



Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Jackson, Chair
Council Member Brown, Vice-Chair
Council Member Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Kim Coleman, HRCS
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Mary Bowen, OCA
Guadalupe Ayala, HRCS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present at this time, therefore no public comment.

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2022 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION

ORDINANCE – Chapter 256; Section 256.01-256.03; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Board

Council Member Brown asked Ms. Coleman how the Advisory Board is positioned within the City and how it plans to operate in conjunction with the ordinance. Ms. Coleman noted the structure is similar to the HRCS Board; this board will work with the City and Ms. Ayala to carry out goals and objectives in the MRJEA plan. The objectives in that plan will occupy the time of this Advisory Board in carrying out the MRJEA plan and component. Council Member Brown asked for a copy of the MRJEA plan that Ms. Coleman was referencing, and the group referred to earlier distribution of the plan and the City website.

Council Member Jackson noted the Advisory Board will have many tasks, and having this as an ordinance will make it a permanent Advisory Board until it is repealed.

Council Member Hussain asked about how broad the Board will expand in its work, and the documents that could come out of it as operational. Ms. Coleman expanded stating this Board will review any ordinances or policy changes that could have an impact on the community.

Ms. Hagen referenced the website where the MRJEA is located, and Council Member Brown confirmed it was provided to him, but still requested copy.

Ms. Ayala stated it can be found at www.lansingmi.gov/mrjea . Ms. Coleman appealed the Committee to take action on the ordinance so the Advisory Board can start carrying out the MRJEA plan. Council Member Hussain asked if Ms. Ayala would be staffing the Advisory Board and she confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE FOR CHAPTER 256; SECTION 256.01-256.03; DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) ADVISORY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Membership Consideration for Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Board

Council Member Jackson recapped for the group that in the past there was a Mayor Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board, and with this resolution Council is asking the Mayor to consider those past serving members as possible members of this new City Advisory Board.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION FOR DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) ADVISORY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PRESENTATION

CARES Funding; Eligible Spending

Council Member Jackson recessed the meeting at 4:42 p.m. waiting on response from Mr. Brower to attend.

Council Member Jackson brought the meeting back to order at 4:47 p.m.

Mr. Bower noted to Council Member Hussain that he forgot to place the meeting on his calendar and Council Member Jackson asked for him to attend on April 27th.

Council Member Jackson expanded for the Committee and to be relayed to Mr. Brower that the discussion will be on what funding is proposed in the budget and any ARPA funds that will speak to Equity Diversity and Inclusion, as was stated in the Mayors and Finance Budget Executive Summary.

OTHER

No other topics of discussion.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Submitted, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on April 27, 2022