



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
April 25, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.
10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Jody Washington, Chair
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair
Councilmember Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor
Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director
Joseph Abood, Chief Deputy City Attorney
Brandon Waddell, Assistant City Attorney
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 11, 2017. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Parks Millage Public Access Grant, Funding 12 Projects within the Trail System

Mr. Kaschinske began the discussion by stating this is a county wide trail millage and will be 3 rounds of work combined together. All trail projects are maintenance projects except for the \$734,177 on the 127 expansion project. The maintenance will involve bank stabilization, asphalt patching and overlay, and then bridges in 3 categories. The City of Lansing gives over \$900,000 annually to the County, in terms of taxes, and in 2017 these will reflect huge renovations. Mr. Kaschinske asked for Council's assistance in communicating and informing the residents on the proposed projects. Any bridge project will be shut down during non-peak hours. Mr. Kaschinske outlined the twelve (12) projects that totaled \$4,509,093. This included two overlay/over band projects that are all asphalt at \$83,200 and \$419,663. There will

be a bridge repair under Oakland for \$86,000; a boardwalk repair at Michigan Avenue for \$281,000; two bridge replacements for \$1,806,000 and \$335,000, then a deck replacement near Moores Park for \$50,000. Embankment projects will include one on Elm for \$215,393 and on Moores River for \$381,160. Lastly, the funds will also cover a bank stabilization on Grand River for \$100,000 and \$17,500 towards a volunteer trail ambassador coordinator.

Council Member Wood asked about the bridge near Potter Park. Mr. Kaschinske stated the bridge is not in this project, but the river trail bridge to the south will be extended to remove some of it from the flooding.

Council Member Wood asked if they were using wood for the deck replacements or the new composite material. Mr. Kaschinske confirmed it will be the composite non-treated and less corrosive.

Council Member Washington asked for details on the work on Michigan Avenue. Mr. Kaschinske stated the work will start on the south side, similar to the staircase in Old Town which will be closer to the embankments on the East side of the trail. This project will require MDOT and MDEQ approval, and once the approvals are granted it will be installed. The project will then move to the north side where they will remove and replace with a grate style step, and correct the current concrete. There is accessibility near Museum Drive to the trail, Mr. Kaschinske pointed out.

Council Member Wood asked Mr. Kaschinske to reach out to Peckham for their input on the accessibility. Mr. Kaschinske agreed to once there is a design, but assured the Committee that they will follow all current standards.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE PARK MILLAGE PUBLIC ACCESS FUNDING. CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Introduction and Setting the Public Hearing; Ordinance Amendments Chapter 294; Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System

Council Member Wood, as the representative from the Police & Fire Retirement Board, referred the Committee to page 6-8 which represented the changes made to the ordinance. Part of the agreement was that after ratification of contracts, there was supposed to be a 90 day turn-around to make the changes. This ordinance will address everything back to the 2014 contract, and this was based on the labor agreement, and there were no changes made that weren't made in the labor agreement.

Council Member Wood also let the Committee know that the Retirement Board is also reviewing language changes that would state once an employee has retired and part of the retirement system; they can only come back and work for the City for one year.

Council Staff was asked to correct the language to reflect the group as CCLP not FOP, and label the Ordinance as Draft #3.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 15TH. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Washington asked Mr. Abood if there was an urgency for passage, and Mr. Abood confirmed. Council Member Washington schedule the consideration for approval for the

May 9th Committee meeting, with the hearing and passage the same night on May 15th, unless the Council hears issues at the public hearing.

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 3:52 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on May 9, 2017