



Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Wednesday, May 25, 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
Mary Bowen, OCA- left the meeting 5:03 p.m.
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Chief Sosobee, LPD
Lt. McNamara, LPD

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2022 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

DISCUSSIONS – Potential Policy/Procedure on LPD Process & Complaint Business Card and Update on Traffic Stop Policy

Chief Sosobee first apologized for missing the last meeting. He then referenced the draft business card in the packet and provided a sample of language for a QR code. Chief Sosebee confirmed that all officers have the new business cards, and have a laminated version of the QR code card to be used, which will take them to quick access on the website to the Chief and complaint process.

Council Member Brown referenced the language on the back of the card, and asked for confirmation on the language. Chief Sosebee stated the new process for how the LPD takes citizen complaints, along with investigator, all complaints will go through the office the independent investigator. Council Member Brown then asked if the process starts with the Independent Investigator with HRCS. Council Member Brown asked if her contact should be listed on the card as well, to eliminate the middle step of LPD, but straight to HRCS. Chief Sosebee confirmed that could be changed. Council Member Jackson concurred with the visible contact information and appropriate channel to HRCS. Chief Sosebee acknowledged the request but stated he would speak to the internal investigator because in the past she did not want any

impression to the LPD. The Committee spoke briefly on independent language for the card. Chief Sosebee confirmed the budget to do all new business cards for everyone will be \$80,000. Council Member Hussain asked for a future report on the status of the distribution, results from the cards, and calls to the independent investigator.

Chief Sosebee then discussed with the Committee the recently established Traffic Stop Policy. This included a statement of a meeting with the prosecutor on communications outlining the policy and wants to run the document past OCA before distribution. This document will include details on what the prosecutor will or will not prosecute based on the stop.

Council Member Jackson asked if LPD could insert policy internally until that is resolved. Chief clarified that he met with the prosecutor to make sure they both knew each other's expectations to the traffic stops. The policy will be then to make sure the clarification is clear for the officers. Council Member Jackson asked what could a secondary stop be, and Chief Sosebee stated those do not change, but one they are getting clarification on is unlicensed vehicles or no license plates. The LPD policy does not supersede anything MSP has. Council Member Hussain asked if there is a significant shift on pulling people over on secondary violations. Chief Sosebee confirmed they are working with MSU to assist with statistics to see if there is a change. Council Member Jackson asked how the officers are being trained. Chief Sosebee stated he has addressed all the officers, addressed in trainings, and advising on secondary violations.

Council Member Jackson asked about the forfeiture policy. Lt. McNamara stated when forfeiture funds with drug dealing nexus, they are provide with documents, with instructions on how to respond within 20 days. Council Member Jackson asked about the charges. Lt. McNamara distributed a copy of the form.

Council Member Jackson informed the Committee the meeting on June 8th will be canceled because there is another diversity event in the City Hall lobby with HRCS and the Mayor.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION – Commitment to Climate Protection and Environmental Justice

Council Member Jackson stated Ms. Welch sent an email confirming she had no issues with the changes.

Ms. Hagen stated the changes from the original submission reflect from City of Lansing to Lansing City Council, there were some clerical additions to add “;and”, removal of language that would cross the line into the administrative function, removal of “will invest”, instead of accepting the role, but encourages the Administration.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE PROTECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AS AMENDED WITH THE CORRECT RESOLUTION NUMBER OF 2017-148. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

No other topics of discussion.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on July 27, 2022