



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, September 5, 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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Chief Sturdivant, LFD
Amber Paxton, OFE
Lori Welch, Sustainability Manager
Greg Venker, OCA-arrived at 3:11 p.m.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2024 ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity Firefighter Turnout Gear Grant

Chief Sturdivant stated in spring in 2024 they applied for PPE grant for the gear. Due to some weather related winter time emergency service delivery, they are dependent on a second set of gear due to moisture and/or contaminants. This has always been a goal and includes helmet, pants, boots, overcoat and will cost up to \$3200 per set. This grant is for \$600,000 and just received the funds will be to the City early next week. They have been field testing through vendors as it relates to the manufacture. Also part of the grant, some past and current turnout gear mfg still use chemicals of PFAS, and this does not break down in water or air and last forever, however also do cause cancer. With the industry standard now is to produce gear without PFAS, and these sets will be PFAS and starts the process of replacing the current gear with this new non-PFAS gear.

Council Member Spadafore noted that during the COVID appropriation there was some turnout gear, and asked if that was non-PFAS and the Chief confirmed it was not. The new equipment is new to the programs.

Council Member Brown asked what the average age is of the current gear, and how long before total non-PFAS gear. Chief Sturdivant stated during COVID they bought 33% with shelf life of 6-7 years, and anticipate it will take 5-6 years to totally replace. This will be phased and done in increments. Council Member Brown asked what LFD is doing to address protecting the fire fighters with the equipment currently have. Chief stated in his year one they identified \$150,000 to move with physical examinations of fire fighters, that was to reflect an annual program. He then asked \$150,000 annually for general physical examinations and cancer screenings. His idea would be to put the fire fighters in for medical exams with their general physician every 6 months.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR FROM MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund

Ms. Paxton first apologized for the late delivery, and explained this is not an annual grant, but they apply every year and get it every year. In the beginning they got \$10,000 and then they offered the City to help other cities to open OFE. They are doing this differently this year and for \$20,000 for OFE launches. Instead of working with 1-2 cities, a group of grantees will work with 9 cities. This does not require a match and is unrestricted.

Council Member Brown asked what OFE has been doing with transitional. Ms. Paxton stated the empowerment center transitional had closed but they are reopening last year and will reopen next week on 9/12/2024. They have always been committed to helping the field, and always approach in order to keep getting funding, they do projects to help other cities. Generally it takes a hour a month, not a burden but big benefit. Since not restricted, they can use those funds for the financial empowerment center.

Council Member Carter asked if they do a follow up with the 9 cities. Ms. Paxton stated there is a financial empowerment conference every two years, and there is a CFE coalition.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM CITIES FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWEMENT FUND. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Community Energy Mgt Grant

Ms. Welch confirmed it is a State grant, and the City was awarded \$100,000 for a non-motorized plant update, which has not been updated since 2011.

Council Member Spadafore asked if non-motorized includes non-pedestrian, and that was confirmed. He then asked if work has to be done in a time frame, and Ms. Welch stated they have until August 2025.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO RESOLUTION GRANT ACCEPTANCE MDEQ GREAT LAKES AND ENERGY COMMUNITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT GRANT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Budget Priorities

Council Member Spadafore stated he does not have ideas ready for review yet, but explained to the Committee the process and this would be finalized by 9/17/2024.

Council Member Brown asked for previous years, and Council Member Spadafore stated anything from this Committee was accomplished and removed.

OTHER

No other business at this time.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on