,479 domestic violence cases, 18 sexual assault, and 35 stalking. In 2018 there were 1,925 domestic violation cases, 30 sexual assault cases and 23 stalking. For the arrests, in 2017 there were 787 for domestic violence and in 2018 1,101. Mr. McClure joined the meeting noting the program started in March 15th and will run to September 30, 2020, but currently being told it will be extended. Council Member Spitzley recapped the match is 25% at \$23,670. Council Member Jackson spoke in support of the grant for this cause. Council Member Betz asked if LPD would perform this be held in LPD without another grant, and if the detective will be used on other cases, and lastly what else in the budget helps with this. Mr. McClure confirmed the detective is solely on this

program at this time. Council Member Betz concluded his questions by speaking in support of it since there was nothing else noted for domestic violence.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Approval to Accept \$10,000 Public Art for Communities Grant from PNC Foundation's Public Art for Communities and Lansing Economic Area Partnership (discharged from Committee on Ways and Means)

Council Member Hussain summarized the request with the LEAP Public Art for Communities program, with additional support from the PNC Foundation, awards \$10,000 for municipality to commission, create and install a piece of public art for year-round public display. The recipient will use the grant funds to contract with a local artist for the placement of a permanent sculpture in Reutter Park.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE; APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$10,000 PUBLIC ART FOR COMMUNITIES GRAND FROM PNC FOUNDATION.

Council Member Betz asked if the grant funds were funds that LEAP received from the City, or if they were funds directly from LEDC. Council President Spadafore confirmed that LEDC is administering the funds via the PNC Foundation.

Ms. McIlvaine added to the discussion that LEDC is the grant administrator through Regional Leap, and not with the contact LEDC has with the City; this is a completely separate LEDC contract.

Council Member Wood asked if there was going to be upkeep on the art work and who would be paying that. Ms. McIlvaine noted the City of Lansing is responsible for maintaining the art pieces via the Parks Department and Public Service, and the match will cover the infrastructure. Council Member Wood asked if the funds would be coming out of the revolving fund LEDC receives from the administrative cost from Brownfields, and Ms. McIlvaine it was from the LBRF revolving fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Introduction & Setting of Public Hearing; Ordinance - Re-adopting the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing

Council President Spadafore confirmed this action is to re-adopt annually all codified ordinances that could be expiring. The required public hearing will be July 13, 2020. Mr. Smiertka added to the discussion that the Charter requires every ordinance with regulations on funding shall not extend beyond 10 years, so the process is before 10 years are up, Council can re-adopt or consider ordinances to not extend. The OCA has determined to propose this annually during the budget season.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 13, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – SLU-3-2020; 610 N. Capitol Avenue (N. Grand Avenue portion); Construct a 3-level Parking Ramp in the “G-1” Business District

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR SLU-3-2020 610 N CAPITOL (N GRAND AVENUE PORTION) FOR A PARKING RAMP IN G-1 BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Mr. Mackersie spoke briefly on the age of the current structure which was built in 1976 and over the last three (3) years LCC has addressed critical expensive repairs. So with working City staff for 2 years on a variety on parking solutions and available property to rent. In response from feedback from residents, business, Planning Board and Council and redesigned to meet needs without to build ramp at other location, so they are proposing a larger version of the Gannon lot.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Other

No other topics at this time.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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

Approved by the Committee June 22, 2020