



MINUTES

**Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, August 9, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.
10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 12, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

UPDATE – Hope Soccer Complex:

Mr. Smiertka advised that he had a meeting with the administration earlier this week regarding the lease relating to the Hope Soccer Complex. There are concerns with non-compliance with the lease. One issue is the concern is non-compliance with the emergency order. The second is that Mr. Mullin believes he has the authority to direct half of the rent to expand the youth scholarship program.

Council Member Wood stated she is still receiving calls from parents regarding the lack of an evacuation plan from a recent thunderstorm. Mr. Smiertka added that there was also an issue during a recent balloon festival. Councilmember Wood reminded the committee that she had previously requested that the owners of the Hope Soccer Complex work with staff to draft a plan.

Council Member Washington asked if there was any reason for non-compliance. Mr. Smiertka stated no.

Council Member Washington stated there is nothing more important than public safety. The entire committee agreed.

Councilmember Wood stated that with the school they were going to have assurance they were not going to take over and act as a charter school. But there has been lack of follow up, she asked Mr. Smiertka to make sure we are not involved in something serious down the line.

The timeline for the school was reviewed. The committee requested that Mr. Smiertka keep them informed as to the progress of the discussions regarding the evacuation and emergency plan.

OTHER

N/A

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 8:18 a.m.

Submitted by,

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on Aug 23, 2018