



AGENDA

**Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor**

Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Chair
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Vice Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Member

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes

- March 7, 2018

4. Discussion/Action:

- A.) RESOLUTION –Appointment of Darlene J. Fancher; City of Lansing Member to Capitol Area Transportation Authority; Term to Expire September 30, 2020
- B.) RESOLUTION – Appointment of Jennie M. Gies; City of Lansing Member to Capitol Area Transportation Authority; Term to Expire September 30, 2020

5. Other

- Communication from Dick Peffley, General Manager of LBWL; 2017 Settlement Agreement with Sierra Club
- DISCUSSION –Development of Climate Action Plan Commission

6. Adjourn

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SIGN IN SHEET

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DATE March 21, 2018

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MINUTES

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Wednesday, March 7, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Chair
Council Member Brian T Jackson, Vice Chair-excused
Councilmember Peter Spadafore

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
John Jarver
Randy Dykhuis
Cathy Deshambo, East Lansing Environmental Service
Jordan Leaming
Dennis Louney, BWL
George Stojic, BWL
Steve Serkanian, BWL
Steve Rall
Dwight Washington
John Sarber, Meridian Township
Ann Fisher, Lansing Environmental Action Team
Dwight Washington, Clinton County Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION –

RESOLUTION – Appointment of Jordan Leaming; City of Lansing Member; Capital Regional International Airport Authority

Mr. Leaming stated his interest in the board was to bring his skills and experience assist with growth of the Authority, with is background in insurance and health care law.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPOINTMENT JORDAN LEAMING TO THE CITY OF LANSING CAPITAL REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Ms. Deshambo with East Lansing outlined their process which included a fluid discussion and their document became a living document. She then went on to confirm it is always a work in process, working on adjusting, searching the communities needs and goals going back to 2007. Their community based it on 5 core points and primary key areas. Their focus included energy efficiency, transportation, water management, and waste efficiency. Council Member Spadafore asked how East Lansing was working on energy efficiency and renewable. Ms. Deshambo confirmed they are working on waste reduction, tackling large areas and large goals and identifying additional goals. They have established a subcommittee working on 100% renewables. Council Member Dunbar asked if they were looking at renewables outside of the BWL. Ms. Deshambo confirmed that some point it will be with BWL, but they had formed a subcommittee based on the need. They are working on the green building policy which is an update from 2009.

Council Member Spadafore was encouraged by the renewable energy pieces for individual properties. Council Member Dunbar added she was encouraged with those energy pieces on commercial and residential, which would include looking at the green building policy to work on goals, community solar project and project with BWL to add on to feed back into the grid.

Mr. Stojic outlined to the Committee and public what BWL has done. Noted was that BWL has a long term plan to handle renewal energy. They have worked with East Lansing on community energy program which will be coming into service within the next couple months. The second East Lansing project will be near Wise Road water treatment plant, and BWL also has a 300 kilowatt solar farm. BWL has had a renewable incentive program since 2010 and the program has increased over the last 7-8 years. Mr. Stojic told the Committee that if the City wanted to do 100% renewables, this year BWL had structured rates which provided an accurate financial rate, with their last rate for renewables in late 2000. BWL does expect to be 20% by 2020. The conversion is \$.03 over standard rate, \$2-\$3 higher a month. In 2020 BWL will be at 20%, if customers want more we will exceed 20% and have no cap. Council Member Dunbar asked if there was a differential charge covering the conversion, what the cost of the conversion and effective rates is. Mr. Stojic assured them the concept is looked at every 2-3 years and they look at it to see how many more renewables they need to get and the conversion would be entirely solar. Council Member Dunbar asked if they have a map which shows areas in the City that could be used for the solar panels. Mr. Stojic stated that the purpose is one component and they develop a comprehensive solar program. If an owner wants solar panels on their property BWL has incentives, if they do not want on their property, there is an option for a community solar area the people could connect to. BWL currently has a community program in Delta Township. If they move to a larger program, fees come down. If the City looks into a community program then will they will look for a plot to put the panels on, however he noted it is customer driven. A wind program will generate a capacity factor at 36-40% which is at a good level, and solar at 15-22%.

Ms. Deshambo stated they have a community solar plot in East Lansing offering the community to buy into it and support if there is no way for them to have solar on their property. East Lansing she noted is a Tree City so they do not remove or encourage removing trees so it is a barrier for individuals to have solar on their property. Mr. Stojic noted as they considered the plan, they can create green teams in the departments and join with a grant to implement the findings of the green teams. Energy efficiency is a good way to reduce the carbon footprint, and in a strategic plan to build sustainability in the community.

Council Member Spadafore asked how many customers using solar program on their homes. Mr. Stojic answered the question by confirming 12-15, and the costs are coming down so there is more of an increased interest. They are now seeing a large number of commercial users.

Council Member Spadafore asked if East Lansing had already started using green vehicles in their fleet. Ms. Deshambo outlined the East Lansing policy which was a green fleet policy, and acknowledged that they have the first hybrid recycling truck in Michigan which uses 40% less fuel than others. They currently do have hybrid vehicles for some administrative vehicles and have installed electric charging stations throughout the city.

Council Member Spadafore asked if the East Lansing bike share program was active, and was informed it was not operational yet.

Council Member Spadafore asked the two township representatives the best way to start and develop a climate plan. Ms. Deshambo confirmed it can be lengthy, but theirs was driven by a commission on environment and then that was taken to their Council. She also noted that there are existing resources and the City would not need to invent the wheel. Council Member Spadafore asked if there were firms or organizations to assist, and Mr. Stojic assured them and stated they could provide a list. Ms. Deshambo referenced a climate group ICLEAC as a source.

Council Member Dunbar concluded the discussion with encouraging the establishment of a climate commission and stated she would reach out to the Mayor's office to see if there would be an interest in a role and charge. Council Member Spadafore encouraged a regional discussion, and supported bringing in members of all the governmental bodies that have BWL services to coordinate the climate action plan. And on a larger scale for climate action he suggested talking to surrounding areas to develop a regional climate action plan.

Public Comment

Mr. Dykhuis with the Lansing Environmental Action Team was interested in seeing Lansing adopt a climate action plan as soon as possible, and wanted a comprehensive plan not just what can accomplished but what it was going to take to get to what he believed was the carbon emissions in a reasonable amount of time. Mr. Dykhuis asked the Committee to address transportation and how to separate organic waste.

Mr. Rall emphasized the urgency to form a Commission, spoke in support of addressing climate control and provides a resource of the Rocky Mountain Institutes for the Committee regarding carbon footprint for cities.

Mr. Sarber with Meridian Township is a member of the Energy Team and Energy Team and outlined their plan which took 18 months to create. With their plan which can be found on the Michigan Climate Action Network, they did a peer review of the draft plan, and are currently in the process of organizing workshops for residents. The Township plan is to be 100% renewable by 2035, and the community goal is 25% by 2025.

Ms. Fisher as a member of Lansing Environmental Action Team encouraged the Committee to address the topic and respected the past meeting her Team had in the past with BWL. She did note her opinion was that the BWL plan goes against climate action and then questioned if the BWL could pay for itself in 30-40 years.

Ms. Miles asked if Tesla shingles have any credibility, at which Mr. Sarber informed her that his experience was that there were issues with the installers.

Mr. Washington spoke in support of the discussion, and suggested they research into the grants and funding that would help with the process. Mr. Washington referenced the surrounding townships and their tree inventory, noting the City of Lansing should inventory the value of their parks.

Council Member Dunbar assured the public the City is a Tree City, and they are a different demographic from East Lansing, and the Commission needs to address how to bring the region on board.

Ms. Deshambo confirmed there is often a comparison between East Lansing and Lansing, but suggested a pilot study for residence dialogue. In her community she stated they took a community group and participated and linked them with experts in climate change. There were 2 week long platforms, and they helped East Lansing look at long term goals. Ms. Deshambo emphasized the importance of regional partnering coming to the fore front, and they should pursue together and work as a region. Ms. Deshambo confirmed there are grants to create and meet the goals, but she was not aware of funding for creating the climate plan itself.

Mr. Sarber informed the Committee their plan as written by five (5) residents and a staff person, but does not translate to a City the size of Lansing. The plan identifies gaps of what further needs to be done. It was noted that their plan was adopted as part of their masterplan.

Mr. Stojic asked if the townships use the Michigan Saves Program, at which Mr. Sarber with Meridian Township stated they do community outreach and that is part of it.

Mr. Louney supported BWL on their plans and moving forward, and pointed out that a section in their plans is a water management plan and encourages the Committed to include storm water management in their plan. As Ingham County Commissioner, Mr. Louney stated they would be interested in a regional plan. Council Member Dunbar asked if the County had a regional plan yet, at which Mr. Louney was not aware, but stated an inquiry could be done with Mr. Bolling the County Controller.

Mr. Stojic said the plan should state how it is to be governed, and look at a baseline on where start and where to go by setting goals.

Council Member Dunbar stated the Committee will continue to meet and will hold future community forums.

Other

Council Member Spadafore asked the Committee to address in the future an ordinance to prevent water way access during flooding emergencies and work regionally since the water ways run through the surrounding areas.

Adjourn at 9:23 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on _____

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Application for Appointment to Board or Commission

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Lansing Board, Commission or committee. The Lansing City Charter requires that every appointee to a board, commission, or committee established by Charter or ordinance must meet the following qualifications and eligibility requirements:

- Be a registered elector in the City of Lansing (Charter Section 2-102).*
- Be a resident of Lansing for one year prior to taking office (Charter Section 2-102).*
- Not be in default to the City at the time of taking office (Charter Section 2-103.2).*
- Not have been convicted, within 20 years of taking office, of a violation of the election laws of the City of Lansing, State of Michigan, or the United States; a violation of public trust; or any felony (Charter Section 2-103.1).*

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Date	1/31/2018
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First Name	Darlene
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Middle	J
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Last Name	Fancher
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Other name(s) by which you have been known, including maiden names	Dusty Fancher
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Date of Birth	
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Address	1319 Chester Road
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City	lansing
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State	MI
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Zip Code	48912
Email	Fancher@midweststrategy.com
Gender	Female
Ward	1
Precinct	03
Best phone number to contact you	██████████
Last 4 digits of social security number	████
In what year did you move to Lansing?	2000
Additional information regarding experience and credentials	I have 20 years of experience in transportation policy, with a specific focus on public transportation.
Occupational Background	Governmental Relations and Public Policy
Educational Background	B.A. Michigan State University, Community Relations, with Honor M.S. Michigan State University, Resource Development
Please attach a resume if available	Dusty Fancher 2018.pdf
First choice for board to serve on	Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)
Second choice of a board to serve on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Third choice of a board to serve on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Fourth choice of a board to serve on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Please be specific as to your goals and ideas about how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or	With a background in public transportation at the state level, I would love to bring this perspective to the CATA Board. As the transit agency that lawmakers see when they are in Lansing for session, I believe that CATA can play a bigger role with policy decisions at the state capitol. I would love to help with that.

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Qualifications and Eligibility – At this time, if you do not meet one or more of the qualifications or eligibility requirements listed at the top, please state here the requirement to be met and explain how you will be qualified or eligible before you would be sworn in to an appointed office

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Background Check Authorization

I agree

Please type your name in this box to signify that you can serve on a board or commission and the information in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge

Dusty Fancher

Date & Time

1/31/2018 2:30 PM

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BY THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Darlene J. Fancher of 1319 Chester Road in Lansing, MI, 48912, as a City of Lansing Member of the Capitol Area Transportation Authority for a term to expire September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The nominee has been vetted by the Mayor's office and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on March 21, 2018 and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Darlene J. Fancher of 1319 Chester Road in Lansing, MI, 48912, as a Member of the Capitol Area Transportation Authority for a term to expire September 30, 2020;

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Date	2/14/2018
First Name	Jennie
Middle	Marie
Last Name	Gies
Other name(s) by which you have been known, including maiden names	Field not completed.
Date of Birth	
Address	220 Ferguson Street
City	Lanisng
State	Michigan

Zip Code	48912
Email	jennie.gies@gmail.com
Gender	Female
Ward	1
Precinct	4
Best phone number to contact you	██████████
Last 4 digits of social security number	████
In what year did you move to Lansing?	2003
Additional information regarding experience and credentials	From 2007 to 2010 I served as an appointee to the the Ingham County Women's Commission. I was elected chair of the commission and transitioned it back to its core mission of being an advisory commission to the Board of Commissioners and shepherded several policy resolutions for the board to review and adopt. For over 11 years I have been an active community resident in Lansing's Eastside. I enjoy organizing events for new and long standing neighbors to get to know each other and provide opportunities to improve our area. I maintain the financial records as Eastfield Neighborhood Association's treasurer. And as Eastfield's past president, I spearheaded multiple neighborhood improvement grant projects which included beautifying our street ends, street corners, and playground area, and installing park benches. I've also led neighborhood clean-up days, organized our bimonthly meetings and guest speakers. Prior to buying my home in Eastfield, I served as Vice-Chair for Foster Your Neighborhood and helped organize similar neighborhood activities. I'm a board member at Allen Neighborhood Center (ANC) and a long-time volunteer. I've delivered ANC's newsletter going door-to-door and was one of ANC's first Community Supported Agriculture Hunter Park gardenhouse subscribers. I've volunteered at many ANC events including their Big Fuss fundraiser to raise funds for a year round indoor farmers' market and farmer's food exchange.
Occupational Background	As legislative program coordinator for the Michigan Nurses Association and a former legislative staffer for several state legislators, I have the policy, analytical, organizational and constituent relation skills to analyze, give thoughtful policy recommendations and talk with constituents about CATA

services. I have experience working collaboratively with a myriad of government officials— local, state and federal on policy and solving constituent issues.

Educational Background	Master of Public Administration, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, 2015 Bachelor of Arts in Social Relations, James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2005
Please attach a resume if available	<i>Field not completed.</i>
First choice for board to serve on	Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)
Second choice of a board to serve on	Zoning Appeals
Third choice of a board to serve on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Fourth choice of a board to serve on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Please be specific as to your goals and ideas about how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission	I believe I have the professional experience, skill set and community relationships to hit the ground running on day one to work with staff, various stakeholders and constituents in advancing the City of Lansing and CATA's goals, addressing challenges and effectively managing public resources and services. If appointed to CATA, I would ensure CATA is following best practices in its operations and service delivery. I would work to promote a downtown Lansing, Old Town and REO town loop during peak hours so residents could easily access the area's restaurants, shopping districts and entertainment options. I would also ask for an audit of CATA's current bus routes to seek ways to improve bus routes based on ridership data, analytics, performance and citizen input. I believe there are opportunities to upgrade CATA's buses to provide a more pleasant experience for riders like offering more fuel efficient buses, simplified payment systems, public WiFi and secure public USB ports to charge electronics.
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Authorization

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Please type your name in
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Jennie Gies

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WHEREAS, The nominee has been vetted by the Mayor's Office and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 and took affirmative action;

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Communication on behalf of General Manager Peffley:

Dear Council Members,

I understand you recently received a communication from the Sierra Club's Director of Michigan's Beyond Coal Campaign. A similar communication was sent to the Board of Commissioners. Both communications attempt to disavow any knowledge of an understanding between the BWL and Sierra Club regarding the BWL's new natural gas power plant to replace its aging coal plants. The Sierra Club's representation is inaccurate and misrepresents the nature of the discussions that preceded the BWL's execution of the Settlement Agreement.

I suspect that what initiated the communications to the City Council and BWL Commissioners was the Sierra Club's recent voicing of opposition to the BWL's new natural gas power plant, and the BWL's subsequent assertion that such statements were in breach of the mutual understandings reached during the lengthy settlement process. A copy of all communications is included below.

I spent almost two years negotiating a settlement that was in the best interest of BWL rate payers. Although the BWL remained confident about its ability to prevail in litigation, a collegial relationship prevailed. The Sierra Club openly acknowledged during negotiations that the BWL could not move to 100% renewables overnight, and I openly shared the expected size and life-span of the future natural gas plant.

The negotiations also covered their recommendation that the BWL rely on the "grid" for its energy instead of building a new plant. However, I was firm that the articulated wishes of the rate payers to maintain reliable and low-cost power generated locally would control the BWL's strategic plan, given its public ownership.

While the BWL understood that the Sierra Club could not openly support the plan for a natural gas plant, the discussions made clear that not openly opposing the new plant was essential to maintaining the productive relationship that had developed, and the BWL was induced to agree to the terms of the settlement agreement based on the Beyond Coal Campaign Manager's representation, albeit oral, that they would refrain from openly opposing the plant.

Please be assured that the BWL is already firmly committed to an energy portfolio that will rely heavily on renewable energy resources and exceed the State's standard of energy efficiency programs. By no later than 2025 the BWL will have dropped its coal consumption from a high of 2 Million Tons annually to ZERO, and reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 80%. The BWL will supply its customers with 30% clean by 2020, and 40% by 2030. No other utility in the state has made such a commitment! My team is actively drafting a public-facing informational piece that will clarify the

current state of our renewable commitment and future options, and I would be happy to speak with you and your constituents about the BWL's commitment to a clean energy future.

While we regret this unfortunate turn of events with the Sierra Club, we are optimistic that our ratepayers will appreciate the fact that their public utility is steadily moving towards an energy future that will no longer be dependent on fossil fuels.

Dick Peffley
General Manager
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From: Smiljana Lazic

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:36 PM

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Cc: Brandie Ekren <Brandie.Ekren@LBWL.COM>; 'Eldridge, Scott R.' <Eldridge@MillerCanfield.com>; 'collinsp@millercanfield.com' <collinsp@millercanfield.com>; Mark Matus <Mark.Matus@LBWL.COM>; George Stojic <George.Stojic@LBWL.COM>; 'georgehays@mindspring.com' <georgehays@mindspring.com>; Dick Peffley <Dick.Peffley@LBWL.COM>

Subject: Settlement Agreement Between BWL and Sierra Club

Good afternoon,

On behalf of George Stojic, please find a communication attached.



George Stojic
Executive Director of Planning and Development
517-702-6347

February 20, 2018

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Detroit, MI 48201-2657

Jodi Perras
Indiana Campaign Representative, Beyond Coal
Sierra Club
1100 W. 42nd Street, Suite 140
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Dear Ms. Strong and Ms. Perras,

Last week the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter endorsed an event designed to build support for opposition to the BWL's new natural gas plant. A copy of the Facebook posting is attached. Moreover, during a public meeting here at the BWL on February 15, 2018, the Michigan Chapter's political director spoke against "lock[ing] in a 500 MW *[sic]* natural gas plant."

During our lengthy settlement discussions leading to the August 2017 settlement agreement regarding Erickson Station, the Sierra Club agreed that although it would not voice support for the new natural gas plant, it would nonetheless refrain from opposing the plant. The BWL understood that the Sierra Club could not preclude its individual members from expressing their opinions, but the Sierra Club assured the BWL that the national entity and its Chapters would abide by the agreement.

These recent instances of Sierra Club opposition to the BWL's new natural gas plant are in direct contravention of the commitment you made to the BWL to induce the August 2017 settlement. Please take the actions necessary to prevent any further breach of the settlement.

Sincerely,

George Stojic

Cc: Brandie Ekren
Scott Eldridge
Paul Collins
Mark Matus
George Hays

