



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, January 28, 2013 – 4:30 p.m.
Tenth Floor Conference Room – Lansing City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember A'Lynne Boles Robinson, Chair
Councilmember Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Dykema, Forestry
Angela Bennett, Finance
Amy Krause, Treasurer
Don Kulhanek, Law

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMEMBER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2012 COMMITTEE MEETING, AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED, 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION

MDNR Urban and Community Forestry Grant

Mr. Dykema explained \$4,590 grant for planting trees along our streets. Federal funding was offered if the City would apply. Our match is about \$37,000 which is what we would have already spent on the tree planting and we will use our own labor which counts toward the match. Victor Street to Ottawa is the primary planting area for this funding. They are also open to receiving and fulfilling requests west of downtown and north of Michigan.

Councilmember Wood questioned if a resident does not want a tree, can they decline.

Mr. Dykema stated that they could call the office and request that no tree be planted in their right-of-way. We are putting trees in in much greater spaces. We require a good sized spot for a good sized tree. We are no longer planting the 60-70' feet trees.

COUNCILMEMBER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MDNR URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT. MOTION CARRIED, 3-0.

Bloomberg Financial Empowerment Center

Ms. Bennett stated her appreciation for the great amount of work that Ms. Kraus put into applying for the grant.

Ms. Kraus explained that they were approached for an opportunity through the Bloomberg Financial Empowerment Center. We went through the first phase, which was the RFP process. We found out in August, that we were one out of 5 cities selected to move on to the second phase. We will have an office of Financial Empowerment, there will be a contract employee who is covered by the grant and there will be office space within City Hall. The CACS will cover their portion of the grant for the program director and the four counselors. LCC will provide standardized education curriculum. The idea is to find out if we can replicate what was done in New York City. These four counselors' will go through LCC to go to New York to be trained and then come back to Lansing to train the others. We can start to build a standardized curriculum for financial counseling in Lansing. The CACS will house the program manager and counselors. We have referral programs for when we do free tax returns. Some entities will include Advent House, SOM Department of Human Services, Tabernacle of David. The counselor's will be the one on one liaison with the person who comes in and work with them on an individual basis for a whole range of financial assistance. We are working on financial stability, for people who frequent check cashing places, or do not have bank accounts or checking accounts. BankOn will be one of the opportunities for the client for a second chance bank account. These are offered by well-known banks throughout the country, and will offer a second-chance bank account. If they can be successful in the first six months, they will graduate into a traditional checking account.

Councilmember Boles Robinson questioned who would be referring the individuals who are selected.

Ms. Kraus responded that the Advent House, Tabernacle of David, State of Michigan Department of Human Resources to name a few will make the referrals. The center "Hub" will be the central place with satellite offices in the City; something that is desperately needed in this city. This will be a \$1.5 million grant.

Councilmember Wood suggested that it be made known that these dollars will not be handed out, but this is purely for education.

Ms. Kraus confirmed that the monies will only cover costs for the four year program; it will not pay anyone or pay anyone's bills. This is singularly for educational efforts.

COUNCILMEMBER DUNBAR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BLOOMBERG FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER GRANT. MOTION CARRIED, 3-0.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

OTHER

None

PENDING

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
Submitted by,
Diana Bitely, Recording Secretary
Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee on 2/25/2013.

Appropriate documents attached to original set of minutes.



AGENDA

**Committee on Ways and Means
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10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall**

Councilmember A'Lynne Robinson, Chair
Councilmember Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Member

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items**
- 5. Discussion/Action:**
 - A. Grant Acceptances:**
 - a. MDNR Urban and Community Forestry Grant
 - b. Bloomberg Financial Empowerment Center
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**
- 8. Pending**



Virg Bernero, Mayor

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FROM THE 12/17/12

MEETING

**Referred to the Committee on
Ways and Means**

TO: City Council President Brian Jeffries and Council Members

FROM: Mayor Virg Bernero

DATE: December 13, 2012

RE: Resolution—Accepting Michigan Department of Natural Resource (MDNR)'s
Urban and Community Forestry Grant

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your review and appropriate action.

VB/rh
Attachment

To: Virg Bernero, Mayor

From: Mitch Whisler

Subject: CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM - Grant Acceptance: Urban and Community Forestry Grant

Date: December 14, 2012

Please forward this resolution to City Council for placement on the Agenda.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please give me a call.

Attachments:



Virg. Bernero, Mayor

To: Chad Gamble, Chief Operations Officer, City of Lansing

From: Paul Dykema, Forestry and Grounds Manager, Public Service Dept.

Date: November 15, 2012

Ref: Urban and Community Forestry Grant

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requested that the City of Lansing apply for an Urban and Community Forestry Grant for the purpose of planting trees along City of Lansing right-of-way. With Scott House's permission I did so, and we have now received notice that Lansing has been awarded a \$4,950 grant for this purpose. The City of Lansing match for the grant is in kind labor and \$3,300 which we have budgeted to purchase additional trees.

Attached to this memorandum is a resolution for the City Council to accept this grant and authorize the signing of the grant agreement. If you approve of this grant please arrange for the resolution to be placed on the City Council Agenda for their action.

**BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING**

WHEREAS, the Public Service Department of the City of Lansing received confirmation from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources of our selection to receive an Urban and Community Forestry Grant award totaling \$4,950.00 for the planting of trees along City of Lansing owned right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, this project was established to enhance the roadways of Lansing and replace trees killed by Emerald ash borer; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Department will fund the remaining project cost not covered by the award, estimated to be \$37,362.00 using eligible existing operation's funds; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and the City Council recognize the importance of establishing an attractive community appearance, and reducing energy consumption through establishing shade wind breaks, and reducing air pollutants through absorption by trees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Urban and Community Forestry grant award totaling \$4,950.00 for purposes of securing trees to be planted on City of Lansing owned right-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Paul Dykema, Forestry and Grounds Manager, will act as the agent on behalf of the City.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign the project agreement and any other document necessary to effectuate the agreement, and the Administration is authorized to receive the funds, create the necessary accounts, and make necessary transfers for administration in accordance with the requirements of the grantor.

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**FROM THE 1/14/13
MEETING
REFERRED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS
AND MEANS**

TO: City Council President Carol Wood and Council Members
FROM: Mayor Virg Bernero
DATE: January 11, 2013
RE: Resolution—Grant Acceptance— Bloomberg Financial Empowerment Center
Grant— CFE Fund

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your review and appropriate action.

VB/rh
Attachment

BUDGET TRANSFER**FY 2013**Prepared by: _____
Transfer #: _____

☐ Administrative ☒ Appropriations
☐ Executive ☐ Change of Intent
 ☐ Personnel ☐ Other Costs ☐ Equipment
 ☐ Capital Projects ☐ Debt Service ☐ Operating Transfer

Returned to Department for signature on: _____

TRANSFER FROM:

Order	Account Number(s)	Title	Request	Available Balance	as of:
	273.000000.587000.70001	Grant Revenues	\$348,000		

TRANSFER TO:

Order	Account Number(s)	Title	Request	Available Balance	as of:
	273.172300.702000.70001	Wages	\$195,000		
	273.172300.715000.70001	Fringe Benefits	\$58,500		
	273.172300.741000.70001	Miscellaneous Operating	\$94,500		

EXPLANATION:

Acceptance of Financial Empowerment Center Grant, awarded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and Living Cities' Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund. Grant period is January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015..

The proposed transfer _____ has not resulted from or will not result in a material change in scope of services.
_____ represents a material change in scope of services.

REQUESTED BY: _____
Department Director

DATE: _____

APPROVED BY: _____
Executive Assistant to Mayor

DATE: _____

Approved by Ways & Means _____ Approved by Council: _____ Resolution # _____

To: Virg Bernero, Mayor
From: Angie Bennett, Finance Director
Subject: Resolution—Grant Acceptance— Bloomberg Financial Empowerment Center Grant—
CFE Fund
Date: January 11, 2013

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Attachments

RESOLUTION # _____
BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, The City of Lansing received a Financial Empowerment Center Grant and

WHEREAS, The Financial Empowerment Center grant is a Bloomberg Philanthropies and Living Cities' Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund grant and is awarded to select cities as a part of a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, The Financial Empowerment Center grant is designed to target the major financial challenges experienced by the Lansing population; focusing on residents unable to meet basic needs and residents facing barriers to affordable housing through financial counseling and education; and

WHEREAS, The Living Cities' Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund awards \$116,000.00 per year to the City of Lansing for the duration of Three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, The Financial Empowerment Center award for \$348,000.00 does not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, The Financial Empowerment Center grant will support the City of Lansing to provide financial counseling; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Financial Empowerment Center grant in the total amount of \$348,000.00 for the grant period beginning January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2015, for the City of Lansing.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

Approved for Placement on City Council Agenda

Don Kulhanek, Chief Deputy City Attorney

Date: _____