



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, December 20, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director
Joseph Abood, OCA
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor
Jim Smiertka, OCA

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2021 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time; no public present.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the Parks and Recreation Department

Mr. Kaschinske began by outlining the four areas covered by the Trust. The first one reviewed was for the Adado Riverfront Playground. This would be an accessible playground at Riverfront Park near the Gannon Ramp and it has sponsorship from Capital Region Foundation. This will be phase 2 with the playground and other efforts will be made for a deck over the water and adjacent to the River Trail on the West side. Council Member Wood inquired about ADA parking. Mr. Kaschinske confirmed this will only be ADA parking and when doing the design they worked with the Disability Network and made adjustments to the site plan based on their recommendations. Council Member Hussain asked for the number of handicap spots, and was told there would roughly be 14. It was noted that the parking is separate from this, it will be part of the CIP or other budget line item. Mr. Kaschinske expanded and clarified that Capital Region

Foundation is the playground and match for the deck over the river. He continued to make the Committee aware that once the park is complete the City will be responsible for the maintenance going forward. They have established a fund to take care of maintenance in future and there are funds in the millage. Council Member Spadafore asked for the cost of the parking lot, and Mr. Kaschinske was not able to provide that information at this time. Council Member Wood encouraged Mr. Kaschinske to budget a "sinking fund" for funds to be used for future upkeep. Mr. Kaschinske acknowledged that there are funds set aside in the CIP millage. Council Member Hussain asked for the number of parks the City maintains and was told 70. Council Member Wood stated the topic will come up again at budget season.

Mr. Kaschinske moved into an overview of the Fenner Pathway for \$300,000 which will extend the current pathway in Bear Lake through Fenner Nature Center and create a loop in that area that will extend from McGuire Park to Jolly/Aurelius. This project will have matching grants from the Ingham County Parks and Trail Millage, and the department is also looking at other funds from the State Transportation dollars. Council Member Wood asked if the pathway would be paved or gravel, and was told it would be paved similar to what is on South Waverly.

Mr. Kaschinske outlined the \$300,000 for the Corporate Research Park Path Development which will extend from Bear Lake and attach to McLaren and Corporate Park. This also includes funds from a grant with Ingham County and they are continuing to look at additional funding from the State. Council Member Wood asked if they have spoken to the McLaren Foundation for funds and Mr. Kaschinske stated they have not because they have sponsored the fitness court. Council Member Wood encouraged the Administration to reach out since this path will provide the connect ability. Council Member Spadafore noted for the record that at the Tri County Regional Planning there were members of the public present that support these trails.

Mr. Kaschinske lastly outlined the \$150,000 from the Recreation Passport Grant that was part of this as well, which will be used for the Francis Park Rose Garden. They will extend the sidewalk from the parking lot to the south pergola in the rose garden area. There will be a match from funds donated by the Kosen Family earmarked to the City to improve the Rose Garden. Council Member Wood asked for confirmation that the sidewalk from the parking lot would be ADA and Mr. Kaschinske acknowledged it would.

Council Member Spadafore asked the status and timeline of the park at Adado, and Mr. Kaschinske confirmed they had "ground breaking ceremony", however have not broken ground yet. Council Member Spadafore asked the Administration to look into have Capital Regional Foundation provide sponsorships to the south area of Lansing, and Council Member Wood confirmed she has asked in the past and was told they only want to consider projects in downtown Lansing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Brewer confirmed he reviewed the documents and State website for approvals.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Kaschinske asked if he needed to be present at Council when the grant was before the full Council and Council Member Wood stated she did not anticipate his attendance.

RESOLUTION – Workers Compensation Settlement WC206-2876-01100

Mr. Abood informed the Committee that the employee was a former employee that qualified for duty disability and social security disability. And according to the Federal guidelines they are not able to work in any employment setting therefore not returning to work. They can collect disability retirement.

Mr. Smiertka arrived at the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Mr. Abood acknowledged this was the only claim and this would be full redemption.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE WORKERS COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT WC206-2876-01100. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Wood asked the OCA if they were aware this would not be up for final action until 1/10/2022 and Mr. Abood confirmed he was aware and had made outside counsel aware as well.

OTHER

No other discussion.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee January 24, 2022_____