



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, March 13, 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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Lori Welch, Public Service
Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation
Jane DiSessa, Mayor's Office

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2023, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; US Conference of Mayor's

Ms. Welch informed the Committee that the City won first place for a medium sized City, and will work on a mini-grant garden program. The grant is for \$175,000 with no match and was not part of the current budget.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE US CONFERENCE OF MAYOR'S. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant

Ms. Welch explained to the Committee that this is an infrastructure grant, with a \$127,030 match. This will fund demolition of old salt barns and make way for a drop off recycling. The intention is to make a super drop off site, which allot them to change to 24/7 services and large quantity.

Council Member Spadafore asked if it was in the budget. Ms. Welch confirmed it was not but stated they have already located three accounts to take the match funding would be.

Council Member Wood asked about the hours of 24/7 and if during those there will be security. Ms. Welch admitted the 24/7 hours are their intention, and security would be at O & M. The budget calls for camera's and security, but not sure when it will occur. Council Member Wood noted since it is at the location with vehicles, it will need to be secured.

Ms. Welch said the demolition will begin once the funds are there and there are gas pumps to be removed, with the hope to be open later this year. The longest lead time is to order a vehicle, but they think there are enough vehicles currently to maintain until that time.

Council Member Jackson asked about other sites in the areas and if the assumption is people will come there and do drop offs. Ms. Welch stated there is one on State Road, Granger, and Delta Township. They looked at the East Lansing site and are attempting to model the City one after that.

Council Member Wood asked what the contamination rates at other locations are and Ms. Welch stated with speaking to East Lansing there are segmented containers which helps to keep contamination manageable. Most are serviced by Granger in the township and she will reach out.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE EGLE RECYCLING AND ORGANICS INFRASTRUTURE GRANT.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

Mr. Kaschinske stated there is a correction, it is not an "acceptance" but a DNR required approval for application. The applications are due April 1st, 2023. Mr. Kaschinske then began explaining the first project of land acquisition at Cavanagh, south of Hawk Island. There are three structures the City would like to acquire, noting this might seem familiar because they did apply last year but did not get the grant. Currently only one of the structures has tenants in. Mr. Kaschinske distributed maps.

Council Member Jackson asked what the purpose was in acquiring the properties. Mr. Kaschinske stated they wanted to address the trail changes, address the driveway, and also the structures are in the flood plain. Council Member Jackson asked why the City would acquire properties in flood plain. Mr. Kaschinske stated they have issues getting insurance for structures in the flood plain. Council Member Jackson asked if the City did get the grant and acquire the structures would the residents be evacuated. Mr. Kaschinske stated there cannot be a structure on park land, so it would be removed. Council Member Jackson asked if anyone has spoken to the owner, and Mr. Kaschinske stated they have been spoken to. With a grant proocess they have an appraiser come in, sold for appraised value of highest and best use, then the state would pay for 75%.

Council Member Wood asked if the owner is required to how they notify the tenants. Mr. Kaschinske stated, from receiving the award, they have up to 2 years from date to conduct all that.

Mr. Kaschinske then spoke on the 2nd project, which is the extension of the river trail. This is for wooded acreage, on the west side of Waverly, south of Jolly. The goal is to connect the river trail to the two properties north of the wooded acreage. They have been in contact with the owners of this lot along with Consumer Energy because of their easement. If acquired the intent is to keep the property wooded but connect the trails into the consumers easement and continue west along easement until reach Williams Road. The future master plan is the possibility for the City to connect to the people in Leno neighborhood, and across the river to Delta Township.

The third grant discussed was on replacing tennis courts at St. Joe Park with pickle ball courts . There is a match which will come out of CIP millage funds. This is similar to the pickle ball courts they did last year.

Council Member Jackson asked if once it is converted to a pickle ball court can it be used for anything else and Mr. Kaschinske stated a youth tennis court. This project will bring in six (6) courts.

Mr. Kaschinske confirmed that there was an error in the resolution, it should be \$150,000 not \$300,000. He then expanded on the project for the recreation passport being a fitness facility. Regarding the tennis courts at Letts Community Center, they will go from four (4) to six (6). This is being assisted by the Todd Martin youth leadership. There is a 50% match, this will be close to \$1 million everything that is there. The Todd Martin Foundation will be assisting with the match.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR MNRTF GRANT AMENDING THE RECREATION PASSPORT TO \$150,000.

Council Member Wood asked if the Parks Board made these recommendations. Mr. Kaschinske stated they meet this Wednesday, but the trail extension was discussed earlier, the Cavanagh was part of discussion last year, the other projects were part of their goals.

Council Member Wood stated that when the Park Board Vice Chairperson Council asked the Board to create a public participation plan, and asked Mr. Kaschinske if that was done for these projects. Mr. Kaschinske stated the tennis courts and St. Joe facility was part of the master plan, and regarding the others, his office has met with west side neighborhood on tennis at Letts and St. Joe.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Sole Source Purchase; Office of Community Media request for Tempest Lighting Inc. as the vendor for Outdoor Projector Enclosures

Mr. Cochran was not present at this meeting and the discussion was moved to the next meeting.

OTHER

No other topics at this time.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:59p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee March 27, 2023