



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
May 9, 2017 @ 3:45 p.m.
10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Jack Roberts, Attorney
Lynne Meade
Irene Cahill

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 25, 2017. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

Ordinance Amendments Chapter 294; Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System
Council Member Washington recapped the explanation from Mr. Abood and Council Member Wood at the meeting. These amendments reflect an Ordinance change due to ratifications of contracts. The Police and Fire Retirement Board vetted the document, along with the City Attorney office and the labor unions. The changes reflect what was agreed upon with the Fire limit on pension to 110%, the Police Sups limit on 115% and the Police Non-Sups at 110%. The introduction of the Ordinance reads:

"An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Chapter 294, Sections 294.02(a), 294.02(i), 294.02(k) and 294.02(r) to conform to the Police Officers' Pension Benefit changes contained in the collective bargaining agreements between the City and the CCLP Local #141 Supervisory and Non-

Supervisory Divisions, both ratified in 2015, by adding the definition of base wage; providing a minimum retirement age of 50 for new hired police officers; limiting pensions to 115% and 110% of a base wage; amending the Police Officer employee pension contribution; and reducing the pension benefit multiplier for new hired police officers.”

The Committee reviewed the document, and the Mr. Roberts from the City Attorney office arrived to clarify the details on the differences between the two contracts and percentages. The difference he stated was because the Fire ratified their contract first at 110%, and then the Police ratified theirs and agreed to 115% for Sups. Since the two divisions, Police and Fire, did not agree to the same percentage, the Attorney office had to write the amendments breaking out specifically each unit; Fire, Police Sups and Police Non-Sups.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 294 FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FOR CCLP SUPS AND NON SUPS AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING BEING HELD ON MAY 15TH. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Ms. Meade asked Mr. Smiertka about retiree health care changes. Council Member Dunbar clarified to Ms. Meade that this ordinance is the City obligation to the retirement fund, not he individual members interest.

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 4:06 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on May 22, 2017