



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**Thursday, March 5, 2026 @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**City Council Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

**PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sherrie Boak, Council Legislative Office Manager  
Dan Danke, Public Service  
Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director  
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA  
Luke Bingaman, Legislative Analyst  
Jonathan Mag, City Engineering

**Minutes**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER NEVARZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2026 AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**Discussion/Action:**

**RESOLUTION – Grant Application; Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Bridge Program**

Mr. Danke noted this is for 3 bridge funding applications; Pennsylvania, Mt Hope, and Aurelius; all for preventive maintenance. It was noted the City has to approve before they can get the funding.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER NEVAREZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR MDOT LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNTRF), Waverly S River Trail extension

Mr. Kaschinske summarized that all items on the agenda are for applications. This one is to extend the River Trail, and the City just closed on the property this week where this trail will be extended for residents in the SW corner of the City. This will allow to connect in Eaton County in the future. This will be south of Jolly, west of Waverly along the power line, and they will need permission from ITC and Consumers Energy to access their property a little.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER NEVAREZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR MNTRF WAVERLY S RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNTRF), Letts Tennis Court Expansion

Mr. Kaschinske stated they are close to the cut off line, and have applied in the past, but hoping by reapplying this year. Letts Center is with Todd Martin and the after school programs, and summer programs. Hoping to expand from 4 courts to 6 courts, with various ages of youth and adults. With this application and the next application, it is the same project, but putting in for two fund options, and where with points and where most successful. Council Member Nevarez Martinez asked if they get feed back when they do not receive, and Mr. Kaschinske stated they do get feed back on the criteria, and when submit the grant there is a preliminary score granted and they can look back and see how to improve their scores.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER NEVAREZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR MNTRF LETTS TENNIS COURT EXPANSION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

RESOLUTION – Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund, Letts Tennis Court Expansion

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER NEVAREZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION; MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND, LETTS TENNIS COURT EXPANSION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNTRF), Jolly Road land acquisition

Mr. Kaschinske stated this would be for another property in the future; north side of Jolly with 11 acres, that the City would like to purchase to connect to the school property, and connect into Glenburne. To do this the City would need to go from City property, through private property, then 11 acres allowing to go across Jolly. This is an acquisition grant, and State would pay 75% of the appraised value, so the City cost would be 25% out of the grant match fund. Council Member Spadafore asked where grant acquisition funds come from, and Mr. Kaschinske stated form the capital improvement Parks acquisition fund.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER NEVAREZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR MNTRF JOLLY ROAD LAND ACQUISITION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

RESOLUTION – Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Department Recreation Passport Grand Funding, Gier BMX track improvements

Mr. Kaschinske acknowledged they have applied for this in the past, and this time believe they will get the points this time. This would be improvements on the track, the asphalt turns, the

starting gate. When this is going Capital City BMX is responsible, but during other time is open for anyone.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER NEVAREZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT FUNDING, GIER BMX TRACK IMPROVEMENTS.  
MOTION CARRIED 2-0

**OTHER**

No other topics.

**ADJOURN**

Adjourned at 3:42 pm

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on March 19, 2026