



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday February 19, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Luke Bingham, Legislative Analyst
Jules Overfelt, Financial Empowerment
Tiffany Lemieux-McKissic, Financial Empowerment
Bryan Dryer, Deputy Director EDP

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2026 AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) Children’s Savings Account (CSA)

Ms. Lemieux-McKissic spoke on the Lansing Save program with the oldest class for 2027 headed to graduation, this grant was amended and they received additional money. Ms. Overfelt added this is being used for 4 projects working towards long term sustainability and funding. Pays for consultants to help fundraising, high school incentives, workforce development that is a 90 day internship that gives 50 students \$250 deposited into their save account, and the last incentives for parents/guardians who attend the financial empowerment center to have money deposited into their child’s account.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN CHILDRENS SAVINGS ACCOUNT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Office of Financial Empowerment Acceptance of the OS Reentry Program Offender Success Contract Bonus

Ms. Overfelt stated their goal last year was 61%, however, they hit 72% going into long term housing. They also receive \$1 for every \$100 spent on leveraged goods.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BONUS ACCEPTANCE BY THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT OF REENTRY PROGRAM OFFENDER SUCCESS CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

No other topics.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:05pm

Submitted by,

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on March 5, 2026