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Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Wednesday, May 16, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Chairperson
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Vice Chairperson-absent
Councilmember Peter Spadafore

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Derek Melot
Joseph Abood, Chief Deputy City Attorney
Natalie Molnar, BWL Energy Efficiency
Jackson Klein, BWL
Donovan Snow, Legislative Intern –Dunbar
Sue Eby
Anna Fisher, Lansing Environmental Action Team

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment

Introductions

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Derek Melot; At-Large Member Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA); Term to Expire 9/30/2021

The Committee reviewed the application, and Mr. Melot confirmed that CATA was not his first choice and if his other choices opened up he confirmed with the Mayor he could continue to serve on multiple boards.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DEREK MELOT TO THE CATA BOARD AS AN AT LARGE MEMBER.

Council Member Dunbar asked Mr. Melot if he was familiar with any issues with CATA currently. Mr. Melot believed that the CATA Board is looking for new and forward speaking roles, and his goals would be to make a robust transit system for all riders of necessity and riders of choice. Council Member

Dunbar encouraged the Board to look at the routes for riders of necessity, because where the necessity is, there are the least amount of routes.

MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Mr. Melot assured the Committee he plans to report back to the Committee on what occurs at the CATA meetings.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 4, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

DISCUSSION –Climate Action Plan

Council Member Dunbar updated the Committee and public on the work she had done so far. A spreadsheet was created by Mr. Snow that showed common areas and goals from other municipalities who have already created an action plan. A verbal communication was put out to them to see if they want to participate and letters will be forth coming.

Ms. Eby offered to sit on a subcommittee, and provided her past experience on a citizen action committee that was interested and create a recycling program.

Ms. Fisher volunteers to sit an on subcommittee, along with other members from her group.

Council Member Dunbar proposed subcommittees for each interest, and one of their tasks will be to policies currently out there.

Mr. Snow went over his research which included cities similar in demographics and other growing municipalities. Those include Detroit, Ann Arbor, Travers City, Grand Rapids, and Meridian Township. The top topic he found in Michigan was greenhouse gas emissions, and all the communities he researched have a climate action plan where they promise to reduce those emissions by 60% by 2020. Other topics they address are solid waste, recycling, reducing energy use, transportation, green public space, public health, better business practices, infrastructure, storm water runoff, renewables, and education. Ms. Fisher suggested looking at a combination of water and electric as a category in the action plan. She then offered to provide Mr. Snow with a list of the 33 environmental groups she is aware for him to contact. Council Staff provided Mr. Snow with the minutes from the April 4, meeting where the group listed people they were interested in inviting. Ms. Molnar provided Mr. Snow copies of other action plans to review as well.

Council Member Dunbar canceled the June 6, 2018 meeting.

Council Member Spadafore asked that the Committee tour the recently renovated Fairview school, and confirmed he spoke to the Lansing School District and they are expecting our call to coordinate.

Council Member Dunbar concluded by stating the next meeting would be June 20th. Between this meeting and that the letter to the parties will go out, and at that meeting there can be discussion on the subcommittee categories and membership.

Adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on August 15, 2018