MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, April 18, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER
Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair
Council Member Tamera Carter, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Member- arrived at 3:01 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT
Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Greg Venker, OCA
Jake Brower, Chief Strategy Officer
Zachary McElroy, Mayor's Office
Kris Klein, LEDC
William Engleter, Emergency Management
Chief Sturdivant, LFD

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024 ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment
No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:
RESOLUTION – Worker Compensation Settlement; Claim #WC2062876-01987-001
Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated this is workers compensation claim and recommended. The claimant will not return to work, are collecting duty disability and will be full and complete redemption for the city.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM WC2062876-01987-001. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund
Mr. McElroy stated he solely applied for this grant for schools and non-profits with programs for sustainability that a falls in line with Bloomberg schools. Mr. Brower stated the grant is $50,000 and is one time spending in 18 months.
Council Member Brown asked if the amounts were Mr. McElroy determination, and Mr. McElroy stated they set them up. Council Member Brown asked if these go to organizations or individuals. Mr. McElroy stated it will go to organizations; non or for profit, as long as focused towards Bloomberg. Council Member Brown asked where this will be administered. Mr. McElroy stated he will collaborate with NCE and Public Service. Mr. Brower stated the NCE has experience with working with Bloomberg grants. Council Member Brown asked Mr. McElroy who he works for.
Mr. McElroy stated he works for the Mayor as staff and he applies for grants and administers them.

Council Member Carter asked about the 18 month timeline and what that applies to. Mr. McElroy stated the funds have to be disbursed by the City in that time. Council Member Carter asked for the matrix on determining the $1,000 to $5,000. Mr. McElroy stated it will depend on how many applications they get, and how much is given is dependent on the application process and how well they apply. They are still waiting on the signed agreement from Bloomberg. Council Member Carter asked if there is a group that will determine who gets it. Mr. McElroy stated he will put together a review board. Council Member Spadafore suggested Lori Welch to be a member of that group. Council Member Brown asked for the matrix they decide on to be provided to the Council on how they are going to award.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP)2.0 Program
Mr. Brower stated this as allocated and since then the City has been waiting on MEDC for the agreement. The application was 6 projects, and MEDC has given the City a letter of intent that they will award the funds and they expect to get grant agreement by end of April.

Mr. Klein there were originally six, but they applied for five that the Mayor listed in June of 2023. This included The Iris, South Waverly, Child and Family Charities, Prudden Wheel Lofts and ROECO. The memo from the Mayor in the packet listed Allen Place and Mr. Klein stated that Allen Place Co-Op pulled. Mr. Brower they expect to distribute $2 million to Prudden Wheel Lofts and the remaining 4 will receive $1 million.

Council Member Carter asked about the $450,000 administration fee. Mr. Brower stated the grant allows reimbursement to the City for administering the grant.

Council Member Brown asked about the statement “if we are awarded”. Mr. Brower stated that MEDC has some technical items on their end, and this is being funded through the State and MEDC is finalizing the details on reporting, and it has a taken a year. Mr. Klein stated they applied in June then notified in September, but no on has received funds. Mr. Brower stated in fall of 2023 there was a press release, and Mr. McElroy stated they have not gotten a letter of intend signed, but cannot say when until they get one signed. Council Member Brown asked why now. Council Member Spadafore stated it is so when they do get the letter Council has taken action. Mr. Brower stated they hope to hear by the Council meeting on May 6th.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE; MEDC REVITALIZATION AND PLACEMAKING (RAP) 2.0. GRANT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

<u>RESOLUTION – State Disaster Contingency Fund Reimbursement</u>
Chief Sturdivant spoke on the funding that reimburse the City on the storms that effected the City in 2023. The City did not qualify and get any funds from FEMA. A document was distributed on FEMA.

Mr. Engleter spoke on the resolution which is a smaller fund than FEMA, it allows city's when they do not meet FEMA it offers the States to open up the option. The city met the thresholds set by the State, and the City applied in $8 million in lose with City and BWL. The disaster fund, with City population, the City meets the threshold and all documents have been submitted, and now there is a step that the City has to accept the funds. The funds have been spent and with the resolution the City can be reimbursed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO THE RESOLUTION FRO THE STATE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND REIMBURSEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

<u>OTHER</u>
No other topics.

<u>ADJOURN</u>
Adjourned at 3:21 p.m.
Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee on May 16, 2024