



MINUTES

**Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m.
10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney- arrived at 3:33 p.m.
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor
Denis Prisk, LPD
Angie Bennett, Finance Director
Elaine Womboldt
Kathy Miles

Public Comment

Public Comment will be made during each agenda item.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 3, 2017 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Discussion/Action

Sole Source Purchase, CARite of Grand Ledge, Two Used Vehicles for the Lansing Police Department

Mr. Prisk provided information to the Committee on the reason for the sole source purchase. Mr. Prisk noted there vehicles were under cover vehicles and were bought to replace two vehicles that were involved in rear-end accidents over the last 4 months. (June and July) There was a need for quick replacement, and based on the criteria of the budget, a vehicle that would blend with the current fleet, and quick turnaround, they were able to locate two at CARite of Grand Ledge. A letter in the packet from the Police Chief was referenced for further explanation. Council Member Dunbar asked how the type of vehicle is determined, and Mr.

Prisk noted it was economy driven with the make and models of the times, with no particular make or model preferred, but that they blend with the remaining vehicles in the fleet.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO PLACE THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FOR WO VEHICLED FOR THE LPD ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ORDINANCE - Amend Section 206.05; Sole Source Procurement

Mr. Smiertka informed the Committee there were no additional changes to the ordinance, the public hearing was held, and there were no comments received. Ms. Bennett had no additional comments.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 206.05; SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

Council Member Wood asked Ms. Bennett for an update on the recent Jackson National Life (JNL) Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT) case. Ms. Bennett stated that JNL did appeal for the property that they just built their new building on, which was not the property where the main campus is located. The City did settle under a consent judgement, and that judgement will impact the City by roughly \$200,000. Ms. Bennett quickly outlined the process of a MTT, where it allows the City to obtain additional information on the property they might not already have, and then both parties meet to find common ground on the determination. The City does budget for these cases. Council Member Wood asked how many years will be effected, and Ms. Bennett confirmed that the MTT is moving fast, and the year it affected was as recently as 2016. Any 2017 appeals were filed in May, 2017, so they are not up yet for consideration. Mr. Smiertka noted that his office handled the cases and he can have Mr. Abood attend the next Committee meeting to provide an update on this case and others. Council Member Wood asked if Aledion Township would be reimbursing the City since the property does fall in the 425 Agreement with them. Mr. Smiertka confirmed the City is giving the Township a bigger share of the taxes as part of the 425 agreement so they should be paying the City back if there is an adjustment on taxes. Mr. Smiertka will confirm. Council Member Wood then asked how many other cases are pending in the tribunal. Mr. Smiertka confirmed with his office that there were two.

Ms. Womboldt acknowledged the Committee for their work on tracking funds and bringing back to the revenue.

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 13, 2017