



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, June 4, 2021 @ 3:15 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

Members Present via audio/video

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair, remotely from Lansing, Michigan

Council Member, Adam Hussain, Vice Chair, remotely from Lansing, Michigan

Council Member Peter Spadafore, remotely from Acme, Michigan

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, City Council Office Manager

Lisa Hagen, OCA

Joe Abood, OCA

Elizabeth O'Leary, HR

Don Kulhanek, EDP

Lori Welch

Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 17, 2021. AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Community Energy Management Grant for the purposes of assessment for installation of solar power on four Lansing Community Centers

Ms. Welch provided a summary of the grant application for \$9,900 for clean energy assessments in community centers. The goal is to look at data and energy to see the long term resiliency within the community centers. This would help with extreme weather events. This grant is to do with the assessments specific to feasibility. Council Member Spadafore asked if this would cover everything from all community centers, and Ms. Welch confirmed it would cover all four community centers and is a NOMAD grant. Council Member Wood noted the Smith Center is a building the City does not own, and asked what discussions have been held with the school district. Ms. Welch stated they are pursuing a separate renewable project on that site, so there will be long

term arrangements, but this is the feasibility on the site, and so any arrangements will have to be worked out.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR COMMUNITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Substantial Amendment for the third allocation of COVID-19 Funds

Mr. Kulhanek and Ms. Witherspoon outlined the third allocation, noting there was no second allocation because that went all to the State. Mr. Kulhanek not there is an aware of \$647,118 on the CDBG and will be spent on programs that are eligible and address COVID in some way. Ms. Witherspoon spoke on the ESG fund, and after meeting with the Continuum of Care, there have been adjustments on where the allocation was going, so she met with HUD and they advised her to submit another amendment. This resolution speaks to how the dollar amount changed. Council Member Wood noted the total is the same, but the allocation has changed. Council Member Wood asked if they are looking for approval or another public hearing. Ms. Witherspoon stated they only have to post on the website, which was done. Council Member Hussain asked what HMSI is, and was told homeless management tool to record the homeless population.

No comments from Mr. Brewer. Council Member Wood then asked Mr. Kulhanek about the CDBG funds, and if it was additional funds or to off-set. Mr. Kulhanek stated they are additional funds. Council Member Wood asked if there are other dollars coming in for the potential to look at utilities. Mr. Kulhanek stated the other funds will cover utilities, and can be directed to other programs and agencies. Since BWL is owned by the City, HUD views that as the City paying itself, so it is challenging to use these funds for utilities. Council Member Hussain referenced a May 11, 2021 memo which stated it would be used for utilities. Mr. Kulhanek stated that was the original plan, but it was found out along the way, so they will not be used.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE CDBG, HOME AND ESG THIRD ALLOCATION OF COVID FUNDS. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – WORKERS COMPENSTATION – WC206287601126

Mr. Abood stated OCA is recommending this redemption.

Ms. O'Leary noted that the claimant will not return to work, was not offered a job in another department, and does not apply towards to duty ability, does not qualify for retirement, and this is a complete redemption. Council Member Wood asked if they qualify for retirement, and Ms. O'Leary stated they do not qualify because they are a contract employee. She continued that as a contract employee, they qualify for workers compensation. Mr. Abood stated they qualify under their contract.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM 206287601126. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – WORKERS COMPENSATION – WC206287601218

Mr. Abood recommended this redemption.

Ms. O'Leary noted that they did not return to work, to the knowledge of HR they were not offered another job, this does not apply to duty disability, and yes they are eligible for retirement and are collecting retirement, lastly there are no other claims so this is a complete redemption. Mr. Abood noted that the redemption will not impact their ability to collect retirement.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM 206287601218. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Council Member Wood recapped the budget, where Committee on Ways and Means was charged with looking at grants to address the budget policies and budget priorities. The Committee consensus was to ask Mr. Brewer to begin working on that with the Finance representative in the LPD to see if there is funding out there. This would be addressed in the Budget Priorities in October for 2022/2023 budget. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Brewer to reach out to the cold case department to look at those grant opportunities. Council Member Spadafore asked if someone from LPD could come in and explain what a “cold case is, so that the Committee can determine the funding source to look into.

Ms. Boak was asked to reach out to Chief Green and the Cold Case Unit Detective to attend the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee June 18, 2021