



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, September 27, 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 – arrived at 8:02 a.m.

Council Member Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant

Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor

Jim Smiertka, City Attorney

Anethia Brewer – District Court

Danielle Strouse – Chief Probation Officer

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance: FY 2019 Sobriety Court

Ms. Brewer acknowledged they were awarded the Michigan drug court grant, this program has been going on since 2005, and 54A District Court is unique due to being one of the few felony courts in the state. She introduced Danielle Strouse who oversees the program.

Ms. Strouse stated they received a little more funding than in the past years \$6000 for medication assisted treatment (MAT) helps with people going through drug and alcohol withdraw. It helps get them clean and sober and remain sober. They now have an actual doctor on their team. The program requires two years mandatory participation, and at the one year mark plead guilty and get charge reductions.

There are currently 182 admitted participants, 101 successful completions, 18 active participants, 107 have graduated, and three new participants starting next week.

Council Member Wood asked what the receditive rate is. Ms. Strouse stated around 71% of the people had not committed any new crimes.

Council Member Wood asked is the doctor under contract, and does he charge a set rate. Ms. Strouse stated yes the doctor is under contract and her funding is through the \$6000.00, they are billed based on the individual and what they are needing.

Council Member Wood asked how you see this looking if we had the court consolidation happen. Ms. Strouse stated they had not talked about this however she would imagine it wouldn't change anything. Ms. Brewer stated they would continue discussions to see how this would be handled.

Council Member Dunbar asked what happens if the \$6000.00 runs out. Ms. Strouse stated this part of the program is new but we don't anticipate this happening due to the amount of people we have in the program.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR FY 2019 SOBRIETY COURT GRANT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0

N/A

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 8:08 a.m.

Submitted by,

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on October 25, 2018