



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
June 9, 2025**

Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kost.

PRESENT: Council Members Brown, Carter, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Kost, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson asked people to remember Doug Stites, Michael Cavanagh, and Don LeDuc, all of whom recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kost.

Special Ceremonies

Tribute; in recognition of the Juneteenth Celebration and Holiday

Resolution #2025-146

By Council Members Brown, Carter, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Kost, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the oldest African American Holiday was first recognized on June 19, 1865 and is now an official state holiday in 15 states across the country. It was on June 19, 1865, that news of the Emancipation Proclamation, which President Lincoln signed on January 1, 1863, reached the slaves of Texas; and

WHEREAS, learning of their freedom, June 19, 1865, became the true Independence Day for African Americans in the United States. The slaves immediately left the plantations, congregated in the cities, and began celebrating their freedom by praying, feasting, dancing, and singing; and

WHEREAS, this day was named "Juneteenth Day", representing the joys of freedom and new beginnings, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States by celebration of liberty, educating the community about the heritage, and promoting positive cultural interaction; and

WHEREAS, the 32nd Annual Lansing Celebration of Juneteenth and the 21st year recognition of "Juneteenth Day" as a State of Michigan holiday will kick off on June 18th at Lansing Community with Keynote Speaker Senator Sarah Anthony; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the memory of its founder, the late Rev. Dr. Michael C. Murphy, the 2025 Juneteenth African American Parade will take place on Saturday, June 21st at J.W. Sexton High School with this year's Grand Marshals, Dr. Willie D. Davis, Jr., PhD., and Mr. Daniel Boggan, III.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes the 32nd Annual Lansing Celebration of Juneteenth and the 21st year recognition of the State of Michigan Juneteenth holiday. We extend our appreciation to the Juneteenth Committee for all of their work in continuing the founding theme, "Together We Ride the Juneteenth Wave of Freedom to Liberty!" We wish you continued success!

By Vice President Carter

Motion Carried

Vice President Carter recognized Marilyn Rogers who spoke in support of the tribute and introduced the Juneteenth Planning Committee members.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Vice President Carter spoke about the upcoming At-Large Constituent meeting.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu thanked the community for supporting the Cristo Rey Fiesta and thanked first responders in the audience.

Council Member Hussain spoke about the Churchill Downs Community Association summer picnic and Community Wealth-Building Day. He thanked Senator Sarah Anthony for the building of safer walkways along MLK road and also thanked first responders in Lansing.

Council member Brown thanked the retired firefighters in the audience.

President Kost thanked the retired firefighters in the audience.

Community Event Announcements

Loretta Stanaway spoke about Picnic in the Cemetery at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Schor congratulated John Smoltz on the Strikeout Baseball event, HRCS on their diversity event, Mike McKissic, Nation Outside, and Moms Demand Action for their gun violence awareness event, and police officers on their grill event. He further congratulated, the US Army on their 250th anniversary, and the Oak Street Healthcare center on their opening. He spoke about the Juneteenth event, Groesbeck Golf Course reopening, and yard waste pick up. He welcomed retired firefighters in the audience and spoke about the retiree firefighter healthcare issue.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

Noise Special Permit; Lansing Housing Commission request to allow for the building of a new 63-unit apartment building at 220 E. Kalamazoo St.

Noise Special Permit; Lansing Housing Commission request to allow for the building of a new 56-unit apartment building at 510 Cherry St.

Amending Chapter 1060, Section 1060.08 to authorize the Code Official to abate nuisances

Council Members Brown and Pehlivanoglu gave overviews of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

There was no public comment.

Legislative Matters**Referral of Public Hearings**

Noise Special Permit; Lansing Housing Commission request to allow for the building of a new 63-unit apartment building at 220 E. Kalamazoo St.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Noise Special Permit; Lansing Housing Commission request to allow for the building of a new 56-unit apartment building at 510 Cherry St.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Amending Chapter 1060, Section 1060.08 to authorize the Code Official to abate nuisances
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Consent Agenda

Moved by Vice President Carter

To approve all remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #2025-147

By Councilmember Kost

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the First Ward Councilmember Ryan Kost has recommended the appointment of Luna Brown to the 1st Ward Member position on the Board of Ethics with a term to expire June 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation has been vetted and meets all Charter Requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council, hereby, appoints Luna Brown as the 1st Ward Member on the Board of Ethics with a term to expire June 30, 2029.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-148

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended the reappointment of Ronald Wilson as an At-Large member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed with this resolution, that they have vetted the applicant based on the original application and believes that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on June 5, 2025, and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Ronald Wilson as an At-Large member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2029. Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

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Resolution #2025-149

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Licensing and Enforcement Division of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission received a request from M & S1 LLC for a Class C license, Sunday sales (AM/PM), dance, entertainment, and outdoor service area permits at 221 S. Washington Sq.; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has applied for approval of the license pursuant to Chapter 830 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances, has paid the appropriate application fee, and has received all of the required departmental approvals; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on June 5, 2025, and reviewed the request with affirmative action taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the request from M & S1 LLC for a Class C license, Sunday sales (AM/PM), dance, entertainment, and outdoor service area permits at 221 S. Washington Sq.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-150

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Non-Motorized Section of the Public Service Department conducted an investigation to determine sight distance and traffic control requirements at the intersection of Chadburne Drive and Seaway Drive, upon the request by a resident; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Non-Motorized Section performed a safe approach speed study and revealed a safe approach speed of fourteen miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Non-Motorized Section recommends the installation of a yield sign on Chadburne Drive at Seaway Drive due to the safe approach speed at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Board, concurs with the recommendation of the Public Service Department; and

WHEREAS, the minutes containing the Public Service Board's recommendation on this matter are on file with the City Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on June 5, 2025, and reviewed the report and concurs with the recommendation of the Public Service Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves Traffic Control Order No. 23-30, thereby authorizing the Assistant City Engineer to install a yield sign on Chadburne Drive at Seaway Drive.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Traffic Control Order No. 23-30 shall become effective when signed by the Assistant City Engineer and filed with the City Clerk and the appropriate sign is installed.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Ordinances for Introduction

Introduction of Ordinance

No action was taken on items 11 through 13.

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

Reports From City Officers, Boards, and Commissions; Communications and Petitions; and Other City Related Matters

Moved by Vice President Carter that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Kost make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

Item(s) from the City Clerk re:

Minutes of Boards and Commissions placed on file in the Clerk's Office
Placed on File

Operating Agreement; Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Appointment; Kambriana Crank as a Resident member of the Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire June 30, 2027.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Appointment; Hillary Kipp as a Resident member of the Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire June 30, 2028
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Appointment; DeAnna Brown as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028
Referred to the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion

Appointment; Sharon Gillison as the 4th Ward member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028
Referred to the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion

Appointment; Cristina Benton as an At-Large member of the Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Finance Authority/Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire February 28th, 2029
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Appointment; Nicholas Miller as the 3rd Ward member of the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2027
Returned to the Administration

Reappointment; John Ruge as the 1st Ward member of the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2029
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Appointment; Lolo Robison as an At-Large member of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2028
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Grant Acceptance; Detroit Crime Commission award for the Close Case Unit
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Lansing Board of Water and Light Return on Equity Agreement
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Setting a Public Hearing on Operating Agreement; Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Operating Agreement; Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Safety Action Plan
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Local Development Finance Authority Budget; Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Grant Acceptance; Community Economic Development Association of Michigan award for Children's Savings Account Innovation Projects
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Grant Acceptance; HOME Investment Partnership Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) additional funding
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Brownfield Plan #86; Novi Properties, 820 W. Miller Rd.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on Brownfield Plan #86; Novi Properties, 820 W. Miller Rd.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Brownfield Plan #88; Michigan Avenue Rehabilitation Project, 603-607 E. Michigan Ave.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on Brownfield Plan #88; Michigan Avenue Rehabilitation Project, 603-607 E. Michigan Ave.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Sole Source Purchase, Parks and Recreation Department request for Nationwide Fitness Installations Inc. as the vendor for installation of the MFC
Approved Fitness Court at Davis Park
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Claim Appeal; Claim #2176 Eastside Community Action Center for \$674 in red tag fees at 1018 Bensch St.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Council Member Jackson left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Remarks by Council Members

Council Member Garza thanked the retired firefighters in the audience.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Mark Criss spoke about City Rescue Mission Expansion Project.

Gaylon Sue Pearson spoke about unlicensed business operations.

Cynthia Drane spoke about alcohol licenses.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson acknowledged one written communication.

David Weisenberg spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Marvin Helmker spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Erik Almquist spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Mauricio Barrera spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Steve Kilmer spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Ryan McCormick spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Tom Cochran spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Jerry Ericks spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Bill Oberst spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Don Hamilton spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Patricio Medina spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Bryan Epling spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Pat Wieferich spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Jeff Hinkle spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Penny Betcher spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Stephanie Holly spoke about Lansing Fire Department retiree healthcare.

Adjourned Time 8:50 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Swope". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Swope, City Clerk