

Tammy Verchereau

From: Elaine Hardy
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 8:27 PM
To: Ron Bacon
Subject: FW: City of Lansing Fw: 2023 MLK Day of Celebration!

Please be advised-

From: Tony Baltimore <tbaltimore128@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 7:32 PM
To: Steve Japinga <sjapinga@lansingchamber.org>
Cc: Elaine Hardy <ehardy@cityofeastlansing.com>; Ellsworth, Kelli <kellsworth@lafcu.com>; Tristan Wright <Tristan.Wright@lepfa.com>
Subject: Re: City of Lansing Fw: 2023 MLK Day of Celebration!

I am in total disbelief....how is this possible?
We need to meet and discuss. Wow!

On Tue, Dec 20, 2022 at 6:56 PM Steve Japinga <sjapinga@lansingchamber.org> wrote:

MLK Exec Committee -

Hoping for some guidance regarding the city of Lansing's request via this thread. This is all very new to me, and I am unfamiliar with the Michigan Constitution and State Laws pertaining to our MLK Luncheon. They have provided a fact sheet from the Michigan Municipal League. This hasn't been brought up prior so perhaps the Michigan Constitution and state laws have changed? I'm interested if other organizations are receiving similar responses to their requests for city funding?

Any guidance on this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you think it's best for us to jump on a call, please let me know. I have my own thoughts on how to proceed but will reserve those as I think about the best way on how to respond rather than react.

Thank you so much in advance!

-Steve

From: DiSessa, Jane B. <Jane.DiSessa@lansingmi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 6:04 PM
To: Steve Japinga <sjapinga@lansingchamber.org>
Cc: Schor, Andy <Schor.Andy@lansingmi.gov>; Carowitz, Dawn <Dawn.Carowitz@lansingmi.gov>; Bean, Scott <Scott.Bean@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: RE: 2023 MLK Day of Celebration!

Hi Steve,

Thank you for your email. As I explained to you earlier, in accordance with the Michigan Constitution and State laws, a municipality has the power to expend funds only for a public purpose. We received a legal opinion regarding this matter a few years ago. For your information, attached is a copy of MML's "Fact Sheet," regarding municipal expenditures.

The following is my response to your questions:

- **With regards to what you have proposed, is this the total contribution the city is going to make to the MLK Commission directly?**

Ans: The City's total contribution is based on in-kind services and direct table purchases. Currently, a total estimate of \$2,550.00 for the purchase of 6 tables will be paid directly to the MLK Commission. As shown below, since my previous email, the City's total contribution (both in-kind and direct), is now estimated at \$9,050.00.

- Parking: \$4,000.00

Food: *2,500.00+ (Depending on food order, this figure will increase)

Tables: *2,550.00+ (Currently, we are up to 6 tables at \$425 each)

*\$9,050.00+ (*Note: This amount is an estimate and depends on food and tables ordered)

I believe this event will be very successful, as such, in the end, the City's "in-kind contribution" may be as much as \$10,000.00. Respectfully, now that your agency is recognized as the Mid-Michigan MLK Commission, are contributions from other Mid-Michigan Cities being requested?

- **Regarding the food discount, we already receive a 10% food discount from the Lansing Center.**

Ans: The LEPA (Lansing Center) is an entity of the City of Lansing and is subsidized by the City. As such, any discount from the Lansing Center is coming from the City of Lansing.

- **Isn't parking free on federal holidays? Or do you have to show this for reporting purposes for the contribution to the MLK Commission/2023 MLK Day of Celebration?**

Ans: Parking is not free for events on holidays. Normally, unless the Center is reserved, the City would close the Center's gates. However, for this event, the City will be opening the gate. Please know that any other event will incur a \$4,000.00 fee. As an example, please know that the Governor will be paying the \$4,000.00 parking fee for the use of the Lansing Center on January 1st. As such, by allowing our parking gate to be open, the \$4,000.00 fee is the City's in-kind contribution to the MLK Commission for this event.

I sincerely hope that this email answers your questions. Thank you for selecting the City's Lansing Center to hold this important event; we look forward to attending.

Let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely

--Jane

Jane Bais DiSessa

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] 2023 MLK Day of Celebration!

Thank you, Jane!

Just to clarify, the city of Lansing and the city of East Lansing are sponsors of this. Both mayors have speaking roles for the program.

Few questions I hope you can answer so I can take this back to our MLK Fundraising Committee:

- With regards to what you have proposed, is this the total contribution the city is going to make to the MLK Commission directly?
- Regarding the food discount, we already receive a 10% food discount from the Lansing Center.
- Isn't parking free on federal holidays? Or do you have to show this for reporting purposes for the contribution to the MLK Commission/2023 MLK Day of Celebration?

Appreciate any guidance on this. 😊

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Hi Steve,

Thank you for returning my call, per our discussion, the City's in-kind dollar contribution (so far) is as follows:

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|------------------|---|
| \$4,000.00 | Parking |
| *2,500.00 | Food Discount (10%) |
| <u>*1,700.00</u> | Tables (4+ @ \$425 each) |
| \$8,200.00 | Total *(Estimate may increase depending on food and tables ordered) |

Also, please know that our Communication's Office will be sending you the City's one-page ad for the event no later than this coming Thursday.

Let me know if any questions arise---my contact information is shown below.

--Jane

Jane Bais DiSessa

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