



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, October 9, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Brown called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

PRESENT

Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice-Chair
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member - excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Christopher Green-Szmadzinski
Mike Dombrowski
Nate Scramlin
Brian Hight, Public Service Dept.
Mitch Whisler, Public Service Dept.

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Christopher Green-Szmadzinski as the 2nd Ward member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2026

Mr. Green-Szmadzinski explained he lives in Ward 2, there was an opening on the Board, and he wanted to get involved, enjoys walking through the parks. Councilmember Spadafore asked if he had time to serve, Mr. Szmadzinski confirmed, and can attend Council on October 13th.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER GREEN-SZMADZINSKI AS THE 2ND WARD MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Mike Dombrowski as the 1st Ward member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 3029

Mr. Dombrowski explained this is a reappointment and loves the parks and would love to continue to serve.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MIKE DOMBROWSKI AS THE 1ST WARD MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 3029. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Nate Scramlin as an At-Large member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2029

Mr. Scramlin explained this is a reappointment as well, and things are going well. Has been on the board for about 5 years, trying to get more input since parks are for the public.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NATE SCRAMLIN AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE PARK BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2029. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; Zick and Nach Foods LLC for a SDM and Class C License, Sunday Sales (AM/PM), Entertainment, Additional Bar (1) and Social District Permits at 1218 Turner St

Ms. Richmond noted Mr. Sinicropi was traveling out of the country, he attempted to have his attorney to attend but was unsuccessful. This request is for Good Truckin Diner on Turner Street. Councilmember Spadafore asked law if there were any issues, Mr. Staples did not see any red flags.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LIQUOR LICESENE; ZICK AND NACH FOODS LLC FOR A SDM AND CLASS C LICENSE, SUNDAY SALES (AM/PM), ENTERTAINMENT, ADDITIONAL BAR (1) AND SOCIAL DISTRICT PERMITS AT 1218 TURNER ST. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Noise Special Permit; Set 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.

Mr. Hight stated this is a request to move forward and prepare for unseen delays, they are starting later than expected, and use Saturdays to catch up and will reapply in 2026 if needed. He has not heard of any complaints from the neighbors. Councilmember Brown asked if they have reached out to the residents. Mr. Hight indicated the contractor has been in contact with them and no issues reported. Councilmember Spadafore asked if they where working Saturday's now, Mr. Hight responded no. Councilmember Spadafore asked the Committee to work with Council Leadership to do the hearing and approval in the same night.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DATE TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 1, 2025, FOR THE NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; SET 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. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 18-002; regulate parking along the south side of Bridgeport Drive in front of 4035 Bridgeport Drive

Mr. Whisler summarized the request and recommend making it permanent.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 18-002; REGULATE PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF BRIDGEPORT DR. IN FRONT OF 4035 BRIDGEPORT DR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 18-030; install a stop sign on Woodrow Avenue at Ray Street

Mr. Whisler stated Public Service conducted and investigate for sight distance from request of a resident, no reported crash history from 2010-2014. Safe approach speed study of 10mph identified, recommends moving forward.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 18-030; INSTALL A STOP SIGN ON WOODROW AVENUE AT RAY STREET. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 23-15; install a yield sign on Joshua Street at Kaynorth Road

Mr. Whisler determined sight distance from city work request for missing stop sign, there was no record of a sign, so study conducted, 15mph speed study. Based on information they recommend yield sign installed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 23-15; INSTALL A YIELD SIGN ON JOSHUA STREET AT KAYNORTH ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-12; regulate parking along the 100 block of E. Lenawee Street

Mr. Whisler noted CATA approached with a request to modify to allow for bus parking and loading/unloading zone, recommend change to create a parking/loading zone. Councilmember Brown asked does it affect zoning code, Mr. Whisler answered no.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-12; REGULATE PARKING ALONG THE 100 BLOCK OF E. LENAWEE STREET. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-13; regulate parking along River Street between Hazel Street and Elm Street

Mr. Whisler received a request from a resident to modify parking in front of address, more of an industrial area so not much parking is currently allowed. Recommend change to allow parking on west side of street. Councilmember Brown asked for more of an explanation on the diagram, Mr. Whisler noted the area there is the no parking, they requested on the west side to allow for parking. Councilmember Brown confirmed the east side does not allow and now on west side, Mr. Whisler answered yes.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-13; REGULATE PARKING ALONG RIVER STREET BETWEEN HAZEL STREET AND ELM STREET. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-14; regulate parking along 400 block of W. Washtenaw Street between Pine Street and Walnut Street

Mr. Whisler received a request form the parking office on loading zone on Washington, a portion was blocking a driveway, recommend adjust of load zone to not block driveway.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-14; REGULATE PARKING ALONG 400 BLOCK OF W. WASHTENAW STREET BETWEEN PINE STREET AND WALNUT STREET. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-15; install a stop sign on Florence St. at Ray St.

Mr. Whisler Public Service Department did a routine traffic sign check and during the investigation a sign was twisted and damaged. A study was conducted and a speed study of 11mph, no reported crash of 5 year study, recommend.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-15; INSTALL A STOP SIGN ON FLORENCE ST. AT RAY ST. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-16; regulate parking along Tranter St.

Mr. Whisler after some parking modifications on Tranter CATA approached with additional modification to include some ADA spaces and see no issues.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-16; REGULATE PARKING ALONG TRANTER ST. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-17; regulate parking along Jay Street

Mr. Whisler noted the department received a request form the Nuthouse restaurant for access to a dumpster and request for a loading zone, no issues and recommend make permanent.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-17; REGULATE PARKING ALONG JAY STREET. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Councilmember Spadafore asked what the ways are to contact Public Service Department for these type of requests. Mr. Whisler responded they can contact the department directly, go online through Lansing Connect, or write a letter.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:25pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

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Approved by the Committee on November 6, 2025