



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety Special Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 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 4:00pm

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Patrick Abood, OCA
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP
Joe Neller

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 26, 2025, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION– Committee Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted this is to review what might get suggested. Councilmember Kost suggested removing #2 the LFD apprenticeship, and for #3 adding another Commercial Corridor Specialist, acknowledging Mr. Driver could use some help. Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted the possibility of a Northwest CIA and asked Mr. VanFossen for a report on enforcement in that area. Mr. VanFossen noted he could get that. Councilmember Kost asked when the inspectors are out do they just do that property or look around. Mr. VanFossen answered it depends on the job and day of week, if it's a follow up from Lansing Connect and enough time.

Councilmember Kost ask what the turnaround time on Lansing Connect is. Mr. VanFossen stated it depends on the violation but supposed to be assigned within 24hrs of receipt, with exception to weekends. Adding, compliance could be a month because of letters sent out, then if need the courts involvement. Councilmember Kost complimented EDP on the comments and feedback the officers have been putting in.

Councilmember Kost went back to the priorities, #1 instead of portable speed bumps ask for permanent speed bumps or raised crosswalk in amount of \$500,000 he believes was in the Mayor's infrastructure budget portion. Councilmember Hussain suggest removing the dollar amount but based on the success of the portable bump. Councilmember Hussain suggested continue funding for the LFD apprenticeship program and adding funding for 3-6 of each LFD/LPD.

Councilmember Kost asked Mr. VanFossen if temporary help or retirees would catch them up on caseload, Mr. VanFossen stated he'd have to inquire with HR and the Union noting the requirement of two certificates with IPMC. Councilmember Hussain asked what EDP would ask for if they could, Mr. VanFossen acknowledged minimum two Code Enforcement Officers. He also said they are good on clerical staff and have five that support Code Enforcement Officers. Councilmember Kost then asked about technology, and Mr. VanFossen responded they would be asking for funding as well but there was no dollar amount in mind yet.

The consensus of the Committee is the following budget priorities:

1. Permanent Speed Bumps/Raised Crosswalk – where portable speed bumps were successful
2. Continue/Sustain Funding – LFD apprenticeship/inter program
3. Two additional Code Enforcement Officers
4. Funding for in-filed technology for Code Enforcement Officers
5. Funding for 3-6 of each for LFD and LPD

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu reminded the Committee there will be one more meeting to review.

DISCUSSION– 30 Oldest NEAT Properties and their Status – Economic Development & Planning Office

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted she didn't have time to review completely due to the time of receipt and asked the Committee for input. Councilmember Kost asked if 1115 Regent was the one previously discharged because the owner stated he was going to retire in the house. Mr. VanFossen is unsure of the address, but noted some cleared off red tag status. Councilmember Pehlivanoglu asked if receiving the list quarterly with the oldest 30 meets the needs of the Committee. Councilmember Hussain asked how the most urgent determined, Mr. VanFossen noted it is oldest, and the current list does have 39 on it, so when they fall off the next get pulled up.

Councilmember Kost asked about a property behind Handy's Market, Mr. VanFossen determined it is 1342 N. Walnut a decision was to not use the bid, then there was confusion with the County and ultimately agreed it was the City's and getting a new bid and proceeding.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu mentioned there are several notes with Administrative search warrant next step, what is the timeline. Mr. VanFossen noted again depending what the officer has on schedule, if no other priorities should submit the warrant request to law for review within a week, this gives the officer time for updated photos, then approval and get on magistrate schedule then 7-14 days to execute order. Mr. VanFossen then confirmed all code and premise officer positions have been filled, with 6 still training.

It was the consensus of the Committee that receiving the list quarterly and the oldest 30 is sufficient.

Councilmember Kost asked about 1612 Martin that is not on the list, Mr. VanFossen confirmed utility disconnect was bottlenecked and delayed with a fence issue, and are now waiting on the escalation report to move forward. Mr. VanFossen lastly mentioned two more properties, Metro Bowl the owner was waiting on disconnect, finally got feedback yesterday confirmed owner spoke to BWL and now waiting for schedule date. Also, they are only granting temporary parking until end of year. Adding 1033 Shepard was torn down. Finishing moving forward when they are at this point on utilities they will be going directly to their point of contact to speed up.

OTHER

No other topics at this time.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:48p.m.

Submitted by

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on September 23, 2025