



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole Special Meeting
Saturday, May 8, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

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Held virtually in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public & to mitigate the spread of COVID 19

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Spadafore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT- via audio/video

Councilmember Peter Spadafore remotely from Lansing, Michigan
Councilmember Adam Hussain remotely from Grand Rapids, Michigan
Councilmember Carol Wood remotely from Lansing, Michigan
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley remotely from Lansing, Michigan- arrived at 10:02 a.m.
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar remotely from Lansing, Michigan – absent
Councilmember Brandon Betz remotely from Lansing, Michigan
Councilmember Jeremy Garza remotely from Lansing, Michigan
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson remotely from Chicago, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT- via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Robert Widigen, Finance Director
Jake Brower, Budget Director
Linda Appling
Samara Morgan
Debbie
Kim

Presentations:

Budget Presentation

Council President Spadafore outlined the process for the meeting on the presentation, and reminded the public and Committee on decorum of the meetings.

Mr. Brower shared his screen and provided an overview of the budget. (Presentation included in the packet).

The presentation outlined the budget timeline from November with the audit, department reviews, to March when the Mayor presents the Budget. Also highlighted were the budget role of Council Members with the budget priorities in September adopting by October, review the budget in April, holding public hearings, and adopting by the 3rd Monday in May. Mr. Brower's presentation then highlighted the FY2022 City-Wide Budget of \$237.1 million, and a breakdown. With the FY2022 General Fund Budget of \$151.2 million addresses staffing changes, restoring fiscal health, and community health and transparency. Regarding the

primary sources of the GF are property taxes, income taxes, state revenue and BWL Return on Equity. Mr. Brower then highlighted in a table the property taxes with a 19.44 mill, \$7.1 million to Police and Fire, \$4.7 million to roads and parks and \$34.3 million unassigned. The administration noted they do anticipate increased tax appeals relative to previous years. The income tax slide spoke on the impact of early tax refunds, non- resident analysis, COVID impact, the unknown of when people will return to in-person in the office, and the long term impacts. With State revenues, the projections for revenue sharing is \$15.6 million, the Fire Reimbursement of \$3.25 million, PPT Reimbursement of \$900,000 and Recreational Marijuana of \$350,000. Mr. Brower presented briefly on the Basic Human Needs Ordinance and needs of \$1.665 million and general fund revenue of 1.25%. The racial justice and equity portions of \$135,000 and the administration is working on the process for that funding disbursement. On the final slides it outlined the City- Supported agencies that receive funds, and a budget highlight.

Public Comment

Ms. Appling asked about the housing impact, sales, etc. and recent request to renew the Headlee and what additional impact on the City will that be. Mr. Brower stated they are requesting the Headlee to keep the funding at current operations. Council Member Wood also added that it takes 2-3 years after a sale of a house, is when the City starts to see the taxes come in.

Council Member Wood asked for Council President Spadafore to include the link to this youtube video, and Council Member Betz asked for the link to the agenda and packet to be included as well.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee May 10, 2021