



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, February 8, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.
10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Dunbar

ROLL CALL

Council Member Jody Washington, Chair- excused
Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor
Angie Bennett, Finance Director
Denis Prisk, LPD
Amber Paxton, Financial Empowerment
Brandon Waddell, Assistant City Attorney - arrived at 8:06 a.m.
Jim Smeirtka, City Attorney – arrived at 8:10 a.m.
Katrina Urista - HRCS

Minutes

Council Member Wood stated she received comments from Ms. Estee about the minutes of January 25, 2018 and therefore wanted to read those comments before she made any motion on the minutes. Minutes were moved to the next meeting for action.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Discussion/Action

Sole Source Purchase; Police Department request for MobilePD Inc. as the vendor for the purchase of MobilePD Software

Mr. Prisk outlined the item which is a app that is personalized specific to the LPD, with free download and real-time community communication to the LPD. This will send out alerts to the public when you sign up for the app such as weather, amber alerts, most wanted and links to other website.

Comparing the justification letter and at the ordinance, appears bob merit met the criteria in his research. He reached out to other communities on their experience. The program is free to public, co-producing police efforts.

Council Member Wood asked if the funding was from the IT Department of the Police Department. Mr. Prisk stated it was a one time set up fee and the first-year subscription came from the JAG 15 grant, and the annual cost of \$15,000 will be budgeted in future years, and the LPD will coordinate with IT. Council Member Wood asked if there was a downside to the app. Mr. Prisk state with confidence that it is tailored to the LPD and from the research they have done there are no down side. After speaking to other communities that use the system since 2013 they have not had any downsides. Council Member Wood asked if it would be integrated with 911. Mr. Prisk answered clarifying it would be a standalone, and is not for real time crime reporting, or an emergency platform. Resident still need to call 911. There was a discussion held on residents using the app to send videos and pictures to the LPD. Mr. Waddell made sure the Committee know that generally the person who took the picture will have to prove it, and it will up to the courts to determine if that evidence will hold up. The photos and videos download with the location, and the residents can even chat in real time through the app.

Council Member Wood asked Mr. Prisk to provide information on how any complaints through the application gets to 911, and which officer does the communication go to.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO PLACE THE SOLE SOURCE FOR MOBILEPD ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Special Assessment for Floodplain Mapping Project

Mr. Smiertka updated the Committee from the last meeting, noting the resolution in front of them follows the ordinance and directs the Assessor to create the roll. Once the roll is set then they will set the hearing, do the mailing, and then hold the hearing. Council Member Dunbar was referred to the minutes from the last meeting for details on the project itself.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR FLOODPLAIN MAPPING PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant; Jackson National Life Community Fund for LansingSAVE

Ms. Paxton noted that in the past she has presented to Council the grant the City received from National League of Cities and now the grant from Jackson National Life, which was given on GivingTuesday, allows for \$10,800. They will give \$5,400 to SaveDollars and the other \$4,600 supports the app from National League of Cities and the SHAPE app. Ms. Paxton noted that they have already used funds from the National League of Cities for unique reminders for the kids, and in December there were \$44 in deposits and with the unique reminders there was \$800+ deposited.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT FOR JNL COMMUNITY FUNDING FOR LANSINGSAVE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant; HRCS Collaborative Applicant for Continuum of Care for Lansing under the Emergency Solutions Grant Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Ms. Urista confirmed for the Committee that this was a renewal grant for MSHDA funds received for emergency solutions grant. The bigger portion of grant goes towards a coordinate entrance agency, which they use the VOA. They are one of the primary access for those who become homeless, they then channel them to any agency who has openings, and they also fund the

shelters. All funds go through the HRCS department, and they get \$45,000 in administration funds. This is annual grant, so it continues and began in October. This year it was increased by \$88,000. The City is the lead agency in collecting homeless data and working with agencies to refine, and MSHDA recognized.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE GRANT FOR HRCS CONTINUUM OF CARE UNDE THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT NOFA. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Wood asked if the new federal budget will impact the department. Ms. Urista admitted they were not sure, but nothing that is currently in place will be impacted.

Pending

Report from Internal Auditor and City Attorney on Retiree Reimbursement

Remains pending.

Teamster 580 Retiree Healthcare Coverage

Remains pending.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 8:26 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 12, 2018