



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, January 24, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Vice Chair
Council Member Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Jim Smiertka, OCA
Joseph Abood, OCA
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 20, 2021 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time; no public present.

Discussion/Action:

Council Member Garza asked a new time for the Committee of 4:30 p.m. and Council Member Spadafore confirmed the new time of 4:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION – 2022 Council and Internal Auditor Proposed Budget

Mr. Brewer highlighted the spreadsheets with adjustments to all Council Members line item budget to \$1,500. In addition he stated the miscellaneous operating was increased by \$5,000. Lastly Mr. Brewer noted there was a large increase of salaries for Internal Auditor explaining in an average over the last 3 years the position was vacant or filled for only 6 months.

Council Member Spadafore asked if Council Member Dunbar spent all her funds, and it was confirmed they were not and therefore \$300 placed in miscellaneous.

Council Members Wood and Garza had no comments. Council Member Spadafore passed the gavel.

Council Member Spadafore stated there are a number of maintenance costs and quotes that the Administration has not provided to the City Council as of this meeting, but due to recent quotes and the need for upgrades in the Council offices he proposed adding \$50,000 to miscellaneous to bring the total to \$75,000. This would be for security and maintenance to the City Council offices.

MOTION BY PETER TO AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET TO REFLECT THAT.

Council Member Wood noted this amount is highly unusual however this is the first time in her tenure it was the first time Council was charged for painting of an office and regular upkeep of the building.

MOTION CARRIED TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO INCREASE THE MISCELLANEOUS BY \$50,000.

Council Member Wood noted that part of the Elected Officers Compensation Package for Council Members does include offices for elected officials.

Mr. Brewer stated he will update the document.

DISCUSSION – City Attorney Update on Settlement; Arnold v City of Lansing

Council Member Spadafore noted that OCA did confirm that since this has been settled it does not need to be a closed session.

Mr. Abood confirmed that statement and then highlighted the settlement for \$37,500 for a vehicular accident. The case has been dismissed and complete with the courts.

Council Member Garza asked about typical lawsuits.

OTHER

No other discussion.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 28, 2022