



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety Special Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Pehlivanoglu called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

PRESENT

Council Member Trini Pehlivanoglu, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Kost, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Joe Neller
Andy Markovich

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 11, 2025, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Markowich provided a demolition updated for Martin Luther King MSD, known as Metro Bowl.

DISCUSSION

ORDINANCE – Adoption of the 2021 International Fire Code- Chapter 1610, Section 1610.02

Council Member Pehlivanoglu provided a brief update on the ordinance, with no questions or additional discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE – CHAPTER 1610, SECTION 1610.02. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION/RESOLUTION – Support and Encouragement for HB 4260 & 4261

Council Member Hussain summarized the resolution noting this is established to get the State legislation to move on the package on eligible expenditures and framework. One is that there has to be improvement of public safety dollars to qualify for funds.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF HB 4260 & 4261. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 654-Noise

Council Member Pehlivanoglu, in the past the Committee wanted to review and make amendments. Council Member Kost stated based on the past meetings he met with OCA and after reviewing the complete ordinance, it was best to start fresh with a new noise ordinance. OCA is currently working on, so it can be removed from the Committee until OCA has a draft. This is to address the noise on the

streets, look at state laws, other communities, and Ms. Hagen-Lawrence confirmed she will be drafting the document, and if Council Members have examples from other communities, they can provide those to her, and she has also started researching. Council Member Kost noted that there were statements made in meetings to repeal and replace, but he did not suggest those actions. Council Member Hussain asked leadership to weekly, monthly as for follow ups on the status, and Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked for it to be added back on the agenda in 3-4 weeks.

Ms. Hagen-Lawrence spoke on their process, which stated it includes review of the statutes, comparison with other communities to see what works or does not work for the City, then draft and look at OCA ordinance review meetings, where they look at it thoroughly for any issues before presented to the Council.

Council Member Kost assured the Committee that they want this addressed before the end of the year.

City TV informed the Committee that audio is not working on YouTube, but is working on TEAMS, and after the meeting the TEAMS recording will be uploaded to YouTube.

DISCUSSION– Introduction & Set Public; Zoning Ordinance Amendment; 1240.04 Define “Liquor Store”

Council Member Pehlivanoglu read the first paragraph of the ordinance which outlined the definition, and speaking to items such as businesses that are labeled suppliers, restaurants, hotels, etc. are not included in the definition.

Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated this ordinance, and the next one came from comments from these Committee members.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked if this is similar to what State of Michigan Liquor Control would define. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated they did review, and they define by license type, and they looked closely at those when crafting this.

Council Member Hussain stated he believed it was looked at by square footage. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated she was not part of the ordinance review. Council Member Hussain confirmed he was aware that there are some communities that have used this definition. Council Member Pehlivanoglu referred to the ordinance where it speaks specifically.

Council Member Kost referred to “50% of gross sales” and asked if that was State law. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated that is what they fell on because of legal and defensibility, and Council Member Kost stated he would like it to be 10%. The issue could be something similar to a grocery store with liquor as part of their sales being taken into consideration. Council Member Hussain stated he is comfortable with this as a starting point, and Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated that she believes 50% is fair. Council Member Kost provides examples of all the liquor stores that have opened up on Michigan Avenue and Kalamazoo. In conversations with liquor control commission, they are not concerned with the local concerns, so he is looking for something stronger local the city can afford. Council Member Hussain understood 50% too high, but instead of sending it to plan commission the Committee could ask OCA to look at something else. Council Member Kost asked the OCA to look at it to make it more restrictive.

Council Member Hussain noted that with the passage last night of the funding for ModPods for the homeless, these items with the liquor license address and point towards impact on the homeless.

DISCUSSION – INTRODUCTION AND SET PUBLIC HEARING; ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT; 1250.02 LIQUOR LICENSE LOCATION PROXIMITY

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted the ordinance notes to no less than 1,000 ft to another liquor store. Council Member Hussain noted the City will measure from property lines and not like Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Council Member Kost asked for OCA to look at more than 1,000 ft. Council

Member Pehlivanoglu asked about current stores, and Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated they would be preexisting.

DISCUSSION/RESOLUTION – INTRODUCTION AND SET PUBLIC HEARING CHAPTER 1060 TO ESTABLISH THE CITY AS PROVIDER FOR ALL CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Council Member Pehlivanoglu referred to the ordinance, highlighting the definition, the breakdown of recyclable items, etc.

Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated this is to bring services to one provider: the city. Noting on page 5 of the ordinance, they are waiting on the exact pounds from Public Service on line 3 of the document. That being said, this is to address vehicles on the road, bins left out and enforcement of that.

Council Member Kost added that he spoke to Mayor Schor and Mr. Kilpatrick about this, and DeWitt has universal trash collection. Some of the items he has found, is that when people have trash they end up recycling more, so his belief is this is a better way forward. This could be like an enterprise fee but would only sustain. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence noted that the Public Service department can contract to assist with this order. This allows the city to be responsible for the services. Council Member Kost stated his understanding would be that the city would be divided west east so that the city would start with the west side, contract with contractor for east side to build up and then the city moves east towards taking over the whole city. And the City has already passed in the budget bins for everyone, that should be 64. Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked if there was a discussion on cost savings.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu spoke about the “bag tag” statement in the ordinance and how would that be implemented, and where can they be purchased. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated that it would be in the department process, along with how to buy tags only. Council Member Pehlivanoglu then noted the process for waste hauler license, can a resident contract with another company for a dumpster for large clean out and this would not preclude that. Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked if the City is responsible, what makes it possible to contract with an outside company on page 10 of the ordinance, 1060.17. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence provided an example of large clean up items on remodels, where they would not utilize the cart and service from the city, but would be taken back to OCA. She did not believe that it was intended for when people were not living in the facility. Council Member Hussain stated he believes the intent is that every resident has the service and cart, but if someone can prove they have service to meet the specific need. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence she wants to go back to OCA and look at the definition.

Council Member Kost referred to 1060.18 (a).

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted there should be better clarification where it does not speak to curb side solid waste, as well.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked to wait until the next meeting, so the Committee has a solid document before presenting it to the public and council.

The Committee and OCA spoke on the time frame for answers for the document.

OTHER

No other comments.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on August 26, 2025