



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, June 14, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.
10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Elaine Womboldt
Kathy Miles
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson, HRCS Director
Angela Bennett, Finance Director
Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director
Denis Prisk, LPD

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 10. 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

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Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Budget Transfer; Emergency Shelter Grant Program

Dr. Jackson Johnson referenced the resolution and highlighted that the funds with ESG will including Eve Inc. at \$28,000; Haven House \$11,000; Loaves and Fishes \$28,500; BVOA Shelter \$44,266; Gateway Services \$21,000 and \$34,000 Legal Services. Council Member Washington asked if the funds were part of the percentage the City was required, and Dr. Joan

Jackson Johnson confirmed, adding that they have applied for unified funding, which allows them to use everything automatically without approval documentation. Council Member Wood asked if the funds were to match other dollars and was told yes, but no more and no less. Council Member Wood then inquired into what was happening with the VOA, and Dr. Jackson Johnson said they have meeting the week of June 18th with groups and a private developer who is interested in filling any void, but there will be no changes in the services delivered. Council Member Washington asked how many beds the VOA currently has, and was told 100.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BUDGET TRANSFER FROM EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 2017 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Dr. Jackson Johnson went through the HUD CoC Grants spreadsheet attached to the resolution. The amounts she noted were grants that allow for them to bring in assistance. Council Member Washington asked if having regional partners is helping. Dr. Jackson Johnson stated that the grants states “counties” so it addresses the area. Council Member Washington then advised Dr. Jackson Johnson that the department needs to do a better job of getting regional partnership to assist and house people in outlying areas. Dr. Jackson Johnson continued with the spreadsheet highlighting amounts such as \$270,127 for Advent House; GLHC on Walnut with \$105,870; MMRS/Sober Center at \$144,944 and Lansing Housing Commission with \$999,131, stating that the amounts continue to increase from HUD. Council Member Wood asked which property was on Walnut. Dr. Jackson Johnson stated it was a nine (9) unit which the Greater Lansing Housing Commission provides support for. They have asked them to do a step down program to a four (4) unit on MLK. Council Member Wood then asked if the Sober House was located on Saginaw, and was told it was not but the program was through their National Council. Council Member Wood questioned the funds that were noted for the Lansing Housing Commission and asked what building those were for. Dr. Jackson Johnson stated it was not the LHC properties but 95% of the landlords. Council Member Wood asked if there was tracking of those 95% to make sure inspections were up to date. Dr. Jackson Johnson stated they do an inspection before anyone moves into a unit, and verify the rental is registered with the City. HUD or Beckham Management will do a random sample of inspections of 10% in a year. They keep documentation of all inspections, and even recently had staff go through State training.

Council Member Washington asked if the new rental inspection law that states you have to have permission to enter has affected the departments’ inspections. She stated they have authorization forms that are signed by the tenants up front which gives them permission to enter.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE HUD AND CONTINUUM OF CRE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA). MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Funds Acceptance of Friends of Lansing Regional Trails

Mr. Kaschinske recapped for the Committee that the City already approved the grant funds from the County in the amount of \$17,000 for the trails coordinator, and the City is working with Friends of Regional Trails on projects. The current resolution for \$5,000 from the Friends of Lansing Regional Trails, and will be used for the position as well. The position will be evaluating

the trails, along with reviewing the way finding signs currently on the trail and potential for additional signs. The trail signs detail the trail itself but also direct users to amenities off the trail. Mr. Kaschinske concluded by stating this grant will not have City cash funds match.

Ms. Womboldt asked if the position was full time or seasonal. Mr. Kaschinske confirmed it was not full time with no set hours. This was an annual grant and was renewed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT FUNDS OF FRIENDS OF LANSING REGIONAL TRAILS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Appropriation of Public Act 302 LPD Training Allotment

Mr. Prisk stated under PA 302 there is a formation of a Commission to standardize training, and this resolution is not a grant but a distribution of the funds they got. The funds are based on the number of hours the police officers work per year. In FY17 the LPD had 185 that qualified for the funds, and this is a reimbursement of the training that meets the State and MCOLES. The Committee was provided with a new resolution that compiled two reimbursements, one from March and recently. The new total was \$33,366.35. Ms. Bennett and Mr. Prisk stated the earlier one was submitted but never made a Ways and Means Agenda so they were combining the two amounts now. Council Staff was asked to research and it was determined the first allotment was never referred to Committee.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR \$33,366.35 FOR THE PUBLIC ACT 302 LPD TRAINING ALLOTMENT. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OTHER

No other topics of discussion.

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 8:28 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on July 12, 2018