



MINUTES
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Wednesday, August 15, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Chairperson
Council Member Brian T Jackson, Vice Chairperson
Councilmember Peter Spadafore- left at 8:58 a.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Bryan Crenshaw, Ingham County Commissioner
Todd Tennis, Ingham County Commissioner
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Mr. Crenshaw updated the Committee on the recent jail millage that passed, and informed them they have already begun the bidding process with the intention to break ground late fall 2019. The jail will be located in Mason off the current jail which will sit on land they already own, will house the same number of beds (440) and once it is built they will demolish the current structure leaving only the kitchen. This is because the current structure was built in the 1960's. They will also be increasing their treatment center, substance abuse focus, mental health focus, and increasing the electronic monitoring program. In addition the funds will go towards providing pre-trial services, and expanding their educational programming. Council Member Jackson asked if there

were plans to change the transportation from lock-up to the jail. Mr. Tennis stated it was not part of the millage and Mr. Crenshaw added that the Sheriff is open to discussions and they have an initial meeting with the Mayor scheduled. It was also stated that the Sheriff stated he cannot operate a 24/7 lock up in the City for cost options, and he would discuss options if the City went away from 24/7 lock up and they could transport to Mason. The discussion went back to the new facility which would be reconfigured for better design.

Council Member Jackson asked if there were any talks or new developments on the court consolidation. Mr. Crenshaw confirmed they had a meeting schedule for later after this meeting, but they already know to move forward it would require legislative changes at the State level and the local bodies have to agree to it.

Mr. Tennis informed the Committee that he currently sits on a County Ad Hoc that is tasked to look for a new location in North Lansing for a clinical operation. They are currently leasing property at Willow and that is the last one they do not own outright. The intention is to have a large facility on the north side and close Willow but they are open to options. Mr. Crenshaw added that Willow is a general focus teen facility. Council Member Jackson encouraged them to look for sites with close public transportation access, and they agreed that was a strong point.

Council Member Jackson encouraged the County members to reach out to Rena Risper about the services before leaving the Willow neighborhood.

Mr. Tennis confirmed the County Health took over the VOA operations in the medical piece, but have not taken over the dental at this time because they have a mobile dental unit that is working around Lansing.

Mr. Crenshaw stated that he recently has been attending the monthly City Ward meetings, and inquired into the status of a recent submission to Council for a rezoning at 1141 Pine Street for the purchase of a former superintendent building. Council Staff confirmed that it was tabled at the Committee meeting on 8/6/2018 waiting on further information, and will be taken back up on 8/20/2018.

Mr. Tennis asked the Committee members to continue to pursue work and funding on the roads, and he was specific to Miller Road. Mr. Miller also added that during his campaigning on the south side he heard a lot of issues with crime and concerns on enforcement.

Council Member Spadafore left the meeting, but before he did he acknowledged the County Commissioners on their continued discussions on a future lock up site, and discussions on if that would translate into the reduction of cost of running two lock up's and therefore utilizing those funds for more officers. The group briefly discussed the concerns with filling positions due to the lack of applications and those meeting the qualifications.

Mr. Crenshaw updated the Committee on the position of the Director of Animal Control. He confirmed there is an Interim Director, and they have started the process on hiring a permanent Director. He added that they have also decided to eliminate their Sunday hours, and extend their weekday hours on certain days, which was all done because of a cost analysis.

The group continued its discussion on recruiting officers and the difficulty in hiring which they believed had to do with the pay packages and benefits not being adequate. Council Member Dunbar added that her understanding was with the City it was more the issue of not getting the number of qualified candidates.

The members present all agreed to meet again on November 21, 2018 to follow up on the items discussed, the election that will be held November 6, 2018 and plans for 2019.

Adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on September 5, 2018