



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, April 16, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Carter called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Legislative Office Manager
Greg Venker, OCA
Lori Thomas, Public Service
Jilliam Winn, LEDC
Shay Manawar, LEDC
Crystal Thomas, Finance
Steve Raiche, LHC CFO
Charles Randall, Controller
Jake Brower, CSO

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

PLACE ON FILE- Sole Source; Public Safety Department notification of Great Lakes Breathing Air LLC; vendor for Make Compressors for new fire Stations and Fire Training Building
Officer Randle distributed details on the purchase, and noted they have had MAKO since before 2000, and recently started decommissioning the ones they currently have. The purchase comes in with a five (5) year warranty. There will be savings of \$16,000 in cost and every day maintenance. The reason it s a sole source is because Great Lakes is the only authorized dealer in the State of Michigan that can perform those services during the five year warranty period. Currently they are using Great Lakes for all their compressors.

Council Member Carter asked who the vendor is after the 5 year warranty period, and who would cover that. Officer Randle stated it would still be Great Lakes.

Council Member Carter asked about the two different costs in the packet, and Officer Randle admitted that they obtained a quote and that quote expired because any action could be taken, so when asking for a new quote it was higher

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Recycling Coalition Community Education Subaward Program Grant

Ms. Thomas explained the funding has to be used by 8/1/2026, this will be used for outreach, and does not include a City match.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM MICHIGAN RECYCLING COALITION COMMUNITY EDUCATION SUBAWARD PROGRAM GRANT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Local Development Finance Authority Budget Amendment; FY 2025-2026

Mr. Manawar and Ms. Winn noted this is an amendment for this fiscal year budget. This is for the Smart Zone, and will be used to support high tech business and help them grow. They are the only joint authority in the SMART Zones. This is to amend two items; the spend down and programing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR LDFA BUDGET AMENDMENT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Designation of Maner Costerisan as the City External Auditor

Ms. Thomas, Mr. Randall and Mr. Brower spoke on the designation. It is for the current external auditor for 2026, and the main reason is because with recent BSA implementation and they believe with Maner experience and understanding of the BSA cloud, this is beneficial. They feel that to move to a different service provider would put them at a disadvantage. They believe they also are familiar with the City process, and also the GASB103 is going through an overhaul and big impact in 2026, and they want their support on that to meet all the deadlines. The staff met and discussed what would be best for the Finance department and City for a seamless experience when it comes to going through the process. Per the City Charter, they will do an RFP right after this, and do not believe that would be advantageous at this time.

Council Member Carter spoke about their request for an extension for one year, with no bid and no RFP, can the verbiage in the resolution be amended, because it eludes to multiple agencies.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFRE TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION WITH THE CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE CHAIR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MANER COSTERISAN AS THE CITY EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR ONE YEAR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Presentation – Place on File - Lansing Housing Commission Financial Statements and Independent Auditors Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

Mr. Raiche summarized the budget document, noting they are required to report on this and that is why they are here. He noted the audit is clean, and on page 46 there is a second opinion. In addition it was noted they closed on two properties, they are pleased with their net which is under \$500,000, and they have post employment benefits that are legacy liabilities that are not dragging them down. IN last fiscal year, they brought in over \$20 million federal funds.

Council Member Spadafore asked what progress is on the sites near CATA opening for residents, and Mr. Raiche stated they hope this summer. They are starting the process to get people lined up to get people in there.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO PLACE ON FILE THE LHC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING FY 6/30/2025. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

No other topics.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:17 pm

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on May 7, 2026