



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
September 22, 2025**

Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kost.

PRESENT: Council Members Carter, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Kost, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore

ABSENT: Council Member Brown

A quorum was present.

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kost.

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

By Vice President Carter

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of September 8, 2025

Motion Carried

Special Ceremonies

Appointment; Tracie Anne Kent as an At-Large member of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners for a term ending June 30, 2028

Resolution #2025-222

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for the appointment of Tracie Anne Kent as an At-Large member of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed with this resolution, that they have vetted the applicant based on the original application and believes that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on September 22, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Tracie Anne Kent as an At-Large member of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

By Vice President Carter

Motion Carried

Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Tracie Anne Kent as an At-Large member of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council President Kost wished Vice-President Carter a happy first wedding anniversary.

Council Member Hussain spoke about the upcoming constituent contact meeting for South-West Lansing.

City Clerk Swope announced that ballots for the upcoming election will be mailed soon. He also announced upcoming Informational Sessions of the Charter Commission.

Community Event Announcements

Nicklas Zande spoke about the Old Everett Neighborhood meeting schedule.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about the annual Lansing Historic Cemetery Fall Walking Tour.

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on Legislative Matters

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

Mayor's Comments

Executive Assistant to Mayor Schor, Mark Lawrence shared that Mayor Schor would not be attending the City Council meeting because of the Rosh Hashanah holiday.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

Brownfield Plan #89; Turner North Development, 1400 block of Turner St.

Act-2-2025; Sale of City Property; Lot 57, 1400 block of Turner St.

Amending Chapter 887 to add Section 887.10, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), Evergreen Townhomes, 900 Long Blvd. for workforce housing

Amending Chapter 206 to adjust the threshold for requiring bidding

Special Assessment; Principal Shopping District 2025 Roll

Vice President Carter, Council Member Garza, and Council Member Hussain gave overviews of the hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Clerk Swope acknowledged several written communications.

Joseph Mole spoke in support of Brownfield Plan #89; Turner North Development, and Act-2-2025; Sale of City Property; Lot 57.

Samantha Benson spoke in support of Brownfield Plan #89; Turner North Development, and Act-2-2025; Sale of City Property; Lot 57.

Terry Terry spoke in support of Brownfield Plan #89; Turner North Development, and Act-2-2025; Sale of City Property; Lot 57.

Justin Golden spoke in support of to add Section 887.10, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), Evergreen Townhomes, 900 Long Blvd.

Meghan Bakken spoke in support of to add Section 887.10, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), Evergreen Townhomes, 900 Long Blvd.

Jake Kolka spoke in support of to add Section 887.10, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), Evergreen Townhomes, 900 Long Blvd.

Julie Mullins spoke in support of to add Section 887.10, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), Evergreen Townhomes, 900 Long Blvd.

Legislative Matters

Referral of Public Hearings

Brownfield Plan #89; Turner North Development, 1400 block of Turner St.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Act-2-2025; Sale of City Property; Lot 57, 1400 block of Turner St.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Amending Chapter 887 to add Section 887.10, Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), Evergreen Townhomes, 900 Long Blvd. for workforce housing
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Amending Chapter 206 to adjust the threshold for requiring bidding
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Special Assessment; Principal Shopping District 2025 Roll
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Carter

To approve all remaining items on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

Resolution #2025-223

By Council Members Brown, Carter, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Kost, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church originally organized as a mission was established in 1925 in the home Brother Wesley and Sister Lula Austin laying a foundation for a thriving faith community, fostering spiritual education outreach, and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, in 1926 the mission was officially organized as Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend W.L. Hunt as Pastor. Throughout the years growing in faith and presence in various locations in Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in 1952 Reverend E.M. Loggins was elected as Pastor and under his leadership the church grew, and the building was enlarged to include a baptismal pool, and in 1963 the construction of a new church building at 1317 Ballard was completed; and

WHEREAS, in 1966 Reverend J.E. Graves was called to Pastor and in 1972 the mortgage for 1317 Ballard was paid off, and in 1989 was re-named the J.E. Graves Education Center used for multiple functions for the church and community; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Pastor H. Levi McClendon, III was called to Pastor, and in 2006 with the newly renamed Mt. Zion All Nations Bible Church led the church in a multi-million dollar Worship and Ministry facility located in DeWitt, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Pastor H. Levi McClendon, III continues to lead Mt. Zion All Nations Bible Church fostering outreach relationships, breaking down racial barriers with diversity and sensitivity along with surrounding community churches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby, congratulate Mt. Zion All Nations Bible Church on their 100th Anniversary, remarkable history of achievements, and bright future.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-224

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Anishinaabe Friendship Center requested \$500 to defray costs for the park rental fee associated with their event, "Dance by the River Traditional POW WOW" to be held September 27, 2025 & September 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is \$500; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on September 22, 2025, reviewed the request, and approved \$1,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to Anishinaabe Friendship Center in the amount of \$1,000 to defray costs for the park rental fee associated with their event "Dance by the River Traditional POW WOW" to be held on September 27 & September 28, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$1,000 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.956289.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinaabe Friendship Center shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account as to contributors, funds received, expended and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

Reports From City Officers, Boards, and Commissions; Communications and Petitions; and Other City Related Matters

By Vice President Carter that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Kost make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

Item(s) from the City Clerk re:

Minutes of Boards and Commissions placed on file in the Clerk's Office
Placed on File

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Act-4-2025; Drain Easement, 2400-2500 blocks of N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. for the Capital Region Airport Authority
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Noise Special Permit; Public Service Department request to allow for the Lansing Avenue Pump Station (LAPS) Project at 1701/1711 Lansing Ave.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Setting a Public Hearing on Noise Special Permit; Public Service Department request to allow for the Lansing Avenue Pump Station (LAPS) Project at 1701/1711 Lansing Ave.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 6255 Marywood Ave.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 6255 Marywood Ave.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 509 Baker St
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 509 Baker St
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 906 Prospect St.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 906 Prospect St.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 5210 S Washington Ave.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 5210 S Washington Ave.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Grant Acceptance; Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Sole Source Purchase; Police Department notification of All City Management Services as the vendor for the staffing, training, and management of the City of Lansing's School Crossing Guard program
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Sole Source Purchase; Fire Department notification of Impact Rescue as the vendor for the purchase of Holmatro Extrication Equipment
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Sole Source Purchase; Information Technology Department notification of Orion Workforce Software for Police Department scheduling
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Reappointment; Becky Pena and Danielle Grubaugh to the Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections Advisory Board for terms expiring September 17, 2028
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Appointment; Jason Cords to serve on the Community Corrections Advisory Board as the business community representative to a term expiring September 17, 2028
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Claim Appeal; Claim #2180, Tasneem Sirag for \$750.00 in board up fees at 6244 Beechfield Dr.
Placed on file

Claim Appeal; Claim #2187, Leander Smith for \$115 in failure to comply fees at 1127 Westmoreland Ave.
Placed on file

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Greg Pratt spoke about Advent House Ministries and the Human Relations and Community Services Department Director.

Michael Morofsky spoke about a semi-truck parked long term on a residential street.

Erik Almquist spoke about Walter French Housing unit.

Nicklas Zande spoke about his request for CATA bus route expansion.

Ivan Droste spoke about the encampment near Dietrich Park.

Joanne Galloway spoke about various City matters.

Jody Washington spoke about various City matters.

Carver spoke about general citizen safety concerns.

Michael Mercer from Delhi Township spoke about City trees and sidewalks.

Adjourned Time 8:02 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Swope". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Swope, City Clerk