



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, June 6, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Emily Linden, Finance
Desiree Kirkland, Finance
Chief Sosebee, LPD
Chief Sturdivant, LFD
Cathleen Edgerly, DLI
Jim Smiertka, OCA
Andy Kilpatrick, Dir. Of Public Service
Jane Bias- DiSessa, Mayors Office

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 23, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

Ms. Edgerly spoke on ARPA funds for small business support and any asked for any opportunity for infrastructure dollars. It was noted they are looking for sidewalks, lighting and electrical funding. Council Member Spadafore asked if there is consideration for distribution in the districts for equity distribution, and Ms. Edgerly stated she would be interested in doing that.

Presentations:

ARPA Spending Plan – Department of Public Service

Mr. Kilpatrick outlined the current needs; regarding streets to address \$2 million, for sanitary sewers there is a funding source but over the next two -three years \$250-\$300 million would be needed to address. These subjects are ongoing with combined sewer overflow and sanitary sewer overflow. Regarding storm sewer, there is no funding source and not covered by the

sanitary fund. In regards to sidewalks, with a 50 year replacement \$3.2 million per year, majority paid by property taxes (60%), resulting \$2 million needed in City funds. Council Member Wood asked about “due on sale” option. Mr. Kilpatrick stated they could look at an ordinance to address that.

Regarding vehicles there is \$32 million, with the garage is \$10 million for additional funding. On the building side where there are more issues for code and safety for \$30 million. Council Member Spadafore asked what department of the \$10 million in priority would affect; \$4 million in Fire, balance is in public service; \$1 million in surface (dump trucks, side board trucks), \$1.4 million in sewer; \$1.2 for streets; and CART is \$1.35 million. Council Member Spadafore asked what \$1.35 million would cover, \$400,000 for a truck per Mr. Kilpatrick. On the light duty side of vehicles, the City has been purchasing and then selling with a turnaround increase in value due to the market. Council Member Wood asked about an update on fuel costs, asking if the City would consider buying fuel. Mr. Kilpatrick stated with the environmental regulations on the tanks, the City is not in the “gas station” business, and they can instead determine where fuel is bought. Council Member Wood referenced the Fleet Inventory, and the mowers that were listed, and asked if outsourcing the equipment went with that. One example was cemetery, and Mr. Kilpatrick stated cemetery and parks are under contract, but there are employees still doing touch up work, and he can provide an update on what and where things are being used.

Council Member Spadafore asked if the priority list could be provided to Council staff.

ARPA Spending Plan Presentation – Lansing Police Department

Chief Sosebee first began with noting the priority is a LPD building. The second item was the record management system because it has failed in so many ways, MSP does not even use the system. There is an annual officer safety program, and there is a one-time funding of pulling data, and there is the availability to restructure. Council Member Wood asked if there is any fall back from when the City was bought into the program, and Chief Sosebee acknowledged they do not and there are lists of deficiencies. Council Member Spadafore asked for details on AXON moving to a cloud base, and the Chief confirmed since the City is a current member of they will move it for no cost, but it will be \$300,000 to pull legacy data over.

The Chief then outlined a list AXON funding could be used for body worn camera's, tasers, drones, unlimited transcription reporting in the vehicle, virtual reality training as it relates to best practice and police reform, and equipment updates, total cost over 8 years is \$5.8 million including conversion costs; roughly \$780,000 annually.

Council Member Wood asked if the City is using the license plate readers, and Chief Sosebee confirmed we do not, and there are some items in the AXON proposal they do not want and will not have to take. Council Member Wood asked about a pre-payment for the contract, and Chief Sosebee confirmed they have not had that discussion yet.

Chief Sosebee then moved onto the proposal for a new training facility with regional partners including National Guard, LFD, neighboring jurisdictions, and a study was done in 2020 and the cost result as \$1.2 million.

Training laptop computers is a topic for consideration the LPD is interested in for mobile technology, at \$25,000 for 10 computers. The outline a request for digitizing to cold case storage at \$50,000. Software training included and would be included in the AXON program if the City chose to go that way, but if not it would be a one time \$20,000.

Moving into public safety, SMART or SAFE poles which are light poles where you can dial 911, plug in a phone, solar powered, versions that have marquee's to charge for advertisement, crime monitoring cameras' 15-25 poles would be \$150,000. Regarding vehicle barriers to stop vehicle born attacks and a photo was provided to the Committee of MVB-3X; 10 units including the transport vehicles, allowing 10 lanes of closure at \$175,000 one time cost.

Chief Sosebee then spoke on fleet requests, and by having the “shared assigned” vehicles there is a long life on the vehicle, a recent police rated pick-up, the motor cycle unit has 2

vehicles from 2014 and the request would be to go from Harley Davidson to BMW based on cost and sustainability. Council Member Wood asked about past practice where Harley Davidson provided them for \$1 then the City sold them back, and Chief Sosebee stated they do not do that anymore. The dive boat currently is a pontoon boat, which is 22 years old, and need of replacement, at \$60,000.

Lastly, based on public concerns and comment, on traffic enforcement tools; currently using 10 year old lasers, and there is a strong need for new at \$2,000 and the traffic unit would like 5 of the \$2000 and 5 of the \$1100 items.

Council Member Wood asked about pole cameras. Chief Sosebee stated they hope to update the entire City and can mobilize the entire City.

ARPA Spending Plan Presentation – Lansing Fire Department

Chief Sturdivant outline the Fire Department three specific areas; facility, fleet and durable goods such as equipment that has a shelf life. The City has gone from 9 to 6 stations, and they are 24/7 365, always open, always has crews, and they all need a lot of work. There is a concern that at some point the fire houses will no longer meet code standards. Station 2, 8 and 9 are the three in dire need, and Station 2 there is no separation for officers which is a major priority, which could be \$20,000-\$25,000 to address that issue. Chief Sturdivant confirmed some structures is in good shape such as roof, electric and HVAC, but there could be a concern with asbestos. Regarding station 8 there would need to be \$250,000 renovation costs for upgrades. With Station 9 on S. Cedar, he had a concern on the return on investment on bringing it up to needs, but might be better to rebuild. A couple years ago the IAFF did proposed a new building a location just north on Cedar. The total renovation was \$9 million, but for that amount the Chief proposed renovation or moving it north.

Chief Sturdivant added that he has been working since he started 4 weeks ago on analyzing if the spending is done smart to address and identify some of the “low hanging fruit”.

Moving onto fleet, the LFD has 6 stations, 22,000-23,000 annually, and there is a need for an ambulance, new aerial ladder, and pumper truck. He added that in other areas of the country those departments have been active in a lease program, and he would like to continue exploring those options. The LFD is at just at a need of over \$4 million for 3 ambulances, aerial trucks, and 3 fire pumpers.

Lastly, durable goods, such as breathing apparatuses have a shelf life of 10 years, like to purchase a second set of turn out gear to allow for help with health and safety concern. That cost would be \$150,000 over the course of 3 years; total of \$450,000-\$500,000, needing to get back to a staggered purchase. Council Member Spadafore asked about the Stryker equipment, and Chief stated those are for ambulance cots, oxygen equipment, etc. and that is separated out and not part of this because they have another path.

The Chief concluded assuring he is still going over this budget and due diligence on the current budget to make sure the department is effective as they want to be.

Discussion/Action:

DISCUSSION – Resolution on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2nd Tranche Budget Appropriation

At the next meeting would like details on the HRCS listed in the Budget Amendment along with the corrections from the currently based on a recent resolution.

Other

No further discussion items.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee June 13, 2022