



MINUTES
Committee on Development and Planning
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spitzley called the meeting to order at 4:05p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Spitzley, Chair
Council Member Brown, Vice-Chair
Council Member Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Greg Venker, OCA
Kris Klein, LEDC
David Washburn
Jessica Tramontana, Consumers Energy
Brad Krael, Consumers Energy
Belinda Fitzpatrick

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE APRIL 5, 2023 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment on this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION -Appointment; David Washburn; City of Lansing member of Local Development Finance Authority; Term to Expire 6/30/2025.

Councilmember Spitzley referenced the application and asked Mr. Washburn to explain his qualifications and himself. Mr. Washburn stated he is the Executive Director of the non-profit MSU Research Foundation, which manages an investment portfolio and drives programs that support the economic development initiatives of MSU. He stated he has been on the LFDA board for nine years and through a discrepancy was never formally approved. Councilmember Spitzley asked for clarification that he's been on the board for nine years, Mr. Washburn confirmed.

Councilmember Garza asked why this is not a re-appointment, Mr. Venker said it was complicated by the bylaws for LFDA changed once or twice, the city appoints three members and one has to be the entity within research as Mr. Washburn is. Mr. Venker added that Mr. Washburn initially was not approved, then he was but the resolution cannot be located so we are now here. Councilmember Garza asked for confirmation that it does not matter that he lives in East Lansing, and Councilmember Spitzley stated also that he is representing MSU, Mr. Venker confirmed.

Councilmember Garza indicated there are challenging conflict for him, Mr. Washburn stated LDFA manage a small pile of money in TIF capital which is not the University Health Park. Councilmember Spitzley asked if it was what Tom Izzo building, and Mr. Washburn said he was talking about the 120 acre park, there are many buildings. Councilmember Garza asked if he would recuse himself if he felt there was a conflict, Mr. Washburn confirmed. Councilmember Garza asked besides the bylaws requirement why else does he want to serve, Mr. Washburn answered the passion of the organization and creating new jobs in high-tech enterprises and research generated at MSU, the LDFA board is very complimentary, it's a way to collaborate and drive the mutual goal. Councilmember Garza asked if he would be willing to attend the constituent meetings as well, he responded absolutely.

Councilmember Spitzley asked why he disagreed to a background check, Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated that has been rectified, initially was not pushed through but since has been agreed to and completed. Mr. Washburn said he initially disagreed because he is a resident of East Lansing and if he was unable to serve then didn't see the point of the process, but once he learned it was ok, he agreed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID WASHBURN TO THE LDFA WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2025. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Washburn asked if he had to be at the Council meeting Monday and Councilmember Spitzley stated he wasn't required, and if the vote went through, he would then have to contact the Clerk's Office for swearing in. Ms. Richmond requested he contact her no later than Friday morning for confirmation.

ORDINANCE – Increase the number of members of the Principal Shopping District Board dba Downtown Lansing Inc.

Councilmember Spitzley stated this is to increase from eight to nine members, and asked if there were any questions, there were none.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT BOARD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Spitzley said this will be on for the Monday Council meeting and after the vote would ask Council President for immediate effect.

RESOLUTION – IDD-01-2023; Industrial Development District for Consumers Energy Company, 7000 N Canal Rd., Dimondale

Councilmember Spitzley indicated the public hearing was held and asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Garza said no, they provided enough information.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY AT 7000 N CANAL RD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – PPE-1-2023; Personal Property Tax Exemption filed by Consumers Energy Company, 7000 N Canal Rd., Dimondale

Councilmember Spitzley spoke on the document provided at the public hearing showed a sliding scale and the PPE will be less and less, and asked what the end date is. Mr. Klein responded 2048. Councilmember Brown asked overall they are bringing more revenue because of the investment correct. Mr. Klein confirmed that it will generate greater that what is currently being collected and they are retaining the employees.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CONSUMERS ENERGY AT 7000 N CANAL RD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:23p.m.

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on May 3, 2023