



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Kost called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Jeffrey Brown
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Tamera Carter
Councilmember Trini Pehlivanoglu
Councilmember Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Mark Lawrence, Mayor's Office- arrived at 5:35 p.m.
Greg Venker, City Attorney
Jennifer Czeiszperger, Assessor
Cathleen Edgerly, DLI
Jim DeLine, Ethics Board
Loretta Stanaway

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 25, 2025, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment

Ms. Stanaway spoke on the budget priorities that Council will be speaking on. She asked that police, fire, public service and parks and recreation, equipment and training should all be funded at 100%. Ms. Stanaway spoke specifically on items she encouraged them to remove.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION –Set a Public Hearing; Special Assessment; Principal Shopping District 2025 Roll

Ms. Czeiszperger and Ms. Edgerly summarized the roll that is proposed reflects the 3% increase for the 2025 roll. It has been updated to include name changes and sales since May when it was first submitted. The hearing date proposed is September 22, 2025.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE HEARING ON THE PSD 2025 ROLL FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2025. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Lawsuit Settlement; Participation in the Sandoz Opioid Settlement Agreement

Mr. Venker outlines this agenda item and the following two by stating that the three are because the City is a group of plaintiffs, and in order to proceed as the government entity, there needs to be these resolutions to opt into continuing the settlement. These are rough settlements, but to proceed the court needs to see how many in the groups of plaintiffs are willing to continue. Once the settlement is completed, there would be a second set of resolutions before Council to amend the budget to receive those funds.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu referred to Item E., she asked about the sentence “free pharmaceuticals.”

Mr. Venker stated the abatement portion is to pay back the City what they have already expended. For the generic manufacturers, they didn’t all make the drug, or in the chain of selling to make, part of that settlement for the future is to provide free pharmaceuticals or money in lieu of that.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE SANDOZ OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Lawsuit Settlement; Participation in the Purdue/Sackler Opioid Settlement Agreement and Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE PURDUE/SACKLER OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MICHIGAN STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Lawsuit Settlement; Participation in the Generic Manufacturers Opioid Settlement Agreement and Michigan State- Subdivision Agreement

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE GENERIC MANUFACTURERS OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MICHIGAN STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

DISCUSSION – Board of Ethics Rules of Procedures

Mr. DeLine, chair of the City of Lansing Board of Ethics, the Board was looking at these rules, which had not been updated since 1996. There were several items that did not “age” well, and some typos. In the packet is the proposed version, and so he highlighted some of the changes. Including, they no longer update by “fax” but changed the language to cover email. The old rules stated 18 hours for a meeting, and they changed that to 24 hour notice for a meeting. Another change was instead of Mason’s Rules of Order, they changed to Robert’s Rules of Order.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO PLACE ON FILE THE BOARD OF ETHICS RULES OF PROCEDURES. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

DISCUSSION – Resolution on the Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Council President Kost noted this document now is the beginning draft and making Committee aware they will be seeing these. Council Member Hussain noted the vast majority from last were incorporated into the current budget, so they can removed; the sidewalks, feasibility study, etc. Council Member Jackson noted that in the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion this Wednesday, and the agenda has this item encouraging anyone that wants to be part of the discussion, they can attend this meeting.

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee September 22, 2025