



Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Jackson, Chair
Council Member Pehlivanoglu, Vice-Chair
Council Member Carter, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Amberose Nolan
Livi Wilde
Luna Braun
Vivian Breslin
Thasin Sardar
Emily Walkowski
Nigel Paneth
Mary Konieczny
Peter Fowler
Sarah Hopkins
Owen Handy
Nik Finch
Mercuri Rose
Hannah Erwin
Jennifer Krzanowski
Hisham Qareel
Quinton Harrison
Bill Demeerath
Tarek Al-Zubhi

MINUTES

CHAIRMAN JACKSON PLACED THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023 ON FILE BECAUSE THE CURRENT MEMBERS WERE NOT ON THE 2023 MEETING.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Wilde spoke in support of the meeting today and asked the Committee to take action on the resolution.

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Ms. Rose spoke on the impact of the resolution and her role in creation of the resolution. Ms. Rose asked the Committee to consider the impact of the resolution and spoke in support of the resolution. Ms. Rose informed the Committee that they were told to keep everything local.

Luna Braun spoke in support of the resolution.

Vivian Breslin spoke in support of the resolution.

Mr. Sardar asked Committee to consider adopting the resolution.

Ms. Walkoswski spoke in support of the resolution and believes that it is a community drafted ceasefire resolution that should be adopted.

Ms. Konieczny spoke in support of the resolution.

Mr. Fowler spoke in support of the resolution.

Ms. Hopkins spoke in support of the resolution.

Mr. Handy spoke in support of the resolution.

Mr. Paneth spoke on a ceasefire and wants a balanced resolution, binding on both sides. Mr. Paniff asked for changes speaking to the ceasefire.

Mr. Finch spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

Mercuri Rose spoke in support of the resolution.

Hannah Erwin spoke in support of the resolution.

Ms. Krzanowski spoke in support of the resolution.

Mr. Qareel spoke in support of the resolution.

Mr. Harrison spoke in support of the resolution.

Mr. Demeerath spoke in support of the resolution.

Tarek Al-Zlubhi spoke in support of the resolution.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION – Call for Lasting Cease Fire

Council Member Jackson acknowledged all the comments, informed them he was the Council Member that brought the topic and resolution to the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion because he believed it would be a good Committee for discussion. Once a draft is passed in this Committee it would go before all of Council. He added that he did not see it as a City of Lansing matter, because there is a Charter and responsibilities, the language in International law for United States funding, and foreign affairs. However, after hearing all the public comments, and they feel they do not have access to high politicians. Council Member Jackson then referred to the Draft #2 which does not name Hamas, Israel, takes out state leader names, states Ceasefire to Save Life, took out the October 7, 2023 which was the start of the event.

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Council Member Carter acknowledged the public for their attendance and comments, whether in person or via email and phone calls. She noted this is an in depth conversation, and there are countless references provided and acknowledged for their effort in providing that information to the Council.

Council Member Jackson confirmed this is a three page version he received and he edited it, so Draft 2 was community language he worked on.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu acknowledged Council Member Jackson for presenting it to the Committee and understands it was crafted with multiple versions and understands it might not be perfect to everyone. Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated she has heard the public with their concerns.

Council Member Jackson asked the Committee to review and discuss the language, and after the last meeting there were suggestions on variations, additions and not everyone will be satisfied.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION DRAFT 2 TO CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE.

Council Member Jackson read the draft 2 resolution.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION IN THE SECOND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED TO INCLUDE "WILL BE SENT...".

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No other topics, but Council Member Jackson asked the Committee to consider topics for the next meeting.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on