MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, September 21, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.
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CALL TO ORDER
Council President Spadafore called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

PRESENT- via audio/video
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Carol Wood
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar
Councilmember Brandon Betz
Councilmember Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson

MEMBERS PRESENT- via audio/video
Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney
Samantha Harkins, Deputy Mayor
Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney
Kris Klein, LEDC
Karl Dorshimer, LEDC
Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney
Sarah, Lehr, LSJ
Brian McGrain, Economic Development & Planning Director
Melina Brann
Katie Fournier
Rachel Diskin
Tobias Webb
Tashmica Torok
Apryl Elizabeth Pooley
Michael Lynn
Erica Lynn
Nathan Jemison
Daniel Long Hoffman
Valisa DeMello
Laura Drotar

Kirstie Hardy, Detroit Rising Development, RE: Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club LLC
Jon, Detroit Rising Development, RE: Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club LLC
Cathleen Edgerly, DLI

Minutes
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment
Ms. Brann spoke in support of budget priorities proposed by Council Member Betz.

Ms. Fournier spoke in support of Council Member Betz budget priorities that would defund the police.

Ms. Diskin spoke in support of Council Member Betz budget priorities to defund the police for social communities.

Mr. Webb spoke in support of the budget priorities proposed by Council Member Betz in defunding the police, and stated there would be more protests if the City Council does not act in that way.

Ms. Torok spoke in support of Council Member Betz proposed budget priorities to reduce funding to the police.

Ms. Pooley spoke in support of the budget priorities to reduce police budget towards youth education. Supported a police department with less power.

Mr. Lynn spoke in support of the budget priorities to reduce the police budget.

Ms. Lynn spoke in support of the budget priorities by Council Member Betz to reduce police budget, put the funds in social workers, but did not support those social workers in the police department.

Mr. Jemison spoke in support of Council Member Betz budget priorities to reduce the police budget by 10%.

Mr. Hoffman spoke in support of Council Member Betz budget priorities to reduce the budget in the police department.

Ms. DeMello spoke in support of the proposed budget reduction in the police department.

Ms. Drotar spoke in support of the proposed budget priority to reduce the funding to the police department.

Presentations
Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club, LLC
Council Member Betz asked for specifics on what he public hearing would be held for. Mr. Smiertka stated the hearing is required for the LBRA funding for the eligible activities.
Ms. Hardy began the presentation with outlining the vision for the space, gathering space, food options, and engaging programming. This included a presentation that was included in the packet, noting it will include 70 new construction and permanent jobs and will measure 15,650 sq. ft. after the renovation. The company representative spoke briefly about the project currently Detroit Shipping Company and process for the food vendors to represent the

community. Mr. Smiertka again stated the Council was setting the public hearing tonight for the LBRA and LEDC plan, and after the lease has sat on file for 30 days, they will set that hearing.

Council Member Spitzley asked for the location of the Detroit site, and was told 474 Peterboro, and then she asked if the Administration had visited that site. Mr. McGrain acknowledged he had, along with the Mayor and his staff. Council Member Spitzley asked how long the lease was for and was told 40 years, she then inquired if the applicant had already entered into letters of intent of contacts with food vendors. The representatives stated they did not anticipate opening until fall 2021, but with COVID it might be spring 2022. The applicants were asked if they had a liquor license or if there was one at the site still. The applicants confirmed they would have to purchase one. There was a brief discussion on the layout of the building and shared areas.

Council Member Wood asked the Administration how many proposals they received for the RFP on the site and if Council could get copies of those. Mr. McGrain acknowledged the request, noting some proposals were incomplete so not viable. He was then asked if Detroit Shipping applied under the RFP or if they were sought out, and Mr. McGrain confirmed the City did seek them out. Council Member Wood asked the applicants if they have done a market analysis on the Detroit site for before COVID and during. The applicants confirmed that COVID has affected their April and May, but they opened up in July with outdoor seating and capacity of 210. The revenue has fluctuated and it is at about 40% in August and September is out performing that by 20% weekly. Council Member Wood referenced the lease and asked if the lease cover the riverfront and new Rotary Park. Mr. Klein explained that those areas are part of the project plan because it is in the parcel boundaries, but the only improvements by the applicants are in the building site. The group was then referred to page 5 of the document by Council Member Wood, which spoke to $465,000 loan from LEAP and the Brownfield combined. Mr. Klein broke it down noting the project plan portion is $65,000 LEDC and the $400,000 is the Brownfield Authority. Council Member Wood then inquired if the loans to two restaurants downtown have ever been paid off, and Mr. Dorshimer confirmed that they were letters of credit and they did recover those funds. He added that in this case the liquor license will be collateral. Council Member Wood asked the Administration to provide an analysis on what the rental rate would be in a commercial setting. The discussion then moved to the parking allotment in the agreement, noting the applicant would get 125 spaces for employees and tenants. The question was asked what the cost would be on those spaces and what the current rate is. The applicants were asked again on their timeline, and stated they hope to be open by spring 2022. Ms. Edgerly came into the meeting and spoke in support of the project.

Council Member Betz asked the Administration how often the City has signed a 40 year lease at a 1/3 of the rate of the last tenant. Mr. McGrain admitted it was his first 40 year lease, and it is a challenge being publicly owned. Council Member Betz then asked about the eligible improvements, admitted they do not have a specific list as of yet. Council Member Betz spoke in opposition to a decision until they could provide what the funds would cover. He then asked if the lease would allow them to use the public spaces. Mr. Venker was asked to provide specifics, and Council Member Betz pointed out the lease current states “contemplated”, so he wondered what their future intentions are.

Council Member Jackson encouraged the applicants to work with VOA and Lansing Rescue Mission on helping the most vulnerable population.

Council Member Hussain asked if it would be legally enforceable to hold them to housing local businesses. Mr. Smiertka confirmed there will be a MOU and required prevailing wage because it is a City building. MOU will address local labor. Council Member Hussain again asked about local vendors. Mr. Venker states the lease clearly delineates they would control it, and there is an incentive to seek out Lansing based businesses, and offer reduced rates to any Lansing based entity. The lease will have an annual escalation of rent at inflation or 2.5%

per year for first 10 years. Mr. McGrain noted that currently utilities for the site are $40,000-$65,000 a year, and with this lease the City will not be responsible.
Mr. Klein confirmed the project area for LEDC covers the entire parcel, and has portions of rotary and public park. Council Member Dunbar asked if there was an appraisal on the building, at which Mr. McGrain was not aware of one, and Mr. Klein stated the 2018 one was $720,000. Council Member Dunbar asked what potential tenant sources of income are there for the developer. The applicant outlined the podcast station, sublet food vendors, merchandise, the shuffleboard league and rentals, and the bar area. Regarding rental amounts, it was noted that would be mixed but programming for $20/sq.ft for the 8,000 sq ft open space and 2,200 tenant spaces.
Council Member Spitzley asked if in the 40 years they plan to purchase. The applicant acknowledged they would be interested in purchasing.
Mr. Venker noted to the Committee that under the lease the proposed changes are specified and since it is a City building, any changes will have to come to Council.
Council Member Wood voice her concern on how they would choose contractors and the prevailing wage. Mr. Venker clarified that prevailing wages applies to all and the developer was aware of that.
Council Member Wood asked the group if the applicant did purchase it before the lease is up, does the lease address payment of back property taxes. Mr. Venker stated it would not be permissible and the lease would terminate, with the sale putting the property back on the tax roll. Mr. Smiertka explained that Council Member Wood was interested in retroactive tax capture.
Council President Spadafore inquired if there would be an anchor tenant. The applicant stated there would not, that they manage and operate the facility with lease rotations every 3-4 years. This allows vendors to get exposure over that time, create their aspirations and then move into something bigger.
Mr. Smiertka referred the Committee to page 5 of the lease which spoke to liquidation damages and Council Member Wood asked for what the pay back would be at the public hearing.

Discussion/Action
RESOLUTION– Set Public Hearing; Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) Downtown Lansing Riverfront Project, Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club, LLC
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 12, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

DISCUSSION – Lease Agreement; Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club, LLC 325 Riverfront Drive
Place on file pending the 30 day requirement to sit on file before a hearing.

RESOLUTION – Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Priorities
Council Member Spitzley read into the record the following recommendations from the Committee on Development and Planning:

1. $50,000-$80,000: (1) FTE Financial Empowerment Employee; RE: Focus on Small Business, Minority Businesses; Female Owned Businesses
2. $165,000: Reactivation of the Façade Improvement Grant Program
3. $TBD: Analysis of Facade Improvement Grant Program to include Return on Equity Report on Previous Façade Grants provided to small businesses
4. $40,000: Initiate an RFP for Engagement of Stakeholders and Completion of Community Facilities Plan, including school and county buildings, complete with inventory of assets and goals/objectives for facilities that will serve as the basis for community facility decisions into the future.

5. End the LEAP subsidy of $500,000 taking those funds to:
   $400,000: (5) FTE Economic Development for Economic Role previously done by LEDC/LEAP
   $100,000: Façade Improvement Grant Program

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

Council Member Wood asked about the proposed $165,000 for the façade program reactivation, thinking it was still active. Council Member Hussain explained that their understanding is that the official budget that was adopted no longer included the program. Council Member Wood then asked if the proposed $165,000 was in addition to the $100,000 proposed in item #5, so a total of $265,000. Council Member Betz explained it was his suggestion and would support consolidating into $265,000. Council Member Spitzley proposed adding $50,000 with a new total of $215,000 and taking $50,000 to #3. Council Member Dunbar asked that item #5 be considered separately.

COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZELY AMENDED THE MOTION TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES AND REMOVE #5 FROM THE MOTION AT THIS TIME:

2. $215,000: Reactivation of the Façade Improvement Grant Program
3. $50,000: Analysis of Facade Improvement Grant Program to include Return on Equity Report on Previous Façade Grants provided to small businesses

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council Member Dunbar asked Council Member Betz where he got the $500,000 funding amount, and he explained he saw it in the administrative budget for LEDC/LEAP. Council Member Dunbar questioned if it was actually $300,000. Council President Spadafore noted to the Committee that at this time the exact amount is not necessary for this document because the priorities are recommendations to the Mayor to use when rethinking the economic development aspect of the budget. Council Member Dunbar then noted there is a hiring freeze, and asked how the Committee proposed to fill the FTE and if they spoke to the department director on his thoughts. Council Member Betz confirmed he had not had a discussion recently, but anticipated the hiring freeze would not last into FY2021/2022. Council Member Spitzley asked Council Member Betz the reasoning for proposing the reduction in the LEDC.

Council Member President explained to the public the Committee meeting was still in session at 7 pm, and Council would start after this meeting.

Council Member Wood asked Council Member Betz if he was proposing to place the (5) FTE in the EDP or LEDC department, because in the past City employees did the work of LEDC, but were housed in LEDC and held no legacy costs. Council Member Betz stated he anticipated them to be housed in the EDP Department, and explained the reason for this request was because he has heard of concerns that the LEAP/LEDC as it stands now does more work regionally instead of for the City, and it would be best for the City to spend the $500,000 in helping the City and with positions housed as City FTE, the Council and Administration would have more oversight. Council Member Dunbar again stated her concern

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION #5 AS AMENDED BELOW:

5. End the LEAP subsidy of $500,000 taking those funds to:

$400,000: (5) FTE Economic Development for Economic Role previously done by LEDC/LEAP
$50,000: Façade Improvement Grant Program
$50,000: Analysis of Façade Improvement Grant Program

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 6-2.

Council Member Spitzley read into the record the following recommendations from the Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion:

1. $500,000: (4) FTE Social Workers-(1) FTE Administrative Assistant (Dept.(s) TBD)
2. $250,000: Lansing Police Department Officer Training- External Sources
3. $125,000: (1) FTE Grant Writer (Neighborhood Citizen Engagement OR HRCS); RE: Assist Local Groups and organizations in grant research, grant writing and monitoring.

Council Member Dunbar stated her concerns with the proposed amount of $250,000 for LPD training, noting she did not want those funds in the police department. She added that she did not want the proposed social workers in the police department either. Council President Spadafore asked where the training budget would be, and she suggested the training funds be placed in HR for the training. Council Member Garza asked if the discussion was on the statement the social workers would not be in the LPD or did they not make a determination. He noted his understanding was that the priorities were not setting the budget and allocating to departments but to tell the Administration what Council's priorities are to be considered during the preparation of the budget. Council Member Betz stated if the social workers were to be placed in the LPD he would not vote in favor of that. Council Member Spitzley assured them her thoughts for consideration were to create a new department specific to social workers. Council Member Betz noted his opinion that training the LPD would not dismantle what he believes is white supremacy in the police department.
Council Member Hussain reiterate to the Council that this is a "wish list" of Council priorities and if the Administration does not include them in the budget for FY2021/2022 they need to explain why.
Council Member Dunbar concurred with the recommendation for an independent department for the social workers but it needs to be someone in the 911 infrastructure, therefore she would lean towards accepting placement in the LFD. Regarding the training budget, she thought the Committee discussion was taking it from $130,000 and adding more but in another department. Council President Spadafore clarified what was his suggestion at the Committee, it would be $250,000 in addition to what they had already.
Regarding the Social Workers item, Council Member Wood suggested strike "Dept TBD". Then when the budget comes to Council the Council will have the opportunity at that time to move the funds in or out of LPD. She also noted that keeping the training in the LPD now, and when it comes back to them in the budget if it is not listed they can make their specific recommendations then on which department. Council Member Betz explained he proposed his recommendations because he believes that budget priorities show values, and part of the values is in reimagining the public safety. Regarding the training item, he added that LPD already has a training budget, and Council needs to know what they spend it on, and he did not believe that trainings lead to less bias and therefore is reluctant to agree to more funding on training. Council Member Dunbar suggested taking #2 Training, out of the list.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:
$500,000: (4) FTE Social Workers-(1) FTE Administrative Assistant (LFD)

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Regarding item #2, Council Member Spitzley did not supported in completely cutting it, but wanted further discussion at the Committee level to restructure the recommendation. Therefore, at this time she removed item #2 for the recommendations.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

> $125,000: (1) FTE Grant Writer (Neighborhood Citizen Engagement OR HRCS); RE: Assist Local Groups and organizations in grant research, grant writing and monitoring.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council Member Hussain read into the record the following recommendations from the Committee on General Services:

1. $5,000: Training Modules on Ethics Ordinance and Related Policies, Conflicts of Interest Policies, and the Open Meetings Act, among others, for Boards and Commissions (Dept. OCA)
2. $10,000: Printing Costs to Provide Written Materials to Residents who do not have access to computers, internet or cell phones with document capability

No discussion.
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council President Spadafore noted the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations had no recommendations, therefore this section was removed from the document.

Council Member Garza read into the record the following recommendations from the Committee on Public Safety:

1. $11,000: Traffic Speed Wagons (Public Service Department)
2. $10,000: Portable Speed Bumps (Public Service Department)
3. $140,000: Reinstate the LFD apprenticeship/cadet program (Lansing Fire Department)

Council Member Hussain asked if the Committee considered getting the traffic wagons that would read the license plates. Council President Spadafore informed the Committee that license plate reading is illegal.
Council Member Betz asked the Committee Members how many speed bumps the $10,000 would purchase and Council Member Garza stated that in doing his research he believed enough for five (5) streets. Council Member Betz then noted he would be interested in purchasing more. Council Member Wood noted first that the OCA has confirmed to Council in the past that tickets cannot be issued based on photos in the State of Michigan. She then recapped the proposed speed bumps are portable, so a neighborhood could request them for 6 months, then they can moved to another neighborhood.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council Member Dunbar referenced the document and the list under the Committee on Public Service. She explained to the Committee that annually the Board of Public Service provides a list of their recommendations to the Council Committee on Public Service to consider and this year the Committee on Public Service agreed with their requests. Council Member Dunbar concluded stating the list should not be listed as Committee on Public Service recommendations, but attached to this document as it has been done in the past. The consensus of the Committee was to remove the list and add to the end of the document.

Council Member Wood read into the record the following recommendations from the Committee on Ways and Means

1. Encourage the Administration to focus in on budget allocations and centralize the fees and costs associated with items such as Information Technology, utilities, etc.
2. Encourage the Chief Strategy Officer to perform an audit report on short and long term resolutions for the current forecast of the City's revenues and expenditures within all departments.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council President Spadafore read into the record the items listed as a continued commitment, if funding is available, to:

- Maintain and improve the City's infrastructure;
- Preserve and ensure clean, safe, well-maintained housing and neighborhoods;
- Provide comprehensive and affordable recreational programs and youth and family services;
- Explore alternatives for improved efficiency in service and delivery.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THOSE 4 ITEMS. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

For discussion under recommendations for budget priorities from the Committee of the Whole, Council Member Betz cited the following items he was proposing that were in the document under his name:

1. Divest 10% ($4.6 million) from the LPD operating and personnel budgets. Hire 6 FTE social workers within LFD ($480,000), allocate $1 million to a newly created fund specifically for youth education and employment programs housed either within the city or at applicable non-profits throughout the city, and allocate the remainder ($3.12 million) to a newly created fund specifically to address the recommendations from the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion committee's research on re-imagining public safety.
2. Hire 1 FTE staff in the Office of the City Attorney ($100,000) to focus specifically on housing legal assistance for tenants and homeowners in the city.
3. Increase General Fund sidewalk repair funding by $200,000 for a total of $500,000, with a priority placed on underserved areas.
4. Increase General Fund local street repair funding by $1.7 million for a total of $5 million, with a priority placed on underserved areas.

Council Member Betz asked to present each item separately with an explanation on why he was proposing them.

Regarding item 1.

> Divest 10% ($4.6 million) from the LPD operating and personnel budgets. Hire 6 FTE social workers within LFD ($480,000), allocate $1 million to a newly created fund specifically for youth education and employment programs housed either within the city or at applicable non-profits throughout the city, and allocate the remainder ($3.12 million) to a newly created fund specifically to address the recommendations from the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion committee's research on re-imagining public safety.

Council Member Betz explained that he sees this is a way to invest and divest in the City to make the community safer. He noted the reason for this priority in particular shows where the money would go directly, including investing in the Lansing youth. He cited news articles from the Lansing State Journal and the Lansing City Pulse about arrests of youth in relation to their ethnicity. Council Member Betz concluded that with the amount of $3.12 million in this item, he hoped to have the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion make their recommendations on dismantling racism, and make those decisions before the Mayor finalizes his budget proposal in 2020. Council Member Betz then read statements by Angela Waters-Austin, BLM of Lansing, regarding increased funding to the police, protesting rights, engaging neighbors in making residents safe. The statement listed items from Ms. Waters-Austin included a call for defunding the police and invest community organizations, ensure livable wages, and create systems that promote and encourage wealth building.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BETZ TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

> Divest 10% ($4.6 million) from the LPD operating and personnel budgets. Hire 6 FTE social workers within LFD ($480,000), allocate $1 million to a newly created fund specifically for youth education and employment programs housed either within the city or at applicable non-profits throughout the city, and allocate the remainder ($3.12 million) to a newly created fund specifically to address the recommendations from the Equity Diversity, and Inclusion committee's research on re-imagining public safety.

Council Member Garza asked for any details on where he got the statistics on the youth arrests, and where the data could be found that the articles obtained their information.

Council Member Jackson spoke on the LPD budget and asked the Committee what could be done with their responsibilities so they would have less to do, and therefore would need less funds.

Council Member Hussain stated his confusion on this proposal since there is a resolution in front of the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion, which was created for review of diversity and establish findings on funding. He asked if the resolution from Council Member Betz was pulling his earlier resolution. Council Member Betz said the idea of the resolution would create another committee on decide how to divest, and the $3.12 million is being proposed for the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion to utilize in making their determinations. He concluded he believed this recommendation and his resolution would work in tandem.

Council Member Spitzley supported making a determination or research should continue with the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion. At this time she was not in support of this proposal but believes the Committee needs further time to research.

Council Member Dunbar supported divesting and reinvesting. Her proposal would be 10% reduction in active accounts and issues, so moving forward would like to see it is separated out for legacy costs, so significant cuts can be made in the other accounts.

Council Member Betz reiterated that the budget priorities are a “Wish list” of items that this is the work the Council wants to see.

Council Member Spadafore acknowledged Council Member Betz for the work and was encouraged by it. He supports better public services, supports reimagining the police department, and hopes the Mayor’s office works to find a better public safety department.

Council Member Betz acknowledged the statement stating he understands the concerns, and need to change the hearts and minds of the people in the City before rethinking the police department. He asked for action now, to dismantle racism because his belief is it is the only way because it is born out of white supremacy.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION FAILED 5-3.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BETZ TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

Hire 1 FTE staff in the Office of the City Attorney ($100,000) to focus specifically on housing legal assistance for tenants and homeowners in the city.

Council Member Betz stated he was proposing was because he has heard when people are referred to organizations for assistance they are not able to speak to anyone.
Council Member Wood explained to the Committee, with referral to the OCA also. Discussions on this in the past the OCA has informed the Council that since it is a private issue, the OCA is not able to represent. A position was created in HRCS, the Housing Ombudsman, and Council was told that position has legal background experience and can assist the residents. Council Member Wood asked OCA if this past information was correct. Mr. Smiertka noted it depends on the scope of the duties, and the statements were correct, but they could not represent private individuals because it would be a violation of the Charter. Currently there is a vacancy in the OCA.
Council Member Spitzley concurred with Council Member Wood, but noted if that role was not being done, and asked if the housing ombudsman position has evolved into what Council was looking into.
Council President Spadafore this is asking for the services, but it would be open to interpretation of obtaining those services. Council Member Betz agreed it could be an extension of the housing ombudsman position.
Council Member Spitzley recommended taking out the words "Office of the City Attorney"

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BETZ TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

Fund sidewalk repair by $200,000 for a total of $500,000, with a priority placed on underserved areas.
Fund local street repair funding by $1.7 million for a total of $5 million, with a priority placed on underserved areas.

Council Member Betz explained these items were from the Board of Public Service list, but he just added funds to the request.
Council Member Wood asked that since it was mentioned in the Board of Public Service recommendations already, would it be necessary to have it listed in this also. Council President Spadafore confirmed he did not want the funding in the Board list. In this case he recommended changing the language to state "using potential increases in revenues funding at these levels".
Council Member Dunbar referred back to the other items in the document, it is not proposing where the funds are coming from.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council President Spadafore concluded the discussion on the budget priorities. Council Member Jackson asked to propose two amendments to add to the document at this time. One was to consider funding for GED programs and one was to add funding to the LPD for printing so they can put complaint information on the back of their business cards. Council President Spadafore reiterated that those proposals were not submitted in writing as requested prior to the meeting, and there were ample opportunities at other meetings and Committee meetings for him to propose his recommendations, therefore a motion on the document would be called, and he could request discussion at the Council meeting following this meeting.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE BUDGET PRIORITIES AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-1.

<u>ORDINANCE – Amend Property Tax Exemption Guidelines</u>
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION GUIDELINES. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm
Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary
Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee October 26, 2020