



AGENDA
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Vice Chair
Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Member

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes

- September 25, 2019

4. Discussion/Action:

A.) DISCUSSION—Report on the Progress of the Climate Action Plan
Project – Commons Logic, LLC

5. Other

6. Adjourn

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Chairperson – left the meeting at 8:10 a.m.
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Vice Chairperson
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Member – arrived at 8:03 a.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Derrell Slaughter, Ingham County Commissioner
Bryan Crenshaw, Ingham County Commissioner
Jodi LeBombard, Ingham County Animal Control Director
Teri Morton, Ingham County Controller
Sharon Bannon
Kris Wisniewski
Chief Green, LPD
Linda Keefe
Stephanie White
Mary Bowen, Assistant City Attorney
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney – arrived at 8:08 a.m.
Lisa Hagen, Council Legal Analyst
Todd Tennis, Ingham County Commissioner – arrived at 8:15 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Council Member Jackson amended the agenda to address the Climate Action first until Council Member Dunbar could arrive.

DISCUSSION–Report on the Progress of the Climate Action Plan Project

Council Member Jackson informed the group that since the last Committee meeting the Council extended the deadline to December 31, 2019 for the plan, due to the timing it is taking to gather the data, draft and implement a climate action plan. Regarding earlier questions on funding in

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the Budget Priorities, Council Member Jackson explained there a Sustainability Coordinator Position proposed in this years' document and that person will work on grants and implement a climate plan. Ms. Bannon asked if that was part of the Financial Health Team and solar credits. Council Member Jackson clarified that was proposed last year, but did not pass at Council.

Council Member Dunbar arrived and asked the discussion be moved to the end of the agenda further discussion. Council Member Jackson stated there were no more updates other than Ms. Erhardt will be at the October 23rd Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION- Ingham County Animal Control Services

Council Member Dunbar informed the group that this topic was her request from an earlier meeting because she had received communications from residents regarding the procedures for the LPD responding to and picking up stray dogs. (Old Town) She added that she did not support the LPD taking the place of animal control after hours, so she was interested in clarification on after hours expectations with LPD, dispatch and Animal Control.

Commissioner Crenshaw referenced the Old Town incident, noting that LPD did not take care of it, but in that case, Animal Control addressed it. Council Member Dunbar clarified that her concern was not that LPD handled that case, but that residents called LPD thinking they were going to take care of it and did not.

Ms. LeBombard explained that Animal Control could not accept stray animals after hours from the public, however there is a fenced in area where LPD does have the code to access. The policy is that the public hold onto stray animals until Animal Control is open, and depending on the day, officers are on site 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, adding that they can always take calls on weekends, but Sunday is the only day they are closed to the public. Chief Green explained that the LPD mission is public safety and everything patrol does is based on priority. Dispatch will take the call, determine the situation and if LPD is available they will pick up the animal, but they have minimal training. This usually can take 45 minutes to 90 minutes that it will place the officer

“out of service”. If it is a “dangerous dog”, it is considered a “hard-priority”, however if the officers are dealing with a human situation, the animal call will be delayed. Chief Green concluded his statement by noting that it is a resource drain on the LPD when it occurs because it takes officers out of the City limits, however they always do the best they can. Council Member Dunbar asked if a call for an aggressive animal that was threatening be considered a call for an officer, and Chief Green assured her that dispatch would put it to LPD no matter what; they will not hold them. Council Member Garza asked if they ever make contact with the complainant. Chief Green stated he would not be able to respond unless he heard how each call went through dispatch, and Ms. LeBombard agreed that each case is considered “case by case” and it depends on each case circumstances. Council Member Dunbar asked if Animal Control is considering increasing their funding for weekend on-call, and Ms. LeBombard confirmed she has requested funds for the 2020 budget, and at this time, it is well received by the Commission. Currently, she added, Animal Control has six (6) full time officers, and if this passes in the budget, they will rotate “on-call” hours on the weekends.

Chief Green asked Council Member Dunbar if she is getting complaints on barking dogs. Council Member Dunbar stated she was, but it is when a barking dog is fenced in and appears to be an issue where they have no food or fenced in during inclement weather. Chief Green confirmed that barking dogs are something the LPD addresses and they usually speak to the owner.

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OTHER

Council Member Dunbar asked the Commission members if they were looking for anything from the City, and were told they would be interested in combined efforts with the County on hiring additional staff to assist in redaction of body cam footage in the LPD. Mr. Smiertka noted that redaction is an enormous effort in his office as well. Council Member Dunbar stated she would proposed in the Budget Priorities from the Committee an increase in funding for FOIA and video redaction. Chief Green noted that the LPD has submitted a grant request for redaction software for the LPD and OCA on FOIA requests. Council Member Dunbar asked how much funding the LPD would need for this position and the Chief was not able to provide an amount at this time.

Ms. Morton informed the group they the County hopes to collaborate with the County Prosecutor Offices on this practice with a 50/50 split with the City. They are hoping to fund a position in the LPD and the County is interested in paying for half.

Commission Member Tennis, who arrived during the animal control discussion, noted that the County does not have the authority to prevent someone from owning an animal, but a judge could order it. Ms. LeBombard added that for a case to go in front of a judge in court they would have to establish the violation occurred, have a witness willing to testify, however that is all left up to the prosecutor to determine.

Council Member Garza recapped the earlier update on the Climate Action Plan for members of the public and Committee who arrived late. He stated the deadline was extended to December 31, 2019, referenced the report from Ms. Erhardt in the packet and at the table. Ms. Keefe asked about the last item on the report, Council Member Dunbar stated the report references data Ms. Erhardt had requested, and once she receives everything she will compile it into a report.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 27, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Ms. White introduced herself.

Adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Officer Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved _____



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Climate Action Plan Project Update as of 10/23/19

- Timeline for project extended to 12/31/19
- Requested Purchase of ICLEI Framework for GHG Inventory
 - Cost is \$1,750.00 for Membership and Access to Framework
 - International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) <http://icleiusa.org>
 - ICLEI Framework in use with City of East Lansing
 - ICLEI Offers many services that will be beneficial to future phases of project and future Sustainability Coordinator
 - Suggested cost could be allocated from the Commons Logic contract if no other source of funding is available.
 - **STATUS:** Waiting for response from Mayor's Office
- Data Collection & Analysis
 - Requested Data - More detail and trend data is needed
 - Received partial data from recycling, fleet, water/sewage and electricity
 - Require at least 3 years of data for trend analysis
 - Need to determine BASELINE YEAR - Recommending FY 2016-17
 - Assessing data received from LBWL and Consumers
 - Also requested any other planning documents available such as utility plan, city master plan, strategic plan, etc.
 - **STATUS:** In process of contacting City departments directly to request additional data for GHG inventory. Reconfigured inventory to simplify requirements due to lack of detailed data availability.
- Inventory and Assess Current Sustainability Activities/Projects
 - Received varying types of information - working to sort and prioritize
 - Will be scheduling interviews via phone or in person
 - **STATUS:** In process
- Next Steps

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