



MINUTES
Committee on Public Service
Friday, October 6, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Conference Room, 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Chair
Councilmember Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Councilmember Tina Houghton, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Nick Tate, Assistant City Attorney
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Elaine Womboldt
Nancy Mahlow
Shirley Rodgers
Linda Appling

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No comments.

Discussion/Action:

Council Member Dunbar stated that the Board priorities were delivered via email, and were brought to the Committee of the Whole's attention at their last meeting. Council Staff read an email from July 27, 2017 to the Mayor, where the City Council was CC, which stated "Honorable Mayor Bernero, The attached resolution was adopted at the Board of Public Service meeting held July 13m 2017. Please forward this information to the City Clerk for placement on the Council Agenda." Council Staff confirmed the process would have been via the Mayor's office and with the Clerk to place it on a Council Agenda for referral before the Committee could have reviewed or considered it.

City of Lansing Board of Public Service Budget Priorities

Council Member Dunbar invited Ms. Mahlow and Ms. Rogers to outline the Board of Public Service's priorities. Ms. Rogers briefly outlined the process that they believed occurred in the past, with the intention of having Council have them before Council determined their priorities. She then went into the priorities them self which they annually add, change and re-prioritize. The Committee directed Council Staff to make a note for the upcoming calendar year, to invite the outside Boards to a Committee meeting prior to August so that they can present to them their priorities.

The Committee, Ms. Rogers and Ms. Mahlow went through the Board of Public Service 7 priorities dated July 13, 2017. One item that was mentioned was the streets, which the Board encourages the Council to look at for funds from the local and general fund to consider utilizing, or even any ACT 51 dollars. This focus was outlined in their number 1 priority; "General Fund levels should be increased for implementation of the City's Street System Asset Management Plan and for additional funding for reconstruction neighborhood streets with a Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating of 4 or lower". Ms. Appling asked if Eaton County provides funds for the City of Lansing streets in their County, and it was confirmed they do.

Ms. Rogers then moved the discussion to their number 4 priority which spoke to continued support for maintaining, and updating the Cityworks Asset Management software. They believe that funds created by Public Service should stay in Public Service.

The Committee listened as Ms. Rogers went through the rest of the Board's priorities and then explained how the Board determined their ranking in priority. Ms. Rogers concluded by stating that after reviewing the recently adopted City of Lansing City Council Budget Priorities for FY2018, it appeared her Board of Public Service fell within what the City Council outlined for their priorities.

Council Member Dunbar asked if the list had been provided to the Department Director, at which Ms. Mahlow and Ms. Rogers confirmed the Director, Chad Gamble, had attended the meetings where the Board discussed, chose and prioritized their list. The Board at the time felt that Mr. Gamble and his other staff members who were in attendance support what they were submitting. Ms. Rogers even recalled that the Director suggested to the Board that they reprioritize and item which in turn they did.

Council Member Dunbar suggested attaching their document as an addendum to the City Council Priorities so all priorities will be in one place.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD ADD THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE PRIORITIES AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE CITY COUNCIL FY2018 BUDGET PRIORITIES.

Council Member Dunbar asked Law if there were City Boards that have By-Laws that would speak to creating and approving priorities for Council, at which Mr. Smiertka could not speak for all the Boards or if it would be in their By-Laws. Ms. Rogers stated she was not aware of a requirement in their By-Laws or Board rules, but it is something they have done to support the department.

Council Member Dunbar assured Ms. Mahlow and Ms. Rogers that on October 9, 2017 at the Council meeting she will propose reconsideration to the recently passed resolution on Budget Priorities to attach the Board of Public Service as an addendum.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: October 23, 2017