



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, June 12, 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- arrived at 4:33 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Greg Venker, OCA
Emily Linden, Internal Auditor
Emily Stevens, Parks and Recreation
Michael Lynn
Desiree Kirkland, Finance
Jackson Mills, Finance
Cynthia Gill, Finance

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 22, 2023, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

Mr. Lynn stated on his interest on the long term budget outlook, and also what Ms. Frayer goal in the City is moving forward to look into the budget.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Application; AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant for Parks and Recreation Department

Ms. Stevens outlined the application for \$21,000 and the most of the funds will go towards the instructors for consistent classes. The seniors can pick and choose what fit in their schedules, and currently preparing a survey to find out what classes the seniors are interested.

Council Member Spadafore asked if these are current or new, and Ms. Stevens confirmed it is for current but also surveying for other topics.

Council Member Wood asked if it was awarded in May and if that goes May to May, and Ms. Stevens said it would be awarded in June for this year. Council Member Wood asked if there is a City match and Ms. Stevens stated there is no match.

Council Members spoke briefly on other fitness areas at parks in the City.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT FOR THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE FLAGSHIP GRANT FOR PARKS AND RECREATION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION- Internal Auditor – Long Term Budget Outlook

Council Member Spadafore noted that Council leadership has asked the Committee to look at long term, and Ms. Linden was asked to start on the project.

Ms. Linden spoke briefly on an overview of the current budget process, that being the FY 24 amendment will be acted on tonight to pass the \$1.8 million to those departments that took large cuts. When this passes it will allow departments to continue their work during the first 2 quarters. Currently Ms. Linden is working with Finance on numbers for this fiscal year and next year. City Council is working with the Administration on carry forward requests from this Fiscal Year, which could be in the first quarter, and City Council is looking at carry forward \$50,000 in their budget.

Council Member Wood stated Ms. Linden is also looking at long term debt reporting, and the public safety building the constituents voted on.

Council Member Jackson asked if the Committee should invite someone from the Financial Health Team for an update, and their last recommendation was to hire the Chief Strategy Officer. Council Member Wood stated she did not think they meet currently, but they do have their old recommendations that the Committee can look at. Council Member Jackson noted, the CSO has so many different roles, if the position needs to be re-evaluated. Council Member Wood noted that the position was taken from the budget discussion then. There was discussion on a top-down from the department on redundancies on duplications, unfortunately when the ordinance was adopted it was not laid out in the ordinance. Council might want to consider looking at the ordinance for listing what that role should be. Council Member Spadafore stated this Committee should have budget priorities reflected in the budget for long term outlook. Council Member Wood stated there might be discussion at Committee of the Whole with Ms. Frayer tonight to be pushed back to this Committee.

Council Member Spadafore told Ms. Kirkland, Mr. Mills and Ms. Gill they could be called to a future Committee meeting for discussions.

OTHER

No other topics at this time.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee June 26, 2023