



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Public Safety Special Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Conference Room, 10<sup>th</sup> 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  
Abood, OCA  
Joe Neller  
Irene Iris Cotton  
Charles Houser, Granger

**MINUTES**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 12, 2025, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Houser acknowledged the Committee for withdrawing the amendments to the solid waste ordinance.

**DISCUSSION**

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Irene Iris Cotton; At Large Member; Board of Police Commissioners; Term to Expire June 30, 2029

Ms. Cotton was not present at the time of the start of the meeting and this item was moved to later in the agenda.

DISCUSSION– Ordinance Amendment; 1240.04 Define “Liquor Store”

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted at the last meeting there was a discussion on gross sales.

Ms. Hagen- Lawrence noted that changing to the lower percentage of the 50% threshold was not possible and they did not recommend it. They did modified to include considerations for tobacco sales, vaping, nicotine to be considered in the “sales”.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu referred to an email to all Council from Mr. James Denning.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO MOVE THE DRAFT ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Ms. Boak was asked when it would be before the Planning Commission and she assured them that it would be sent to the EDP department along with draft minutes and would update the Committee on when it will be in front of the Commission.

DISCUSSION – Amendment; 1250.02 liquor license location proximity

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted at the last meeting there was a discussion on the distance which was 1,000 and now it is proposed as 2,500.

Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated they considered the new distance because it is the maximum distance that has been upheld in these types of challenges and is defensible.

Council Member Kost spoke in support of the ordinance changes.

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO MOVE THE DRAFT ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

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RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Irene Iris Cotton; At Large Member; Board of Police Commissioners; Term to Expire June 30, 2029

Council Member Pehlivanoglu welcomed Ms. Cotton and asked her to provide the Committee an update on her appointment in 2024. Ms. Cotton stated she is still learning, people recognized she is on the Board and they can bring her their concerns. She assured them she has been going out to the community neighborhood events and letting people who she is and introducing them to Board members.

Council Member Hussain asked if this was her first or second term, and it was clarified she was filling a term and this would be her first full term. She was then asked if she has done a ride around or attend a line up, and she confirmed she has not done either of those and Council Member Hussain encouraged her to participate in those items. Council Member Hussain asked what events she has been going to, to engage community input. Ms. Cotton stated she has attended the Board meetings that have been scheduled, plans to schedule a ride along, chair of the LPD hiring committee for the Board and updates the Board on the hiring and recruiting. Council Member Hussain asked if there have been times where she has taken the opposition stance or unpopular stance, and she stated to this point she has not and would be comfortable if it came to that.

Council Member Kost asked Ms. Cotton asked her again if she has the time to make the meetings, and Ms. Cotton stated she has made them all but one since she was appointed, due to being ill. (February – March). Council Member Kost asked if she attended the May meeting, and Ms. Cotton stated that might have been the meeting she was sick.

Ms. Cotton then elaborated on what she has learned so far in recognizing people, city attorneys, and she is learning how to navigate each role on the Board.

Council Member Kost asked how the Chair of the Board has helped and she confirmed the Chair of the Board has helped and provided direction.

Council Member Hussain encouraged the Board to disagree without being disagreeable, and it should not be a “rubber stamp” commission.

**MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF IRENE IRIS COTTON; AT LARGE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

**OTHER**

No other comments.

**ADJOURN**

Adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on September 9, 2025