Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
June 23, 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 7:27 p.m. by President Kost.

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

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kost.

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

By Vice President Carter

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of May 19, 2025 and June 9, 2025

Motion Carried

Special Ceremonies

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

Resolution #2025-151
By the Committee on Development and Planning
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for the appointment of 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 28, 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 Development & Planning met on June 11, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of 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 28, 2029.

By Council Member Garza

Motion Carried

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson administered the Oath of Office to Cristina Benton a member of the Economic Development Corporation, Tax Increment Finance Authority, and Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors.

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

Resolution #2025-152
By the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for the appointment of Sharon Gillison as the 4th Ward member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028; 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 nominee has resigned from her at-large seat on the Commission effective January 6, 2025 in order to accept this appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion met on June 11, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Sharon Gillison as the 4th Ward member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson administered the Oath of Office to Sharon Gillison a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board.

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.

Resolution #2025-153
By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for the appointment of 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; 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 of the Whole met on June 23, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of 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.

By Vice President Carter

Motion Carried

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson administered the Oath of Office to Lolo Robison a member of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners.

Brownfield Plan #86; Novi Properties, 820 W. Miller Rd.

President Kost recognized Melissa White and James Denning to present Brownfield Plan #86; Novi Properties, 820 W. Miller Rd.

Brownfield Plan #88; Michigan Avenue Rehabilitation Project, 603-607 E. Michigan Ave.

President Kost recognized Pat Gillespie and Kris Klein to present Brownfield Plan #88; Michigan Avenue Rehabilitation Project, 603-607 E. Michigan Ave.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Vice President Carter recognized the Churchill Downs picnic and the Juneteenth festivals.

Council Member Hussain congratulated Churchill Downs for their picnic, and thanked members on the dais for their help. He also spoke the Michigan Liquor Control Appeal Hearing for the liquor licenses applications for 4700 Pleasant Grove Road and 1705 West Mt. Hope Avenue, and his frustration with the appeal process.

Vice President Carter spoke about the Your Voice At Large Constituent Contact Meeting.

President Kost spoke about two upcoming candidate forums.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson provided an update on the upcoming City Primary Election.

Community Event Announcements

Nicklas Zande spoke about an upcoming Scott Woods meeting, an Old Everett Neighborhood Association meeting, and an Old Everett Picnic.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about a Mount Hope cemetery grave cleaning and a Boys Training School cemetery marker cleaning event.

Claire West thanked Mayor Schor and Council from Churchill Downs for funds, as well as the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department for their help.

Jay West thanked Mayor Schor and Council from Churchill Downs for funds, and spoke about a Churchill Downs Youth Day.

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 thanked volunteers and organizers for all the Juneteenth events, the Churchill Downs for their event, and Fiesta in Adado Park. He shared details about the Concerts in the Park, City Camp for Kids, and the Lansing's Pride event.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Bryan Epling spoke about firefighter retiree healthcare.

Dave Weisenberg spoke about firefighter retiree healthcare.

Nicklas Zande spoke about firefighter retiree healthcare and about noise special permits.

Legislative Matters

Consent Agenda

Moved by Vice President Carter

To approve all remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #2025-154
By the Committee on Development and Planning
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for the appointment of Hillary Kipp as a resident member of the Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire June 30, 2028; 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 Development & Planning met on June 11, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Hillary Kipp as a resident member of the Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-155
By the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for the appointment of DeAnna Brown as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028; 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 Equity Diversity and Inclusion met on June 11, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of DeAnna Brown as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-156
By the Committee on Development and Planning
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for the reappointment of John Ruge as the 1st Ward member of the Planning Commission 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 Development & Planning met on June 11, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of John Ruge as the 1st Ward member of the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2029.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-157

By the Committee on Development and Planning
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR BROWNFIELD PLAN #88
603, 605, 607 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has prepared and forwarded an approved Brownfield Plan pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for properties commonly referred to as 603, 605, 607 E. Michigan Avenue located in the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, prior to Council's action on this request, it is necessary to hold a public hearing on the Plan, to allow for any resident, taxpayer or ad valorem taxing unit the right to appear and be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Plan is available for public inspection at the Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 401 S. Washington Sq., Suite 101, Lansing, MI 48933, and that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on July 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on Brownfield Plan #88 – 603, 605, 607 E. Michigan Avenue Redevelopment under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, for property more particularly described as:

603 E. Michigan Avenue (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-16-277-181):

LOT 21 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 36 OF BLOCK 243 ORIG PLAT;

605 E. Michigan Avenue (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-16-277-191):

LOT 22 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 36 OF BLOCK 243 ORIG PLAT;

607 E. Michigan Avenue (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-16-277-222):

LOTS 23, 24, 25 & 26 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 36 OF BLOCK 243 ORIG PLAT

and that the City Clerk cause notice of such hearing to be published in a publication of general circulation, no less than 10 days or more than 40 days prior to the date of the public hearing, and that the City Clerk also cause the legislative body of each taxing unit levying ad valorem taxes on this property, to be notified of Brownfield Plan #88 – 603, 605, 607 E. Michigan Avenue Redevelopment and the scheduled public hearing.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-158

By the Committee on Development and Planning
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR BROWNFIELD PLAN #86
820 W. MILLER ROAD REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has prepared and forwarded an approved Brownfield Plan pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for properties commonly referred to as 820 W. Miller Road located in the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, prior to Council's action on this request, it is necessary to hold a public hearing on the Plan, to allow for any resident, taxpayer or ad valorem taxing unit the right to appear and be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Plan is available for public inspection at the Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 401 S. Washington Sq., Suite 101, Lansing, MI 48933, and that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on July 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on Brownfield Plan #86 820 W. Miller Road Redevelopment under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, for property more particularly described as:

820 W. Miller Road, Lansing, Michigan 48911 (Tax Parcel No #33-01-05-05-431-321):

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and that the City Clerk cause notice of such hearing to be published in a publication of general circulation, no less than 10 days or more than 40 days prior to the date of the public hearing, and that the City Clerk also cause the legislative body of each taxing unit levying ad valorem taxes on this property, to be notified of Brownfield Plan #86
820 W. Miller Road Redevelopment and the scheduled public hearing.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-159
By Council Members Brown, Carter, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Kost, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that at the end of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 there would be residuals in the:

- Community Funding Account
- Miscellaneous Operating Account
- Training Account; and

WHEREAS, community engagement activities can offer mutual connection and opportunities that reduce behavior resulting in violence; and

WHEREAS, public safety protocols offer assurance to the public and the elected officials in public places; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that and recommended that the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 residuals be carried forward to the Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration is requested to carry forward Fiscal Year 2024/2025 residuals in the accounts identified as follows:

Appropriation	Description	Amount
GENERAL FUND	Use of Fund Balance	$31,600.00

CITY COUNCIL OPERATING
101-112101-956000 Miscellaneous Operating $24,000.00
101-112101-956289 Community Funding $7,000.00
101-112101-957000 Training $600.00

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-160
By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries are preventable and represent a significant public health concern; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all roadway users, including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and transit riders; and

WHEREAS, the City received Safe Streets for All grant funding from the United States Department of Transportation for the development of a citywide S afety A ction P lan; and

WHEREAS, Lansing's Safety Action Plan has been developed through a data-driven, community-informed process that identifies high-risk corridors, vulnerable populations, and evidence-based strategies to reduce traffic-related impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Plan outlines a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050, and includes actionable steps such as infrastructure improvements, speed management, public education, and enhanced enforcement;

WHEREAS, the City held stakeholder and community meetings as well as an online survey and mapping tool to obtain input on the citywide Plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft Safety Action Plan was published on the City's website for public input and comment through an online survey; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires adoption of the Plan no later than June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City will monitor progress regularly, engage the public in ongoing safety efforts, and update the Plan as needed to reflect new data, technologies, and community priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby adopts the Lansing Safety Action Plan as the guiding framework for roadway safety improvements across the city; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City include a copy of this resolution in its submittal of the Safety Action Plan to the USDOT and the Lansing Delegation of the Michigan Legislature.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-161
By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing (the "City") and the City of East Lansing ("East Lansing") established a Local Development Finance Authority (the "LDFA") in 2005, and renewed the same in 2022 pursuant to Act 57 of 2018 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City and East Lansing entered into an Amendment and Restated Agreement Regarding the Operation of the Local Development Finance Authority of the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing (the "Agreement") in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement, consistent with the Act, requires that the City and East Lansing both approve the annual budget of the LDFA; and

WHEREAS, the LDFA has preliminarily approved its budget for Fiscal Year Ending 2026 (the "Budget") and submitted it to the City for approval, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, upon review the Lansing Economic Development Corporation finds that the Budget reflects no capture of City taxes or use of City funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the adoption of the Budget by the LDFA.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-162
By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2025, the Detroit Crime Commission informed the Lansing Police Department (LPD) that the LPD had received a combination of funding sources totaling $16,735; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit Crime Commission award of $16,735 requires no local match; and

WHEREAS, there is no specified use period; and

WHEREAS, the LPD will utilize the Detroit Crime Commission funds as needed to further the efforts of the Cold Case Unit as intended; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be used to continue wages and fringes for one (1) contract employee to supplement existing staff, as well as provide training including accommodations, travel as necessary, equipment and supplies until the funds are exhausted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Detroit Crime Commission funds in the total amount of $16,735.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-163
By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing was selected on May 22, 2025 to receive a Children's Savings Account (CSA) Innovation Projects grant from the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) for $60,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing's Office of Financial Empowerment, which is part of the Department of Economic Development & Planning applied for a grant to expand the expand the Youth Initiative Program into three Lansing School District High Schools and to create an Accessibility Navigator to connect students with disabilities to available community resources for the Lansing SAVE program. MSUFCU opens a Lansing SAVE account for every Lansing School District student upon kindergarten enrollment which is earmarked for post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, the CSA Innovation Projects Grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and the proposal was submitted by the Office of Financial Empowerment on April 18, 2025, approved on May 22, 2025, and will be received upon approval by Council and signed agreement; and

WHEREAS, the award for $60,000.00 does not require a local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the CEDAM CSA Innovation Projects grant in the total amount of $60,000.00 for the grant period beginning on the date of council approval for the City of Lansing and ending on August 31, 2026.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-164
By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Department of Economic Development and Planning is the fiduciary of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing was awarded $2,784,822 in HOME-ARP funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be utilized for Qualifying Populations (QP) as defined in CPD Notice 21-10 for the grant term September 21, 2021 through September 30, 2030; and

WHEREAS, a Substantial Amendment to the FY2021 Annual Action Plan was approved on July 22, 2024 to allocate the awarded HOME-ARP funding for the following:

- Supportive Services: $264,458
- Development of Affordable Rental Housing: $2,102,301
    - This funding has been committed to the Hillsdale Place Apartments
- Non-Profit Operating Support: $139,241
- Administration and Planning: $278,482 (10% of grant allocation)

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing received notice from HUD on May 23, 2025 that the City received $4,153 less in HOME-ARP funding than it was entitled to receive. The revised HOME-ARP allocation for the City of Lansing has been increased to $2,788,975.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing approves the acceptance of the additional $4,153 in HOME Investment Partnership Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding awarded by HUD for a total allocation of $2,788,975.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Administration is authorized to receive the funds, create the necessary accounts, and make necessary transfers for administration in accordance with the requirements of the grantor.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2025-165
By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Churchill Downs Neighborhood requested $312.54 to defray costs for a special event permit associated with their event, “Summer Picnic” to be held June 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is $500; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on June 23, 2025, reviewed the request, and approved $362.50.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to Churchill Downs Neighborhood in the amount of $362.50 to defray costs for a special event permit associated with their event “Summer Picnic” to be held on June 17, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging $362.50 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101-112101-957000.

BE IT RESOLVED that Churchill Downs Neighborhood shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account as to contributors, funds received, expended and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

By Council Member Brown to place an affirmative roll on the Resolution by unanimous consent

By Council Member Brown to adopt a substitute for the Resolution

Motion Carried

The question being adoption of the Resolution as substituted

Motion Carried

Resolution #2025-166
By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Monday, May 19, 2025, and June 9, 2025, in consideration of the request by the Lansing Housing Commission, the developer of a new 63-unit apartment building on 220 E Kalamazoo Street, for issuance of a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from June 14, 2025 through June 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this project includes framing, the use of lift equipment, the use of common power tools, and dumpster removal and replacement; and

WHEREAS, from June 14, 2025 through June 1, 2026, the Lansing Housing Commission has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, no substantive written or verbal comments in opposition to this noise waiver were received from anyone within the project area at the public hearing or during the public comment period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council grant a waiver of the noise ordinance to the Lansing Housing Commission for the building of a new 63-unit apartment building on 220 E Kalamazoo Street, on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from June 14, 2025, until June 1, 2026.

By Council Member Brown

Motion Carried with Council Member Kost voting nay

Resolution #2025-167
By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Monday, May 19, 2025, and June 9, 2025, in consideration of the request by the Lansing Housing Commission, the developer of a new 56-unit apartment building on 510 Cherry Street, for issuance of a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from June 14, 2025 through June 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this project includes framing, the use of lift equipment, the use of common power tools, and dumpster removal and replacement; and

WHEREAS, from June 14, 2025 through June 1, 2026, the Lansing Housing Commission has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, no substantive written or verbal comments in opposition to this noise waiver were received from anyone within the project area at the public hearing or during the public comment period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council grant a waiver of the noise ordinance to the Lansing Housing Commission for the building of a new 56-unit apartment building on 510 Cherry Street, on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from June 14, 2025, until June 1, 2026.

By Council Member Brown

Motion Carried with Council Member Kost voting nay

Resolution #2025-168
By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing ('City") and the Lansing Board of Water and Light ("BWL") entered into an agreement dated June 30, 1992, regarding return on equity payments (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been amended from time to time for a total of seven amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City and BWL desire to enter into an eighth amendment (the "Eighth Amendment") to extend the term of the Agreement for an additional year commencing July 1, 2025, and terminating on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the BWL shall make return on equity payments to the City for FY 2026 in the amount of 6% of BWL total budgeted operating revenues, or if actual operating revenues are higher than budgeted, 6% of BWL total actual operating revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighth Amendment is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the same, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form.

By Vice President Carter

Motion Carried with Council Member Jackson voting nay

Resolution #2025-169
By Council Member Kost
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council extends its heartfelt gratitude to the retired firefighters of the Lansing Fire Department for your years of dedicated service to the City of Lansing. Your bravery, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to protecting our community have not gone unnoticed. The legacy you leave behind continues to be felt throughout our neighborhoods every single day; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is not only a gesture of our appreciation, but also a declaration of our steadfast support as you face burdensome increases in your health care costs. We firmly believe that those who spent their careers safeguarding Lansing should, in turn, be protected in retirement. The escalating financial burden you are being asked to bear is unacceptable, and we will not remain silent in the face of this sudden increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council calls on the City Administration and the City Attorney to act swiftly and collaboratively in finding a fair and lawful solution. We urge all parties involved to proceed with urgency and compassion to ensure that the health and dignity of our firefighter retirees are preserved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand with you, we thank you, and we will continue to fight for the respect and support you have unquestionably earned.

By President Kost to place an affirmative roll on the Resolution by unanimous consent

By President Kost to adopt a substitute for the Resolution

Motion Carried

The question being adoption of the Resolution as substituted

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: none

Ordinances for Introduction

Introduction of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, section 1460.49(a), to add a requirement that rental dwellings have insurance covering tenant relocation costs prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

Resolution #2025-170
By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of considering amending Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, section 1460.49(a), to add a requirement that rental dwellings have insurance covering tenant relocation costs prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

By Council Member Pehlivanoglu

Motion Carried

Introduction of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, to renumber 1460.51 to 1460.52; to add a new section 1460.51 to create a tenant relocation fee; to provide that the fee only be assessed when the City pays for a tenant's relocation resulting from a required vacation from residential premises because of a condition making the premises unsafe to occupy; to provide for fee waiver when the relocation costs are otherwise covered by insurance; and to provide for calculation, billing, and collection of the fee.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

Resolution #2025-171
By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of considering amending the ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, to renumber 1460.51 to 1460.52; to add a new section 1460.51 to create a tenant relocation fee; to provide that the fee only be assessed when the City pays for a tenant's relocation resulting from a required vacation from residential premises because of a condition making the premises unsafe to occupy; to provide for fee waiver when the relocation costs are otherwise covered by insurance; and to provide for calculation, billing, and collection of the fee.

By Council Member Pehlivanoglu

Motion Carried

Introduction of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, to update and correct internal references located in Section 1460.44, subsections (a) and (i), and 1460.50.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

Resolution #2025-172
By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of considering amending the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1460, to update and correct internal references located in Section 1460.44, subsections (a) and (i), and 1460.50.

By Council Member Pehlivanoglu

Motion Carried

Ordinances for Passage

Passage of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 1060 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Section 1060.08 to clarify the procedures for nuisance abatement by adding the Code Official as authorized to abate.

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: none

By Council Member Pehlivanoglu to give the Ordinance immediate effect

Motion Carried

Ordinance #1335

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 1060 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Section 1060.08 to clarify the procedures for nuisance abatement by adding the Code Official as authorized to abate.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 1060, Section 8, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

1060.08. Nuisances.

(a) *Removal or abatement.* Independent of and in addition to any other violations of this chapter, any solid waste, recyclable material and/or yard waste accumulated in a manner which is a public nuisance; any scattered solid waste, rejected items, recyclable material and/or yard waste; broken or open collection containers; yard waste collection or recyclable material containers in excess of 30 pounds; collection containers containing unacceptable materials; or collection containers placed in front of a residential site of generation contrary to any collection procedure referred to in Section 1060.05; or any bulk item accumulated beyond the time frame identified in Section 1060.12, or unacceptable bulk item or bulk item placed in front of a residential site of generation contrary to collection procedures referred to in Sections 1060.14 and 1060.15, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and is subject to removal or abatement. If a violation of this chapter is not corrected within seven days after notice is given in the manner provided in Section 1060.07 or 1060.16, respectively, then the City, through its Public Service Director~~ or authorized City official~~**, the Code Official, as defined in the International Property Management Code adopted by the City of Lansing pursuant to Ordinance 1460.01, or either of their** agent**s** or designee**s**, may remove or abate the nuisance.

(b) *Expenses.*

(1) The complete expense, including the administration costs to the City, incurred in the removal, abatement or preparation of materials for recycling shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or party in interest of the property on which or in front of which the condition existed, and shall be paid by the owner or party in interest in whose name the property appears on the City's latest real property tax assessment records. The expense shall be a penalty for income tax purposes.

(2) The complete expense incurred shall be a lien against the real property and shall be reported to the City Assessor, who shall assess the same against the property on which or in front of which the nuisance was located.

(3) The owner or party in interest in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment records shall be notified of the amount of such cost by first class mail at the address shown on the records. If he or she fails to pay the same within 30 days after mailing~~, by the City Assessor, ~~of a notice of the amount thereof, the City Assessor shall add the same to the next tax roll of the City, and such amount shall be collected in the same manner in all respects as provided by law for the collection of taxes by the City.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions are repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council, and shall expire December 31, 2033.

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

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

Liquor License; Pandoff-Hill Corporation, for a Class C license with Sunday Sales (AM/PM), Dance, Entertainment, and Outdoor Service Area, permits at 3224 E. Michigan Ave, Suite G
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Setting a Public Hearing on Brownfield Plan #80, Amendment No. 1; Pleasant Grove & Holmes Mixed-Use Redevelopment Project at 2130 W. Holmes Rd. (PEND-4104)
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Brownfield Plan #80, Amendment No. 1; Pleasant Grove & Holmes Mixed-Use Redevelopment Project at 2130 W. Holmes Rd. (PEND-4105)
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning (PEND-4105)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, funding allocations (PEND_4106)
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Setting a Public Hearing on Noise Special Permit; Hoffman Bros. Inc request to allow for the conducting work as part of the Combine Sewer Operations (CSO) 019 Project at 1038 North Larch St. (PEND-4108)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Noise Special Permit; Hoffman Bros. Inc request to allow for the conducting work as part of the Combine Sewer Operations (CSO) 019 Project at 1038 North Larch St. (PEND-4109)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Human Relations and Community Services (HRCS) General Fund Grants Report, FY2024-2025, 3rd Quarter
Referred to the Committee of the Whole and Placed on File

Budget Amendment; Fiscal Year 2024-2025 year-end adjustments (PEND-4098)
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Item(s) from President Kost re:

Extended Producer Responsibility Policy for packaging and paper products in Michigan
Referred to the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion

Fees; Tenant Relocation Fee (PEND-4102)
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Placed on File

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Communication from Aurelius Christian in support of retired Lansing Firefighters regarding healthcare costs
Placed on File

Communication from Tirstan Walters in support of retired Lansing Firefighters regarding healthcare costs
Placed on File

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Teri Daat, Inc, 815 W. Edgewood Blvd. Ste B, request for Conditional License, Transfer Ownership, escrowed 2024 SDD & SDM license with Sunday Sales (AM), Sunday Sales (PM), SDD and Sunday Sales (PM) permits, and SDM - Mixed Spirit Drink from Golden Temple, Inc. (RID #2502-01579)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; La Mulata Private Events LLC, 5334 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., request to Transfer Ownership, escrowed 2025 Class C & SDM license; new Sunday Sales Permit (PM), Outdoor Service Area, Dance-Entertainment Permit and Extended Hours (RID# 2504-05159)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Claim Appeal; Claim #2172, Salim Saad for $550 in trash violation fees at 1909 Jerome St. (PEND-4107)
Returned to OCA

Remarks by Council Members

Council Member Hussain spoke about the date of the next City Council Meeting, the recess of Constituent contact meetings, and about his email group. He also spoke about Vice President Carter’s involvement in the Liquor Control Act.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Erik Almquist spoke about various City matters.

David Ellis spoke about road safety for bikers.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

Nick Zande spoke about various City matters.

Jody Washington spoke about various City matters.

Adjourned Time 9:34 P.M.

Chris Swope

Chris Swope, City Clerk