

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

October 2, 2018  
Conference Room #119  
6:00 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Brown, Betsy Artz, Emily Bridson, Richard Clanton, Robert Coughlin, Thomas McKelvey, and Mayor Stephen Kepley. Also present: Deputy Finance Director Bhama Cairns, Finance Director Tom Chase, Police Chief Tom Hillen, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Fire Chief Brent Looman, Deputy Administrator Mark Rambo, and Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane.

**62-B DISTRICT COURT:**

**A. RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION (MIDC) GRANT AGREEMENT AND RELATED BUDGET.**

Finance Director Chase reviewed some details pertaining to the documents. He noted the grant year is from October to September 30<sup>th</sup> and the City's fiscal year is from July to June 30<sup>th</sup>, which will result in some of the budget in the current budget and some will be in the next fiscal budget. He informed the Committee of the 120 days to implement the compliance plan and of the multiple communities they are working with to be able to all be on the time line and to use one compliance officer for all of the communities that are participating. Director Chase stated there are several additional meetings to be scheduled with the other communities to work through the details and several of the steps are not completed. He will be setting up a new special revenue fund for this agreement and funding.

Motion by Artz, seconded by Clanton, to recommend to the City Commission adoption of a resolution to approve Michigan indigent defense commission (MIDC) grant agreement and related budget.

Motion Carried.

City Deputy Administrator Rambo clarified the court's request during the budget process for additional personnel.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

**B. INFORMATION REGARDING KENTWOOD POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.**

Finance Director Chase noted the Defined Benefit Plan is 99.6% funded. He explained fluctuations in the actual to estimated table on the plan.

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Director Chase reviewed information regarding bonded debt, with a discussion pertaining to upcoming opportunity to pay off one of the bonds in 2019. This item was information only and requires no action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident John Helder, who had served on the Planning Commission informed the members and staff, he is 89 years old and will not be regularly attending meetings any longer. He thanked everyone for their leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Dan Kasunic  
City Clerk

Michael Brown  
Mayor Pro-Tem