



MINUTES
Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Chairperson
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Vice Chairperson
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Member - arrived at 8:09 a.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney, Council Research Assistant
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney – arrived at 8:15 a.m.
Joe Abood, Chief Deputy City Attorney
Kris Wisniewski
Elaine Fischhoff
Randy Dykhuis
Theresa Lark

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment at this time.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

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

Council Member Jackson explained that he was contacted by Ms. Erhardt requesting more time and proposed 2/28/2020. Council Member Garza asked she had anything to provide now, and Council Member Jackson noted she was pleased the City joined the ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) and hoped this would help.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE WITH COMMONS LOGIC LLC TO 2/28/2020. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

REPORT FROM THE 2019 COMMITTEE

Council Member Jackson distributed a report he drafted for the Committee review and action. The Committee determined it should reference “Commons Logic LLC” not “Ann”, “Anne” or “Erhardt”. Ms. Fischhoff asked if the resolution she wrote would be added to the report and they would take action on it. Council Member Dunbar asked if it was the one many have seen from the League of Women Voters, and that was confirmed. Council Member Jackson stated he did receive the draft resolution from Ms. Fischhoff however was not ready to act on it because there would nothing to come from it at this time. Mr. Wisniewski asked the Committee if they advised for the resolution to be introduced after the Council got the report and CPA from Commons Logic LLC, and Council Member Jackson acknowledged that suggestion, but could not provide an exact time to propose it. Ms. Fischhoff asked if they could recommend the group come to the 2nd Council meeting in January to speak at public comment on it, and then submitted a budget request she delivered to the Mayor as well. The Committee began the review again on the report and Council Member Dunbar asked for discussion on the 4th paragraph, 3rd line “that the City of Lansing’s Administration was slow to respond and/or nonresponsive to the requested information.”, noting the statement appears as if the “Mayor” did not response, and suggested it be changed to “City of Lansing’s Departments were..” She added that in her conversations with the Mayor, he assured her that if the Departments were not responding to Commons Logic, LLC they should contact him directly, and since Ms. Erhardt is not present she could not confirm or deny that Ms. Erhardt had contacted the Mayor directly. Council Member Jackson did not fully support the change, and Council Member Garza did support the change and suggested “due to the amount of information requested, it took longer than anticipated.” Council Member Jackson again appealed stated from the Committee point of view in this report, per the minutes from past meetings, they are aware she had asked for information and struggled to get it. Mr. Smiertka suggested placing specifics in the document of the information still pending, however Council Member Jackson stated that since Ms. Erhardt was not present, no one was aware of what was missing since the October report in the packet, and he added he did not want the report to state “Ms. Erhardt said...” The Committee agreed to change the 4th paragraph to state:

The Committee became aware that Commons Logic, LLC progress was impeded by the lack of data and information that she needed relating to City Departments and operations. The Committee was also informed that a faster data transfer would have helped Commons Logic, LLC complete their reporting in a timely fashion and within the original timeline. For these reasons, the Committee approved Commons Logic, LLC extension in the contract length.

Lastly the Committee added “create/” in front of “implement” in the last line of the report.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE REPORT AS AMENDED.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Council Member Jackson assured the public that he hopes to sit on this Committee again in 2020, and will continue to pursue the sustainability manager position in the budget.

Adjourned at 8:40 a.m.
Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Council Officer Manager
Lansing City Council
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