



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

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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. The 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 SPADAFORÉ 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 September 4, 2025