



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, June 27, 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
Council Member Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Jim Smiertka, OCA
Robert Emerson
Amber Paxton
Nick Hefty, Ingham County
Barb Kimmel, EDP
Desiree Kirkland, Finance Director
Jane Bais DeSessa
Doris Witherspoon

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2022 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Robert Emerson; At Large Member; Income Tax Board of Review; Term to Expire June 30, 2026

Mr. Emerson updated the Committee on his 26 years in State Legislature and 4 years as Budget Director, and his when he was approached by the Mayor to serve on this board.

Council Member Wood asked Ms. Kirkland on the commitment of time. Ms. Kirkland stated if the City cannot resolve someone's issue and come to resolution, it would come to the Income Tax Board of Review. She noted they have not met in years.

Council Member Spadafore noted it was an At Large position but asked for confirmation he was a resident of the Ward 1, and Mr. Emerson confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT EMERSON TO THE INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Peter Jones; At Large Member, Income Tax Board of Review; Term to Expire June 30, 2026

Mr. Jones contacted the office earlier and was not able to attend. Therefore, this item was moved to the July 11, 2022.

RESOLUTION – Offender Success Contract Bonus

Ms. Paxton informed the Committee the City has a contract with the State since 2017 where they do wrap around services for people returning to the City of Lansing. The City is eligible to receive bonuses, but this is the first time they have received bonuses. Ms. Paxton explained she reached out in October when they received word of the bonus, but never heard back from Finance until last week, and appreciated this immediate action from Council. The intention is to provide this bonus to Peckham for tracking employment contract in-kind, and the bonus came at their performance. In addition an amount of the bonus will go to the contracted employee.

Council Member Garza asked who the contracted employee is, and Ms. Amber stated he is a contracted employee through their office.

Council Member Wood noted her concern with just getting it, and Ms. Paxton stated she sent the question on if Council needed approval to Finance and HR and there was not response, so she recently reached out to OCA who informed her it needed to come to Council and she is concerned the bonus funds will go away if not spent by June 30. Council Member Wood understood the reasoning and did voice a concern that departments did not respond to her in a timely manner.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE OFFENDER SUCCESS CONTRACT BONUS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Application; Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections Program Subcontracts for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Mr. Hefty stated each year there is an annual application, and since this is a joint venture it requires both the City and Board of Commissioners to agree to enter into this. This year they are requesting \$40,000 from the State to cover administrative costs. This was approved by the Council Board of Commissioners and asked if the Committee for questions.

Council Member Wood asked if anyone replaced Jim Webster, and Mr. Hefty stated he has not been replaced, and he will be replaced with an Ingham County Employee.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE INGHAM COUNTY/CITY OF LANSING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM SUBCONTRACTS FOR FY 2022-2023. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant; Michigan Economic Development Center (MDEC) Support Grant

Mr. Smiertka stated they were not informed until this morning it was not getting acted on tonight. Ms. Kimmel stated EDP has never received a grant before from MEDC, so when they found out they were a resolution was drafted. After a resolution was written the MEDC asked for additional information on the resolution and have requested a public hearing. Ms. Kimmel asked to schedule a public hearing.

Council Member Spadafore stated at the next meeting a resolution should be written for setting a public hearing. Ms. Kimmel stated she would work on that, and Mr. Smiertka stated she should get document directly to him.

Ms. Kimmel briefly outlined the grant itself of \$1,000,000 for individual grants for \$10,000-\$50,000 for businesses in the DLI.

Council Member Garza asked for the boundaries of the Principal Shopping District.

RESOLUTION – Amended Community Development Block Grant for the 5-Year Consolidated Plan 2022-2026 and Annual Action Plan for Fiscal year 2022-2023

Ms. Kimmel and Ms. Witherspoon stated they did get the final allocations from HUD and this amendment shows the revisions.

Council Member Spadafore asked what the difference was, and it was not more in HUD, less in CDBG and slightly less in ESG.

Council Member Wood stated there is a Late Item tonight of a letter of an audit that will be referred to Committee of the Whole.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE AMENDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE 5- YEAR CONDOLIDATED PLAN 2022-2026 AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No further discussion items.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee July 11, 2022