



MINUTES
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Wednesday, April 4, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Chairperson
Council Member Brian T Jackson, Vice Chairperson
Councilmember Peter Spadafore- left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lori Welch, City of Lansing Capital Area Recycling and Trash
Dwayne Washington, Clinton County Commissioner
Brian McGrain, Economic Development & Planning Director
Becky Payne
Randy Dykhuis, Lansing Environmental Action Team
Rhonda Jones, BWL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment

Introductions

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 21, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION –

DISCUSSION –Development of Climate Action Plan Commission

Council Member Dunbar acknowledged that since the last meeting she spoke to Mayor Schor. She acknowledged that his interest was this Committee creating a work group. In her discussion with the Mayor, she noted they discussed the option of merging the work group eventually with the BWL Green Team, and she emphasized with the Mayor that there needs to be a City staff with expertise on the Work Group and in his cabinet. Council Member Dunbar then informed the Committee and group that the first charge of this Committee is to determine members of the Community that should be on the work group, research and determine what is already being done in the City, and not just talk about what other Communities have done and already doing, but begin the process to start them in the City.

Mr. McGrain admitted that his department currently does not have a policy they follow, however it is listed in a section of the Master Plan under sustainability. He could mention it to his staff, but his opinion was that internally in the City, his department is not the department that would be solely involved.

Council Member Spadafore pointed out to the Committee that the goals from this process should be aspirational and attainable. For the short term they can review what can be do in the City services themselves, and then what can be done to encourage people to do long term. The work group should take an inventory in what is already in Master Plan.

Ms. Welch confirmed that with the Capital Area Recycling and Trash Program they did participate in the Live Green Program, and there was some grant work done on energy conservation. The City has started to a lot of that work and they could document it better and recognize it. The City already does the recycling program with their staff, but they could explore bi-weekly trash pickup and weekly recycling.

Ms. Jones confirmed that BWL has an internal green policy, and a Green Ambassador Team for more personal accountability with the staff and how to handle trash. The BWL also has an initiative in the strategic plan. Council Member Dunbar asked if the plan addresses facilities for lighting or fleets. Ms. Jones acknowledged she would have to check and see what directive BWL has for the fleet and from whom it came from. There is an assumption there is a strategic plan and she indicated she would check on the policy and send something to Council Staff.

Council Member Spadafore asked for the clarification on if the Committee would develop the plan or the new work group. Council Member Dunbar suggested the work group, which would include a staff person from the City and the community members with different back grounds. Mr. McGrain asked if the work group should look at internal items to the City facilities and then the overall City wide. Council Member Dunbar noted that a climate action plan that has all of it and a directive that states it will meet a goal by a certain time. Then the policy can out line what individuals can do to meet goals. The work group will need to know what is there for the base to work from. Council Member Jackson suggested that once a policy is in place, Council using that policy and reviewing it when ever an action item comes before them.

Council Member Dunbar asked the Committee and public for recommendations for the work group members. Mr. Dykhuis noted he had provided a list to the Mayor of a combination of people. Others mentioned included:

Sarah Wycoff

Sierra Club Member

Mid-Michigan Environmental Council Member

MSU Construction Department

MSU School of Planning Design- Mark Wilson

Developer- Christman

MSU Sustainability

Tom Stanton Consulting

BWL representative for resources

East Lansing Representative – Katherine Beck

Irene Cahill

Mr. Washington asked for clarification on if the City work group was going to address climate change, carbon reduction, clean air or had a goal before they would take member recommendations. Council Member Dunbar provided him with the plan to work with other communities as an umbrella plan and the work group will address specifics. At the time of the specifics, they will bring in experts in each field.

The group continued offering member suggestions for the work group:

Ingham County Drain Commissioner or representative

Surrounding communities

Dennis Louney

It was asked if there would be a conflict for Mr. Louney and Mr. Smiertka noted there is no legal conflict, but there should be an avoidance of any special interest.

A Lansing School District staff, regarding construction and vehicle discussion. This could be

Teresa Szmanski or Todd Coe

CATA representative

Ingham County Public Health

Jessica Yorko

Terry Link

The Committee then discussed other items the Committee should discuss, and Council Member Spadafore asked for a discussion with the Courts on the future County Court consolidation. Mr. Smiertka stated that discussion is already happening with the Mayor and suggested the Committee first speak to Ms. Harkins in the Mayor's office to update IGR.

Council Member Dunbar stated the next meeting would be May 2nd for the work group finalization, and she will draft a letter to work group members to invite them.

Council Member Dunbar asked the IGR members if there were other groups or topics they would like to address in this Committee. It was mentioned they should have a discussion on the Court consolidation, and also a joint meeting with the Lansing School District (LSD). Council Member Jackson asked for the discussion with the LSD to include "School to Prison Pipeline" which is the Volunteer Advocates of Mid-Michigan, Stacey Hillcock. Council Member Spadafore questioned whether this Committee should have a discussion with the LSD on a topic they have already made multiple decisions on.

Council Member Jackson mentioned an upcoming Annual Meridian Township joint municipality meeting Council was invited to and he will be attending.

Council Member Dunbar added the Greater Lansing Area Realtor Association to the list of work group members. It was then noted that the list from this meeting would be sent to the Committee Chairperson who will then begin communications to see if there is an interest by that party. The Committee will meet on May 2, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. with final determinations.

Adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on May 16, 2018