



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, October 10, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting was called to order at 4:31 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
Joseph Abood, OCA
Assistant Chief Backus, LPD
Jane Bias-DeSessa, Deputy Mayor

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Grant; LPD

Assistant Chief Backus outlined the State of Michigan Grant that is awarded annually. Since this a 50% match, the grant will provide \$88,197. This will pay for one detective, the vehicle for that detective, supplies, dues to the association and office supplies. Assistant Chief Backus confirmed it will cover one year.

Council Member Wood asked how many cars have been recovered with this grant in the past. Assistant Chief Backus did not have that information but did note that auto theft is up this year

and is the category with the most need. Council Member Wood asked if this had to also do with the theft of catalytic converters and Assistant Chief Backus stated it does not.

Council Member Garza asked for details on the thefts. Assistant Chief Backus noted there is not a majority of dealership, but individuals and they are not seeing digital thefts.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT FOR THE AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY GRANT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to create the Lansing Crisis Assessment Team for the LPD

Assistant Chief Backus detailed to the Committee that the grant was for discretionary funding in the amount of \$1,342,000 three year one time award. This will fund the Team which will include community police officer and additional social workers. It will cover 2 years for officers and social workers, also equipment, data service to monitor the people in the program and will more than likely it will be made up with existing officers in the patrol unit.

Council Member Wood asked if these two grants were part of the budget that was just approved. Assistant Chief Backus noted the detective position was in the budget, and will be pulled from the pool. Council Member Wood noted this being an appropriation, and if it was part of the budget it is a 5 person vote. She also noted during the budget it was discussed and inquired if this was written in. Assistant Chief Backus confirmed the crisis was not written in the budget but the concept was, and it was awarded in June, 2022.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE JAG GRANT FOR THE LANSING CRISIS ASSESSMENT TEAM. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Wood spoke briefly on the next agenda item while the Assistant Chief was present along with two ordinances from Committee on City Operations that will be introduced tonight at Council. She inquired into what impact on the LPD would repealing the wrecker license and the massage therapist license. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence said the City has not been able to enforce the wrecker ordinance because pre-empted and they are licensed under the State and that will continue. Council Member Wood noted in the past there were wrecker companies that would listen to the scanner and just show up. Assistant Chief Backus is aware of those situations, so they intend to train their officers on wrecking companies that can and cannot be involved.

Council Member referenced the ordinance amendment to massage therapist. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence noted that ordinance amendment also came from the Clerk and it was determined the City was pre-empted by the State law. Council Member Wood asked if there is a data base where LPD can look at licensed therapist if there is a complaint. Council Member Spadafore noted and provided an example of where LARA does have a website.

RESOLUTION – Introduction and Set Public Hearing; Ordinance to Repeal Permitting Requirements for Solicitors of Charitable & Religious Donations

No representation from the Clerk's office present. Ms. Boak attempted to call the Clerk's office and no response.

Committee moved this to the next Committee agenda.

OTHER

No other business.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee October 20, 2022