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Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, October 20, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Jim Smiertka, OCA
Erin Buitendorp, Public Service
Brian Jackson, Deputy Clerk
Madeline Van Eck, LPD
Assistant Chief Backus, LPD
Cheryl Rupprecht, LPD

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 10, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

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

Mr. Jackson stated in their review of the code they found ordinances that appeared to be redundant with the State and this is one that will repeal permitting requirements.

Council Member Spadafore asked if there was a fee associated with these, and Mr. Jackson stated this does not, it is just a letter required from the solicitor informing the Clerk they are going out into the neighborhoods.

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Council Member Wood asked what the draw back is. Mr. Smiertka stated this is redundant with State law. Council Member Wood provided examples of potential fraudulent solicitors, and Mr. Smiertka stated they would have to produce an ID issued by the State and enforceable by the State. Council Member Spadafore asked if under State law they have to be permitted and Mr. Smiertka confirmed. Later in the meeting Mr. Smiertka quoted Michigan Compiled laws 400.287 that requires the State license.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2022 TO REPEAL THE ORDINANCE FOR PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLICITORS OF CHARITABLE AND RELIGIOUS DONATIONS. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; League of American Bicyclists' Community Spark Grant

Ms. Buitendorp informed the Committee that the League approached the Public Service Department with this grant noting the majority of the funding is coming from GM. The grant application was written for Webster Farms run by the Greater Lansing Food Bank. The funds were received in-kind and they provided a bike rack but because of the material cost increasing Public Service did contribute \$992.48 towards it. This grant is in cooperation with the Land Bank and Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Council Member Wood asked if the air pump station is manual, which it was confirmed and noted consistent with other bike stations in the City. Council Member Wood asked if there is a written agreement with the Landbank since this will be located on their property. Ms. Buitendorp was only able to reference an email from Roxanne Case with the Landbank stating it was authorized so Mr. Smiertka stated they would need a document from the Landbank.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS' COMMUNITY SPARK GRANT WITH SUBMITTAL OF THE DOCUMENT FROM THE LANDBANK AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Donation Acceptance; Lansing Police Department's Special Tactics and Rescue Team (START) Unit

Assistant Chief Backus summarized this annual donation from the family of a former now deceased detective. This year they raised \$8,174.01 which was then added to by the group Modern Women in the amount of \$2,500.00. The funds will be used for trainings, travel and equipment.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE DONATION ACCEPTANCE FOR THE START UNIT IN THE LPD. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Domestic Violence Services, Capital Area Response Effort (DVS-CARE) FY2022/2023

Ms. Van Eck explained that this program is a specialized unit that works with 6 other units and Sparrow for an on scene advocacy assistant. The grant will pay for 3 FTE but also cover a pool of volunteers. They will work to follow up with anyone that has filed a police report on domestic violence and also work with any walk-ins.

Council Member Wood asked what the funds for "goods-services" will be used for. Ms. Van Eck stated that covers cell phones, zoom video conferencing, community meetings for the Capital Area teams, review teams and any other meetings. Council Member Wood asked about grant

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funds for a vehicle and Ms. Van Eck confirmed that is an expense for mileage reimbursement for the staff. They have not purchased a vehicle in this grant contract, but use that line for reimburse for miles to appointments, court, etc.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR DVS-CARE FY2022/2023 GRANT FOR THE LPD. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for Capital Area Response Effort (CARE) Unit

Ms. Van Eck informed the Committee this grant is awarded through MSP for paid services work to enhance victims for intimate partner violence and reestablishment. This will help fund an emergency hotel program to put in hotel for those involved in the domestic violence, housing them up to 4 weeks. Through the JAG award this will fund a dedicated staff advocate for those that are staying in the hotel. Regarding the supplies and other expenses, this is to cover the process service for protection orders, purchase and installation of home security if the victim moves back home, lock changes if the victim moves back home, relocation fees for truck rentals if they move and gas, grocery and prepaid phone cards for those that stay in the hotels.

Council Member Wood asked how they plan to sustain the employee they are paying for with this grant if it ends up being only a one year grant. Ms. Van Ecks confirmed that the employee is aware it is a one year contract position and it is not guaranteed. Ms. Rupprecht stated the employee sustainability is being addressed in other portions of the LPD budget.

Council Member Wood asked if this grant and the one on the agenda before this were part of the budget that was approved in May 2022 and currently being used as of July 2022. Ms. Rupprecht confirmed both are line items in the budget that was adopted in May 2022 and renewals of the previous year.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR JAG CAPITAL AREA RESPONSES EFFORT FOR THE LPD CARE UNIT. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2022

Assistant Chief Backus acknowledged this as an annually awarded formula grant, and the City is made aware by publication of the amount they will receive. LPD is the fiduciary for Lansing and Ingham County. The total amount is \$137,639 with \$122,184 for LPD and \$15,455 to Ingham County. The LPD share will fund a new dive boat, mental health and resilience training and hire a cadet. Ingham County has stated they will use their funds for additional controlled storage inside their vehicles.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT 2022 FOR THE LPD. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; STOP Violence Against Women FY 2022/2023 Grant

Backus – one year grant – MDHHS, in coordination with special court that 54a was awarded and Ingham County prosecutin. 192,972 of the total 144,731 is actual grant, 48,241 is the LPD match. 25% of the grant is the match.

Funds will fund 2 positions – dedicated domestic violence detective- so it will add to the unit, and specifically assigned to the prosecutors office and the specialty courts function.

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Peter – differene intement and domestic. Meldoty – broad for domestic. Intimate
Special courts is domestic violenc

Carol – sustainability grant – annual? Backu – gotten annuall- time span on how long going one
– runds through the specialy court. This is the 3rd year, and when got satated 3-5 years.

Carol – part of the budget. Cheryl – yes also a renewal.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT
ACCEPTANCE OF STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FY 2022/2023 FOR THE LPD.
MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OTHER

Council Member Spadafore informed the Committee that once the ARPA grants have been
scored, the Administration has been invited to a Ways and Means meeting to report out.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee _____