



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, November 7, 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
Cheryl Rupperecht, LPD
Charles Randall, Internal Auditor
Greg Venker, OCA
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Brett Kaschinske, Parks Director
Scott Bell, Grewal Hall

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2024 ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

Mr. Bell spoke about the future parking fees that were referred to this Committee.

Council Member Spadafore noted it was referred to this Committee but was not on this agenda due to changes from the Parking Office from the Comprehensive Study findings on street parking and ramp rates. The referred changes would at a future meeting, and he outlined discussions on *quick stop* parking and progressive parking rates and addressing long term parking directing them towards ramps. He concluded by noting he did not want to address and pass the fees without the full component being talked about.

Mr. Bell noted it appears there is not a lot of people parking currently downtown and that would drive people away. Council Member Spadafore informed him that parking is an enterprise fund that is needed and needs to be talked about. Mr. Bell spoke about other parking areas in town, wanting a vibrant downtown, and struggles with places going out businesses and they will not survive with parking increases.

Ms. Rupperecht spoke in support of *quick stop* parking.

Council Member Spadafore asked Mr. Bell his opinion on what should be the grace period and Mr. Bell stated he would like free parking until it gets full, and spoke on businesses that are now moving out.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Donation Acceptance; Shaymak Events Charity Golf Outing donation to the Victims Advocate Unit

Ms. Rupprecht explained to the Committee this the first time LPD has received these funds from the golf outing. The LPD was chosen this year and the funds are donated specifically for advocate unit use.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DONATION ACCEPTANCE FOR VICTIMS ADVOCATE UNIT FROM SHAMAK EVENTS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Randall confirmed he had no issues.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for land acquisition of 1624 E Cavanaugh Rd. and Parcel 23-50-80-01-282-004

Mr. Kaschinske stated to the Committee that the City received grants from MNRTF and this has been before Committee when they applied for the grant. This will be for an extension of the River Trail and property along the trail. There is 75% for the cost of the appraisal, and the amounts would be the “not-to exceed”, anything over the City would have to re-apply. The City portion is the 25% of the cost. Mr. Kaschinske spoke briefly on property locations, one being a Consumers Energy ROW.

Mr. Venker outlined changes that would need to be made to the resolution per the memo from the Internal Auditor. This included removing “Parks and Recreation” in the items to reflect “Department of Natural Resources”, and then in item 2, removing “in perpetuity”.

Mr. Randall noted that the City will own the property, so the City will hold the documents until they no longer own it. Mr. Venker stated all documents connected to acquisition of land, the City keeps forever.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE FROM MNRTF FOR LAND ACQUISITION AT 1624 E CAVANAUGH AND PARCEL 23-50-80-01-282-004 WITH THE AMENDMENTS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

Council Member Spadafore informed the Committee that even though the Parking Fee change resolution was referred, he will not be moving on it until the Administration has all the traffic control orders in place for loading zones, etc.

Ms. Fountain had to withdraw her attendance from this meeting but confirmed she will be at the next meeting to talk about the new Office of Neighborhood Safety.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on December 5, 2024