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**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**Monday, January 9, 2023 @ 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 Carol Wood, Vice Chair  
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Member – unexcused

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager  
Dominic Cochran, City TV  
Desiree Kirkland, Finance Director  
Ken Hall, EDP  
Jane DiSessa, Deputy Mayor's

**Minutes**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**Discussion/Action:**

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Construction of Ovation Performance Center from the Michigan Strategic Fund

Council Member Spadafore in November 2022 the MSF approved the grant and this is to accept. Mr. Cochran stated this was applied for as a RAP grant, the State determined the MSF was a better fit, and the City was approved. It is a match of 30% of the investment costs. Council Member Spadafore asked if it was first or last dollar, and if the funds are not all needed does it have to go back, and Mr. Cochran stated it does not. Council Member Wood asked if it has to be spent by a specific time, and Mr. Cochran was not able to provide that but believed 2025. Council Member Spadafore asked if there was a separate account for the ovation and if bonds were issued, and Ms. Kirkland stated they will set up a new account but have not yet. They have also not issued any bonds yet.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE OVATION PERFORMANCE CENTER. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant

Ms. Kimmel and Ken Hall spoke on the \$150,000 grant from FEMA. Mr. Hall stated generally these would be presented by Rhonda Oberland. This is to acquire homes in the flood plain and reduce flood plain hazards to the residents. This is part of the FEMA program, moving to Phase 8 and continuing what they have been doing. Ms. Kimmel stated there is a required match and they are using in-kind to meet that grant.

Council Member Wood noted the increase in interest rates, and asked if the sites are occupied. Ms. Kimmel stated she was not sure if occupied, but if owner occupied they can acquire, and if rented it has to be vacant. Mr. Hall stated if tenant occupied the owner cannot sell out from the tenant. His intent is to make sure there is a financial component to assist with sustaining housing. Council Member Wood asked if they are looking at homes currently occupied when they start the process. Mr. Hall noted in 2014 a landlord attempted that, but if they see it is occupied the home takes off the list for the program until unoccupied. Ms. Kimmel stated they would include a relocation process and relocation cost, so they do not want to obtain occupied residence.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR FEMA BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES GRANT. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**OTHER**

No other topics at this time.

**ADJOURN**

Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee \_\_\_\_\_