



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Development & Planning**  
**Wednesday, September 10, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**City Council Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Garza called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Council Member Jeremy Garza, Chair  
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair  
Council Member Ryan Kost, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Renee Richmond, Council Staff  
Daniel Duchane, OCA  
Andy Fedewa, EDP  
Scott Thomas, Consumers Energy

**Minutes**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE AUGUST 27, 2025, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**Discussion/Action:**

**RESOLUTION- Act-3-2025; Utility Easement 2020 and 2600 E Mount Hope Avenue for Consumer Energy**

Mr. Fedewa summarized the request from Consumers Energy for a 15ft easement at Evergreen Cemetery and Fenner Nature Center on E. Mt. Hope Avenue to install underground natural gas lines. Recapping a similar request last year with questions on disruption and/or closed streets, they asking again, and there is no anticipated closings to the Cemetery or Fenner Nature Center. Indicating they have met with Mr. Kaschinske and toured the site and don't expect issues, there will be tree removals. Part of the site restoration anything removed will be replaced. Councilmember Garza asked how many feet from right of way, Mr. Fedewa stated 33 feet.

Councilmember Kost asked if they are cutting inside of the fence that runs along the cemetery and park or other side. Mr. Thomas answered Mr. Kaschinske, and the construction manager walked the site, and they will need to string pipe and weld, they will need the extra space and take the fence down. Councilmember Kost asked how deep into the park, Mr. Thomas responded they estimate another 20-30 feet in few areas, adding the tree count is 23. Councilmember Kost

asked if they are mature trees, Mr. Thomas believes so, and they have a price worked out and will be shipped in.

Councilmember Hussain asked regarding the easement, whether there is a standard compensation term. Mr. Thomas responded yes 60-80% of property value, price is \$10,000 an acre for park and cemetery, and it is just over \$10,000. Councilmember Hussain then asked if this is a new service or replacement, and a timeline expected. Mr. Thomas noted replacing 8 inch line from 1960 they will be capping and replacing. Mr. Thomas stated they will start early spring around March, bore in April/May, and that they will go for 4 months. Councilmember Garza inquired about any other utilities to worry about and what size pipe. Mr. Thomas responded unaware of other utilities and 12 inch steel pipe.

Councilmember Kost inquired if the replacement trees are seedlings. Mr. Fedewa stated the minimum is 2 caliper inches, which is usually a few years old but unsure if decided what type of trees. Councilmember Garza asked where there conversations with Fenner on the type of trees being removed. Mr. Thomas answered Fenner is doing a bird migration right now so that is why they are waiting. Councilmember Garza asked Mr. Fedewa if they could find out the results of the bird study before the Committee decides. Councilmember Kost also asked for some photos and species of trees.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON 09/24/2025. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Garza requested Mr. Kaschinske be invited to the next meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION– Committee Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026/2027**

The Committee reviewed the priorities from the previous year and removed item 3, and kept 1, 2, 4, and 5 with a request to invite Mr. Kris Klein from LEDC to speak on item 1, if they are using it, and in terms of FTE, support programming and what they need.

Councilmember Garza requested to add funding for Neighborhood Revitalization & Housing Stabilization, this complements the façade improvement grants by focusing not only on commercial corridors but also on strengthening residential neighborhoods and preventing further property decline with an annual report to Council on the number of homes assisted, neighborhoods impacted, and how this stabilizes the local tax base.

#### **OTHER**

No other topics.

#### **ADJOURN**

Adjourned at 3:52p.m.

Submitted by, Renee Richmond Recording Secretary,  
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on September 24, 2025