MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, July 28, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER
Council President Kost called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT
Councilmember Jeffrey Brown
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Tamera Carter
Councilmember Trini Pehlivanoglu
Councilmember Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Ryan Kost
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson- excused

OTHERS PRESENT
Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Mark Lawrence, Mayor's Office- arrived at 6:04 p.m.
Greg Venker, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, City Attorney
Loretta Stanaway
Anthony Mullen
Nick Zande

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 14, 2025, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Public Comment
Ms. Stanaway spoke on candidates speaking to the proposed council change for attendance.

Mr. Zande spoke on the change to the ordinance for council member attendance, and opposed a candidate statement.

Discussion/Action:
RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Anthony Mullen as an At Large Member of the Board of Water and Light for a term to expire June 30,2029
Mr. Mullen stated he has been on the Commission since 2012 and outlined what he believes he brings to the Commission. His experience is in collections, and he understands when people are having issues with utility services, and is able to assist people first hand with their power and getting it addressed. His belief there are three legs to BWL; City, the rate payers,

and the employees, and his role is to help balance all three work together to provide service to residents in the greater Lansing area.

Council Member Hussain acknowledged his service so far and asked what his one accomplishment he felt was an impact while serving. Mr. Mullen stated that the event where Ultium, now LG battery factory, in providing jobs to the area and providing low cost service to rate payers and community development. Council Member Hussain acknowledged that often they hear the BWL is just rubber stamping, and asked for one time he disagreed with the GM of BWL and how he worked through that. Mr. Mullen stated that his belief is that water is a human right to survive, and with working with the GM over the last 7 years on a way to split the bill; water and power. That way if they don't have enough to pay the bill, but can pay the water then the water is not shut off to survive. There needs to be more BWL can do, and GM is thinking of whole company as a whole, cost in splitting, but Mr. Mullen stated he will continue to push to make sure the water does not get turned off. Council Member Hussain asked how he has engaged with the public so the rate payers are informed with what is going on with the Board and he can get input. Mr. Mullen stated with his jobs, he meets 100's of people daily, and uses that he educates and provides information in all his interactions; one on one.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked BWL is meeting the bench marks for clean energy if they are not State law, and Mr. Mullen stated he would continue to reach those clean energy goals even if it does not ever occur as a State law.

Council Member Brown and Garza acknowledged Mr. Mullen for his service thus far.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY MULLEN TO THE LBWL COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2029. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

<u>RESOLUTION- Set a Public Hearing; Amend Chapter 210, add Section 210.06 City Council Attendance</u>
Council Member Pehlivanoglu read through the proposed amendments in the packet, and summarized that this sets definitions, scale of penalties, sets parameters.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTON TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 11, 2025. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council Member Hussain acknowledged that they worked on this under leadership in 2024, but under Rule 2 of Council Rules could have been an easier amendment, and it was also an ask of the Charter Commission, and asked if there was a discussion before this for those two options. Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated she spoke to OCA and also heard the Charter Commission, and did not have discussion with Council Rule 2, and thought this would be the best path for least resistance.

<u>Other</u>
No other topics for discussion.

<u>Adjourn</u>
The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm
Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, August 11, 2025