



MINUTES

**Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, September 13, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.
10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Patricia Spitzley, Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice Chairperson - excused
Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor
Jim Smiertka – City Attorney
Lisa Hagen – Council Legal Analyst
Angela Bennett - Finance

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 23, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No public comment

Discussion/Action

DISCUSSION – Budget Priorities

Council Member Spitzley began the meeting by stating she will send an email to Council Member Spadafore since he is not in attendance. As budget priorities have to be provided to Council President by Sept 30, 2019. She stated they must revamp the budget priorities in order to make them robust. She then asked if they want to access staffing levels, should they include the

Legislative Aide position back into the priorities in Council, and should they add something about the new Chief Restructuring Officer. She also asked what budget priorities from a Ways & Means perspective they want to add. Council Member Spitzley added she felt council should be responsible to give general amounts, and provide more assistance for small businesses. She asked that the committee bring back recommendations to the next meeting so they have time to provide their suggested changes by Sept 30, 2019.

Eric Brewer the Internal Auditor advised that during the last cycle he created a matrix to see if there was anywhere to drive cost from. He then stated that if they are going to add they must take away from another place and he was not sure if they want to add in Key Performance Indicators (KPI) or not.

Council Member Dunbar asked Mr. Brewer if Council Member Spadafore consulted with him for dollar amounts. Mr. Brewer stated no he had not. She then stated the problem is no one wants to specify where to cut funds she then asked if Treasury was at adequate levels. Ms. Bennett replied that she would recommend talking to Judy Kehler the City Treasurer. In addition, advised that next year there will be a little more information as far as programs rather than departments.

Council Member Spitzley asked Ms. Crenshaw to invite Judy Kehler the City Treasury to the next meeting.

Next Meeting Sept 27th, Council Member Dunbar advised that she would not be able to attend

OTHER

No other topics of discussion

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 9:14 a.m.

Submitted by,

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on September 27, 2019