



Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Joseph Abood, OCA
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Lori Welch, Sustainability
Roxanne Case
Randy Dkyhuis
Elaine Fischhoff
Amaad Hardy

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 27, 2022 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Case spoke in support of the resolution on climate protection and environment. Council Member Jackson asked if the Sustainability Committee helped to draft the resolution and she confirmed they did hold months of discussions.

Mr. Dykhuis spoke in support of the resolution and for action stemming from the resolution. He added that what needs to happen and for every decision Council makes is viewed on the lens of climate action on how it will affect the City and the region. Regarding specific actions, he asked to look at the biggest carbon emissions and how to tackle those and move them to carbon free.

Ms. Fischhoff spoke in support of the resolution on climate protection, adding that Lansing should look at the 4-5 census tracks on income level, background of population and other characteristics.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION – Commitment to Climate Protection and Environmental Justice

Council Member Hussain asked OCA if there were issues with the language in the resolution. Ms. Hagen stated the language does seem appropriate and does not bind the administration to anything. Council Member Hussain asked about the words of “will” or “shall”. Council Member Brown voiced a concern with the language in the document on page 2 of the resolution. Council Member Jackson stated the City is already investing. Mr. Abood in a resolution it is holding the City. Ms. Hagen asked for OCA to make edits and back to this Committee to discuss the changes. Council Member Brown asked for the resolution is drafted to show intention and look at sustainability and climate action in the City of Lansing. Council Member Jackson clarified when passed, he would hope it would lay some ground work. Ms. Welch supported the resolution as strong commitment and lays out a pathway for the ambitious goals to back this up. Mr. Abood stated OCA will have the next draft at the next meeting after review to clarify the intent.

Ms. Fischhoff asked for Council to consider an environmental board. Council Member Jackson asked for an update from the Mayor’s Advisory Board, and Ms. Fischhoff stated their rules say they report only to the Mayor. The Committee consensus was to discuss that option with the Mayor at the next Brown Bag.

PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION – Potential Policy/Procedure on LPD Process and Complaint Business Card

The Chief was not present, and the discussion will be moved to the next agenda. Council Member Jackson acknowledged setting this up with the Chief on the cards and the status of the new changes for traffic violations. This would allow Council to have current updates to report out to the constituents.

OTHER

No other topics of discussion.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Submitted, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on May 25, 2022