



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, September 17, 2021 @ 3:15 p.m.
City Hall 1st Floor Lobby

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member, Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Jim Smiertka, OCA
Jake Brower, Budget Director
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time; no public present.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Project Safe Neighborhood Grant for LPD to distribute backpacks to the Lansing Youth Football League

No representation present, Council Member Wood moved discussion and action to the next meeting on October 1, 2021.

RESOLUTION - Donation Acceptance; LPF Special Tactics and Rescue Team in honor of Retired Detective Ronald Seyka for Units Ballistic Shields

No representation present, Council Member Wood moved discussion and action to the next meeting on October 1, 2021.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; US Geological Survey Grant for Sycamore Creek

No representation present, Council Member Wood moved discussion and action to the next meeting on October 1, 2021.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships (FDCVT) for Core Switches Project

Mr. Brower first noted this grant was previously accepted for a scanner for treasury, and at that time the City asked for \$330,000 from the State and were awarded \$30,000 to spend by 2025. This will be used to replace core switches in IT; which are the brains of the network infrastructure, which is functioning okay but there has been some issues with the network over the last 18 months. Council Member Wood asked if there will be no scanner purchase, and Mr. Brower confirmed they will use the funds for both items, and this request is to accept \$30,000 with the total of the project going to \$330,000

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FOR FDCVT FOR CORE SWITCHES PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PLACE ON FILE – Sole Source; HR; Public Sector Search and Consulting (PSSC); Vendor for Search for Police Chief

Mr. Brower this will begin the nation-wide search and this company offers a guaranteed success, and if they do not find a Police Chief they start an additional search at no additional cost. Council Member Spadafore asked how this company was different than the others, and Mr. Brower confirmed the other companies could not start the search for 4 months, and this one was ready to go now. Mr. Brower added for the record the posting will be open to internal candidates also. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Brower and the departments to review the purchasing ordinance in the future for other requirements and additional information that was not supplied this time. Every Sole Source should speak to that when they come forward.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED.

PLACE ON FILE – Sole Source; HR; Strategic Government Resources; Vendor for Search for Fire Chief

Mr. Brower stated the process is the same as for the Police Chief just with a different company.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

Council Member Wood asked Mr. Brower to update the Committee at the next meeting on the COVID fund spending, and funds given to first responders. The questions the Committee would want to have updates on include what checks went out, where is the City at in disbursing the funds, what amounts were disbursed to the different bargaining groups and where is the City in the process of the balance of the funds.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee October 1, 2021