



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, September 26, 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
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Amber Paxton, Office of Financial Empowerment
Joseph Abood, OCA
Lucianna Solis, Mayor's Office
Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director
Desiree Kirkland, Finance Director
Jim Smiertka, OCA
Mark Lawrence, Mayor's Office
Andy Kilpatrick, Director of Public Service

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 22, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION- Workers Compensation Settlement 206286-01239

Mr. Abood noted the client will not return work and is a final separation. The claimant was not offered another job and was on duty disability, and this will not be affected by this settlement. They will continue to get duty disability until next year, their 25th year for age and service credits. This will be a complete redemption and there are no other claims.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM 206286-01239. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; 2022 Offender Success Contract Bonus for the Office of Financial Empowerment from the Department of Corrections for job placement and retention performance

Ms. Paxton outlined the breakdown of \$19,473 to Peckham that is the vendor, the remainder of \$11,973.97 will be for gab filling services. She then asked if the breakdown changes in more for services and less for vendor. Council Member Wood noted the resolution references the total of \$38,947 so there would be no reason to come back, but they should update Council.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT; 2022 OFFENDER SUCCESS CONTRACT BONUS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Donations Acceptance; Hispanic Heritage Month Events

Council Member Spadafore noted the date of the event was scheduled for 9/30/2022 but has been moved to 10/7/2022.

Ms. Solis referenced the breakdown, sponsors and events in the resolution. Council Member Garza asked what the city was contributing, and Ms. Solis noted the city is donating the venue and media. Council Member Wood asked when the new date will be confirmed for 10/7/2022, and Ms. Solis stated everyone has confirmed except the dancers but if they do not there is a back up act. She expanded on the event which will include, hands-on events, school age participation, performances, dancing lessons, refreshments, education information and invited all Hispanic businesses to join.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FOR THE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Ingham County Parks and Trail Millage

Mr. Kaschinske referenced the four projects: Montgomery Drain, Ranney Park and Red Cedar Pathways, River Trail Bank Stabilization near Mt. Hope Cemetery, Overband and crack sealing of Lansing River Trail and lastly the Trail Ambassador Coordinator. The Trail Ambassador does have a match but only by the Ingham Regional Trails. Council Member Wood asked for details on the Trail Ambassador. Mr. Kaschinske explained the position over multiple years and tasks. Council Member Wood noted that there are people who patrol the river trail, and this Ambassador has never reached out to them.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR INGHAM COUNTY PARKS AND TRAIL MILLAGE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for Pathways and Park Improvements

Mr. Kaschinske outlined the grant and the phases along the river, beginning with the east of the river Trail. Noting that there will be an ADA porta-john, because of the flood zone in the Adado Park they cannot do the ADA bathroom.

Regarding the Corporate Research Park, he outlined the location. Council Member Garza asked about a future park in that area, and Mr. Kaschinske and Mr. Kilpatrick both confirmed they are waiting on the State project. Mr. Smiertka asked if this is for appropriation because there is no appropriation language. Mr. Kaschinske stated this is for the acceptance for the DNR, and Council Member Wood asked they should then have to come back in. Mr. Smiertka stated the

Council has to accept it before they can appropriate, so they will have to come back for the appropriation so this is for acceptance.

Council Member Wood asked about the match, and Mr. Kaschinske noted the County match is matching with the DNR grant for the total project.

It was noted in the resolution that the application for this grant was approved in 2021 under Resolution 2021-052. Noted from the 2021 application the Fenner Pathway for \$300,000 which will extend the current pathway in Bear Lake through Fenner Nature Center and create a loop in that area that will extend from McGuire Park to Jolly/Aurelius. This project will have matching grants from the Ingham County Parks and Trail Millage, and the department is also looking at other funds from the State Transportation dollars. Council Member Wood asked if the pathway would be paved or gravel, and was told it would be paved similar to what is on South Waverly. The \$300,000 for the Corporate Research Park Path Development which will extend from Bear Lake and attach to McLaren and Corporate Park. This also includes funds from a grant with Ingham County and they are continuing to look at additional funding from the State. Council Member Wood asked if they have spoken to the McLaren Foundation for funds and Mr. Kaschinske stated they have not because they have sponsored the fitness court. Council Member Wood encouraged the Administration to reach out since this path will provide the connect ability. Council Member Spadafore noted for the record that at the Tri County Regional Planning there were members of the public present that support these trails. The \$150,000 for the Francis Park Rose Garden. They will extend the sidewalk from the parking lot to the south pergola in the rose garden area. There will be a match from funds donated by the Kosen Family earmarked to the City to improve the Rose Garden. Council Member Wood asked for confirmation that the sidewalk from the parking lot would be ADA and Mr. Kaschinske acknowledged it would.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND FOR PATHWAYS AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Fee Changes; Parks and Recreation Department

Mr. Kaschinske asked if the Committee had any questions on the fee changes. Council Member Wood asked why they were not included in the May fees. Mr. Kaschinske stated that some activities they did not know if they would do them again, and staff reviewed the activities. Council Member Wood noted that there is a year budget, and appropriating funds that are expected to get from this, unless there is one or two afterwards, that these are done the same time as the budget.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE FEE CHANGES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department request for Bossman Construction LLC as the vendor for sidewalk construction

Mr. Kilpatrick stated this is the contractor using by Consumers Energy for their work in the area, but if there are issues where Consumers is addressing things, the City can do the repair at the same time.

Council Member Wood asked if they were checked for licensing, taxes, insurance and inspections. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed they are, and they also have an engineering inspection.

Council Member Garza asked if there was a local contractor. Mr. Kilpatrick reiterated they contractor is already on site for the Consumers work.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department request for Mattoon and Lee Equipment as the vendor for a new drive for Lighting Mixer

Mr. Kilpatrick this is a standardization for the distributor for this area.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department request for Professional Pump as the vendor for rebuilding a Wastewater Chopper Pump

Mr. Kilpatrick noted this vendor was low bidder on another repair, and once they took back to their shop it was a larger repair, so they finalized the work for this instance.

Council Member Wood asked if they were checked for insurance, licenses and taxes, and Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed but also acknowledged they are not sure if they check every time a P.O. is issued, and this one as just bid out over the last couple months.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

ACTION – Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Priorities

Council Member Spadafore briefly summarized the priorities from the Committee.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE BUDGET PRIORITIES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

No other business.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee October 10, 2022