

RESOLUTION #2020-182

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Lansing requires the Council to adopt an annual statement of Budget Policies and Priorities serving to guide the Administration in developing and presenting the Fiscal Year 2021–2022 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established the following Mission;

The City of Lansing’s mission is to ensure quality of life by:

- I. Promoting a vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive community that provides opportunity for personal and economic growth for residents, businesses and visitors,
- II. Securing short- and long-term financial stability through prudent management of city resources,
- III. Providing reliable, efficient and quality services that are responsive to the needs of residents and businesses,
- IV. Adopting sustainable practices that protect and enhance our cultural, natural and historical resources,
- V. Facilitating regional collaboration and connecting communities; and

WHEREAS, the standing committees of the City Council have met to evaluate the budget and recommend an annual statement of budget policies and priorities to guide the Administration in developing and presenting the Fiscal Year 2021–2022 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council has established the following as its Fiscal Year 2021–2022 Budget Policies and Priorities and requests that the Administration review them and encourages that they, to the extent practical, be included in the Administration’s budget presented due to the City Council by the fourth Monday in March 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee of the Whole has established the following priorities:

1. \$100,000: (1) FTE focus specifically on housing legal assistance for tenants and homeowners in the City.
2. Fund sidewalk repair by \$200,000 for a total of \$500,000, with a priority placed on underserved areas.
3. Fund local street repair funding by \$1.7 million for a total of \$5 million, with a priority placed on underserved areas.
4. Funding for GED prep and passage program.
5. Funding to disseminate information on how to file a Complaint against the police.
 - a. Printing costs to add text to reverse side of of LDP business cards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on Development and Planning has established the following priorities:

1. \$80,000: (1) FTE Financial Empowerment Employee; RE: Focus on Small Business, Minority Businesses; Female Owned Businesses
2. \$215,000: Reactivation of the Façade Improvement Grant Program
3. \$50,000: Analysis of Facade Improvement Grant Program to include Return on Equity Report on Previous Façade Grants provided to small businesses
4. \$40,000: Initiate an RFP for Engagement of Stakeholders and Completion of Community Facilities Plan, including school and county buildings, complete with inventory of assets and goals/objectives for facilities, that will serve as the basis for community facility decisions into the future.
5. End the LEAP subsidy of \$500,000 taking those funds to:
\$400,000: (5) FTE Economic Development for Economic Role previously done by LEDC/LEAP
\$50,000: Façade Improvement Grant Program
\$50,000: Analysis of Façade Improvement Grant Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion has established the following priorities:

1. \$500,000: (4) FTE Social Workers-(1) FTE Administrative Assistant (LFD)
2. \$125,000: (1) FTE Grant Writer (Neighborhood Citizen Engagement OR HRCS); RE: Assist Local Groups and organizations in grant research, grant writing and monitoring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on General Services has established the following priorities:

1. \$5,000: Training Modules on Ethics Ordinance and Related Policies, Conflicts of Interest Policies, and the Open Meetings Act, among others, for Boards and Commissions (Dept. OCA)
2. \$10,000: Printing Costs to Provide Written Materials to Residents who do not have access to computers, internet or cell phones with document capability

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on Public Safety has established the following priorities:

1. \$11,000: Traffic Speed Wagons (Public Service Department)
2. \$10,000: Portable Speed Bumps (Public Service Department)
3. \$140,000: Reinstate the LFD apprenticeship/cadet program (Lansing Fire Department)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on Ways and Means has established the following priorities:

1. Encourage the Administration to focus in on budget allocations and centralize the fees and costs associated with items such as Information Technology, utilities, etc.
2. Encourage the Chief Strategy Officer to perform an audit report on short and long term resolutions for the current forecast of the City's revenues and expenditures within all departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council would like to continue its commitment, if funding is available, to:

- Maintain and improve the City's infrastructure;
- Preserve and ensure clean, safe, well-maintained housing and neighborhoods;
- Provide comprehensive and affordable recreational programs and youth and family services;
- Explore alternatives for improved efficiency in service and delivery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council has accepted the following recommendations from the Board of Public Service:

- Increase general fund support for implementation of the City's Street System Asset Management Plan, with a priority placed on reconstructing and preserving neighborhood streets, especially in those areas of the city which have been historically underserved. We encourage the Department to continue utilizing new and innovative ways to extend the life of our existing streets.
- Maintain and expand funding for sidewalk repairs and right-of-way maintenance and improvement, with a priority placed on underserved areas; this should all be done while keeping safety a priority for Lansing residents and visitors, and meeting or exceeding the compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Maintain and expand funding to update and improve the fleet of city vehicles, with specific priority for the Department.
- Establish Lansing as a leader in PFAS regulation, testing, monitoring and enforcement through maintaining and increasing funding for educational and training purposes, and working with relevant federal, state, county and local governments, and non-government organizations.
- Expand opportunities for multi-family residential and business recycling.
- Follow recommendations (to the greatest extent feasible) of the energy audit of all facilities and properties to save on energy and cut costs by replacing wasteful devices with ones that are energy efficient and reduce the carbon footprint of the City of Lansing.