



MINUTES
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Wednesday, September 5, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Rachel Lewis, Lansing School District
Gabriel Lawrence, Lansing School District- arrived at 8:47 a.m.
Guillermo Lopez, Lansing School District – arrived at 8:36 a.m.
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney- left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION with the Members on the Lansing School District Intergovernmental Relations Committee

The Committee and Lansing School IGR Committee discussed items that they can assist each other with and potential partnerships. Topics included the future of Hill, what plans could occur for Pleasant View, which currently houses Dwight Rich students K-6th. The groups also discussed community centers in the area of Pleasant View and the work at Willard Walker Park.

Ms. Lewis asked who appointed the LHC director and was informed the LHC Board does.

Mr. Lopez how the Council, and this IGR Committee planned to work with the Mayor, since previous years the Mayor did projects and Council was not aware. Council Member Dunbar

assured the group that the new Administration and Council are working closely in tune with what is going on and there is open dialogue. Council Member Spadafore added that the School District and the City could put out a collaborative process between the two to show all groups are on the same page. Council Member Spadafore then asked the District representatives is there is a location near Pleasant View that the City can assist them in establishing or continuing Pleasant View, based on an earlier concern by Council Member Hussain.

The group discussed current properties of the School District and City Park property where the two groups could collaborate in the maintenance of, and shared facilities. This could include joint services such as payroll, HR, Information Technology and printing services. Ms. Lawrence voiced her concern with shared services in payroll. Council Member Dunbar suggested starting with future collaboration on facilities and purchasing powers. The group continued discussions on other options to collaborate on including the City becoming part of the Pathway for Vocational Training, and a future City Junior Council to work with the District Junior Council.

The group move onto an overview of their processes when it comes to suggestions, funding, tasks and action. The District members stated if they have suggestions they will present to the School Superintendent and if the School Board then approves it, they will forward to the City. Mr. Smiertka outlined the City process which would be for IGR to make a recommendation to the full Council, the Council if it so chooses would adopt a policy, the Mayor would look at the policy, then can propose budget for it, in turn the Council would have to approve budget, and then it would go back to the Mayor to implement it.

Council Member Spadafore made one suggestion to consider, which would be for City employees to get paid time off to volunteer at the schools.

Mr. Lopez brought up the suggestion that the City and the schools should find ways to have summer jobs for students to give them incentive, and Mr. Smiertka added in information that Mott in Flint works through their foundation to pay for those jobs, and it would be an option to consider. Council Member Dunbar confirmed that Parks and Recreation already hire high school kids for summer camps and summer programs. The group discussed other options for job opportunities including a similar program to what BWL does and job shadowing in City departments. Council Member Dunbar pointed out that if the program with the City was established Council would also have to establish a budget for training of the students.

Council Members encouraged the School District to encourage the Superintendent to have the City become part of the Pathway. Council Member Dunbar suggested meeting again to go through the Pathway Program coordinates to see where the City would fit in and what they wanted to do.

Ms. Lawrence suggested a collaboration with the City Sister Cities and the schools.

Council Member Jackson stated he would initiate the City Junior Council proposal and bring back to the Committee.

Ms. Lawrence invited the group to attend an upcoming event on September 21, 2018 at Eastern High School for the viewing of the Rudy Valdez documentary "The Sentence".

Council Member Dunbar invited the district representatives to an energy work group that the IGR Committee established that is working on climate control and mitigation. Mr. Lopez suggested speaking to Ms. Camul-Caanul, Superintendent, on the best representative.

The Committee's agreed to meet again on Monday, October 29, 2018 @ 1 p.m. at the School District Administration Building.

Council Member Dunbar requested that Mr. Dickens with the Greater Lansing Realtor Association be invited to the October 3, 2018 meeting.

DISCUSSION – FY2019/2020 Budget Policies & Priorities

No discussion.

Adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on October 3, 2018