

AGENDA

Committee on City Operations September 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM



Lansing City Hall, City Council Conference Room
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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Council Member Brown, Chairperson
Council Member Spadafore, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Garza, Member

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes**
 - A. August 21, 2025
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
- 5. Discussion/Action:**
 - B. COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATION - Women's Center of Greater Lansing, Capital City Dragon Boat Race Fundraiser
 - C. RESOLUTION - Social District; add MEntertainment Group, Inc. dba Grewal Hall, and M & S1 LLC, dba Jollof Afro Caribbean Lounge, to the Downtown Social District
 - D. DISCUSSION - Board of Public Service Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice-Chair – arrived at 4:01
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Shirley Carter
Yanelis Lopez Rey, La Mulata
Juan Jose Alejandrez Arias, La Mulata

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 7, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion/Action

COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATION – Against All Odds, 2025 Michigan Chicken Wing Festival

Ms. Carter is the Founder and President of Against All Odds a non-profit organization that supports the underserved community and cancer survivors. Th 2025 Festival will help bring in funds to help assist the program which is 11 years old. Councilmember Garza asked if it will be held at Riverfront Park and Ms. Carter confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUEST FOR AGAINST ALL ODDS, 2025 MICHIGAN CHICKEN WING FESTIVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; 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

Councilmember Brown asked what they are planning to do with license and restaurant. Ms. Lopez noted they were able to open the restaurant but only has conditional license and are now looking for this transfer. Their plan is to help keep business going and a good location where people and family can enjoy. Councilmember Brown noted she was also part of the THRIVE program. Ms. Lopez confirmed, and they were very helpful. She had no experience in the restaurant business, and they helped with how to pay employees, and they showed her everything and were very helpful. Councilmember Garza noted he has been there, and food is amazing, no issue and it looks fabulous. Mr. Arias added they have made a lot of improvements, expanded the parking lot, people coming from all around. Very family oriented. Councilmember Brown asked if they reached out to LEDC for façade improvements. Ms. Lopez concluded they have, and they are helping with adding windows.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION LIQUOR LICENSE; 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. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:11pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on

Application for Community Funding

Organization Name: _____

Tax Id#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Person(s) and Title(s): _____

Phone Number : _____ Cell Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Event Title & Type: _____

Date of Event: _____ Time of Event: _____

- Reason for Request: (check all that apply)

Defray costs for Rental of Facility Defray costs for Set Up

Defray costs for Rental of the Showmobile Defray costs for Misc. Rental

Defray costs for "Other" (Pease Explain: _____)

- Facility Requested For Event and or Equipment (Attached a copy of the rental form)

City Park City Building Cooley Law School Stadium

Lansing Center Mobile Stage Unit Other Equipment

What is the expected rental rate for the facility requested and or equipment: \$ _____

Admission fee or registration fee for the event: \$ _____

Total Estimated Attendance: _____ Estimated Lansing Residents Attendance: _____

If your organization has applied for other City funding for this event, please list each Department and amount requested:

Please list all other organizations that are sponsoring or participating in your event:

If your organization received funding from the Lansing City Council previously please list the amount, year, and purpose:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

TOTAL amount of funds granted by the City in the previous year: \$_____

Please list any admission fee or registration fee for this event: \$_____

Along with the completion of this application, the following MUST be attached:
(Please check after each is completed and attached)

- A BUDGET FOR YOUR EVENT
- A LIST OF POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES AND HOW EACH FUNDING SOURCE WILL BE USED TOWARDS THE EVENT
- LIST OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S OFFICERS
- A COPY OF COMPLETED RESERVATION FORM OR CONTRACT FOR FACILITY FOR THE EVENT

If your request is granted, you must complete return the attached Community Funding Reporting Statement to the City Council within 60 days after the event. To be eligible for Community Funding in future fiscal years this must be completed.

Date: _____ Signed: Naomi Glogower

Expenses	\$20,405	Actual or Estimate
Dynamic Dragon Boat Racing	\$10,740	Actual
DBBR Travel	\$2,000	Estimate
DDBR Lodging	\$1,000	Estimate
DDBR Meals	\$250	Estimate
City - Application/Permit Fee (Park)	\$50	Actual
City - Special Event Permit Application	\$250	Actual
City - Rental Fee	\$150	Actual
T-shirts	\$3,600	Actual
Fire Marshal Inspection	\$125	Actual
Staff/Volunteer Food	\$150	Estimate
Security	\$225	Actual
Posters	\$60	Estimate
Team Mailing	\$0	Estimate
Sponsor Mailing	\$0	Estimate
DJ Equipment	\$250	Estimate
Portajohns	\$620	Actual
Tents, Tables, and Chairs	\$200	Estimate
Trash bins	\$180	Actual
Generator	\$555	Estimate

Funding Source	Amount
Great Wolf Lodge	\$1,000
Grewal Law	\$1,000
McLaren Health	\$1,000
Northwind Heating and Cooling	\$8,000
Addis Enterprise	\$8,000
Cosy Koi B&B	\$1,000
Notre Dame Federal Credit Union	\$5,000
Total as of 8/27/25	\$25,000

Women's Center of Greater Lansing Board of Directors

Title	Name
President	Lauren Colton
Vice President	Deborah Gowan
Treasurer	Jason Tabor
Secretary	Monica Terry
Officer	Shaneika Walker
Officer	Erin Walker
Officer	Karen Hoene
Officer	Maddie CF Beckman

City of Lansing

Department of Parks and Recreation
 2400 Hall St.
 Lansing, MI 48906

Phone: (517) 483-4276
 Payment: (517) 483-4276
 E-mail: lucy.kish@lansingmi.gov

Statement

Statement #: RT 84078
 Date: 1/18/2025
 Customer ID: Angie Wooster
 Dragon Boat Race and Festival

Bill To: Angie Wooster
 Women's Center of Greater Lansing
 1712 E Michigan Ave
 Lansing, MI 48912

Date	Type	Invoice #	Description	Amount	Payment	Balance
Payable upon receipt of statement						
			Special Event Application Fee Total	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
			Parks and Recreation Permit Fee	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
			Park Rental Fee	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
			Parks Damage Deposit	\$ -		\$ -
			Showmobile			\$ -
			Access to Electric	\$ -		\$ -
			City Water Hookup	\$ -		\$ -
			Gray Water Tank	\$ -		\$ -
			Traffic Control/Barricading			\$ -
			< 3 Electrical Panels	\$ -		\$ -
			Additional < 3 Electrical Panels	\$ -		\$ -
			Generator	\$ -		\$ -
			< 3 Water Manifolds	\$ -		\$ -
			Electrical Cords	\$ -		\$ -
			Plumbing Contractor	\$ -		\$ -
			Electrical Contractor	\$ -		\$ -
			LFD Emergency Management	\$ -		\$ -
			Uniform LPD Officer			\$ -
			LFD Safety Inspection			\$ -
				\$ 450.00	Total Due	\$ 450.00

Reminder: Please include the statement number on your check.

REMITTANCE	
Customer Name:	
Customer ID:	Angie Wooster
Statement #:	RT 84078
Date:	1/18/2025
Amount Due:	\$450.00
Amount Enclosed:	

BY THE COMMITTEE ON CITY OPERATIONS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Women’s Center of Greater Lansing requested \$500 to defray costs for a special event permit associated with their event, “Capital City Dragon Boat Race” to be held September 14, 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 September 4, 2025, reviewed the request, and approved \$500.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to Women’s Center of Greater Lansing in the amount of \$500 to defray costs for a special event permit associated with their event “Capital City Dragon Race” to be held on September 14, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$500 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.956289.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Women’s Center of Greater Lansing 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.

Resolution #2025-###

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

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2021-093, the City of Lansing established three Social Districts within the City, the Downtown Social District, the REO Town Social District, and the Old Town Social District; and

WHEREAS, MIEntertainment Group, Inc. d/b/a Grewal Hall at 224, located at 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933 is located within the previously established commons area of the Downtown Social District; and

WHEREAS, M & S1 LLC, d/b/a Jollof Afro Caribbean Lounge, located at 221 S. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933 is located within the previously established commons area of the Downtown Social District; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on September 3, 2025 to review the request with affirmative action taken; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby approves the request for MIEntertainment Group, Inc. d/b/a Grewal Hall at 224, located at 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933 to be added as a qualified licensee to the Downtown Social District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby approves M & S1 LLC, d/b/a Jollof Afro Caribbean Lounge, located at 221 S. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933 to be added as a qualified licensee to the Downtown Social District.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the City Clerk shall notify the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the addition of the above entity as qualified licensees who may apply for a social district permit.



Andy Schor, Mayor

PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Wastewater Division
1625 Sunset Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48917
(517) 483-4404

<http://publicservice.cityoflansingmi.com/pubwater/>

August 14, 2025

Mr. Chris Swope
City Clerk
City Hall
Lansing, Michigan

RE: Board of Public Service: Budget Priorities Resolution for FY 2026/27

Dear Mr. Swope:

The attached resolution was adopted at the Board of Public Service meeting held August 14, 2025.

Please place it on the Council Agenda.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Tate
Recording Secretary

Attachment

LANSING BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE BUDGET PRIORITIES RESOLUTION

AUGUST 14, 2025

RESOLVED, recognizing the financial challenges facing the City of Lansing (“City”) and its Public Service Department (“Department”), including the Department’s obligations to comply with numerous mandates (including unfunded mandates) the Lansing Board of Public Service supports the efforts of the Department.

RESOLVED, the Board of Public Service supports and recommends the following budget priorities to the Lansing City Council for consideration with Council's Budget Policies and Priorities for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027:

1. Increase general fund support for the City's Street System Asset Management Plan, prioritizing the reconstruction and preservation of neighborhood streets, particularly in historically underserved areas. We also encourage the Department to explore and implement traffic calming measures and public safety policies, and innovative methods to extend the lifespan of existing streets;
2. Increase funding for sidewalk repair, right-of-way maintenance and improvements, with a priority on underserved areas. Ensure that all efforts prioritize safety for Lansing residents and visitors and comply with or exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
3. Ensure stable funding mechanisms to update and improve the city vehicle fleet. Additionally, explore cost-saving strategies such as renting specialized vehicles or equipment as needed, increasing the use of pool vehicles, and reimbursing employees for using their personal vehicles instead of providing city-owned vehicles;
4. As the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Project nears completion, the city must identify a sustainable funding source to maintain the separated stormwater system and address unfunded liabilities, particularly for stormwater treatment. This effort should include continued investment in education and workforce training, as well as strong collaboration with federal, state, county, and local governments, along with key non-governmental partners;
5. Develop and implement a solid waste plan for the City that enhances efficiency, reduces costs, and minimizes overall waste generation. The plan should focus on maximizing waste diversion from landfills through increased recycling, and composting;
6. Implement the energy audit recommendations as feasible to maximize efficiency and reduce the costs of maintaining City facilities. Adopt a cost recovery model where departments cover the full costs of the facilities they use, while also working to reduce the City of Lansing's carbon footprint;

RESOLVED, that any savings generated by the Department through improved efficiencies in service delivery and other areas should be retained within the Public Service Department.