



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, October 28, 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 4:00 pm

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP
Patrick Abood, OCA
Joe Neller, SIMBTOB

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Council Member Hussain asked if anyone had an update on Mr. Mulkey concerns, and Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated she reached out but did not hear back, and Council Member Kost stated he did work on it and they are getting a traffic trailer out there.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 14, 2025, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Neller referred to Item E on the agenda, and 12 items on the list. 1421 E. Kalamazoo was inspected on October 24, 2025 and passed for rental renewal. 1400 Georgetown, SIMTOB was contracted with a 3rd party and they were not satisfied with 3rd party and terminated that, and on November 4th they are waiting on their rental certificate.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION – Introduce and Set Public Hearing; Zoning Amendment 1240.04 Define “Liquor Store”

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE SO THAT DISCUSSION CAN CONTINUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted at the last meeting there were four points in the EDP minutes, and Committee asked OCA if there was a reason or possibility to add them. These four points were also in the next item as well. The following points were:

- Add “Liquor Store” to the allowable use table or specify in which districts “Liquor Store” should require a special land use.
- Additional distance requirements from other land uses such as schools, child care centers, parks, places of worship, libraries, or places of assembly. Currently liquor stores are restricted 500 feet form a school or place of worship. (Code of Ordinance 830.03).

- Restrict drive-through or walk-up windows from building.
- Additional site development or architectural standards.

OCA and EDP was asked for their opinion on incorporating those points. Ms. Hagen Lawrence stated that following the last meeting, OCA was working directly with EDP, and it is not as easy as inserting, they need to map out the City and make sure the proposals are not inclusionary. They hope to have a draft with EDP incorporating points within the next council weeks.

Council Member Kost asked for an exact time, and Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated she could not promise something, and EDP is actively working on with OCA, and they are motivated to get to Committee quickly. Council Member Kost asked if they can move on with this and then amend later. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated their option is to set hearing and move forward, and if there are amendments, it would have to go back to Planning Commission, public hearing, and then back to Council Committee, public hearing, etc. Council Member Kost asked if drive-thru liquor stores are illegal per State law, and Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated she would have to check on that. Council Member Pehlivanoglu acknowledged clarity would be good, and asked the Committee if they feel it is worth moving forward on all the points. Council Member Pehlivanoglu considered getting all details out first before moving forward in the process. Council Member Hussain spoke on past experience where the Council has moved forward and then amended and it was not clear for the public.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO TABLE FOR A FUTURE MEETING UNTIL THE OCA AND ADMINISTRATION HAS REVIEWED THE PROPOSED FOUR POINTS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Hussain referred to a statement by the City Clerk on publishing Ordinances and 9 days, at the Council meeting 10/27/2025, and asked if “immediate effect” be placed in the ordinance initially to avoid the clerk not publishing immediately. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated that effective date is per Charter 30 day after adopted, and needs to be published to be effective. An ordinance requires 5 votes, and action for immediate effect is 6 votes, and she would brainstorm to see what can be done. Council Member Hussain stated his struggles, but there seems to be issuing with City Pulse publishing once a week. Council Member Kost asked if Charter says Clerk has to publish, and Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated the Charter does say the City Clerk has to publish. Council Member Hussain reiterated his frustration that Council does all this action, but the Clerk is determining when to publish. He then asked Council leadership to work with the City Clerk, and Council Member Kost stated they can look at other publications. Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked if it has to be in a physical newspaper or something online. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated the Charter speaks to a “newspaper” in general circulation.

RESOLUTION – Introduce and Set Public Hearing; Zoning Amendment 1250.02, Liquor License Location Proximity

Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated that since this is a companion to Agenda item B, this will remain tabled for the same reason.

DISCUSSION – City Attorney Update on Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 654-Noise

Council Member Pehlivanoglu referred to a draft 4 that Committee just received today after 3pm. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence was asked to go over the Draft 4, and with that she noted this draft takes away from decibel readings and requirements, adopts a plainly audible standard, and what something has to be at certain times of day to be a violation. The definitions did not change, she highlighted “plainly audible” on page 4. There were changes to the motor vehicle section on page 8, with b. and c. speaks to the large discharge from vehicles; d. and e. are noise of a vehicle, sound in a vehicle and music. On page 9 speaks to violation and that the owner of the vehicle is responsible for the violation. With 654.07, it is used generally for enforcement and the changes began on page 10-11 of the draft. The new portions provides for an instance where there are not separate properties and they are in a multi family dwelling. The only change is in line 7 on page 11 “in excess of fifteen consecutive minutes”.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked if this addresses a noise disturbance, and when LPD arrives it is not a disturbance anymore. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated she is waiting on more comprehensive feedback, and this situation would allow for someone in the apartment and take a video for 15 minutes and submit a complaint and that could be used. Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked if this would allow a neighbor to submit a video to LPD, because hearing from residents that was not sufficient. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence stated what that does lacking is who is making the noise. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence continued going through the draft, page 12 speaks to loading and unloading. They standardized the times in the document because there were multiple timing breakdowns. Regarding the time in domestic power tools they could change to 8 pm to 7 am. There was an exemption for public facilities and schools.

The Committee spoke briefly and the cleanup which addresses a lot of the complaints the Council is hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO INTRODUCE AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2025 TO AMEND CHAPTER 654. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Code Compliance – Corridor Enforcement- Economic Development Planning (EDP)

Council Member Kost stated he did a ride-along with Code, and it makes sense while list is long. They visited 2 houses in 4 hours, and it takes time. Just because it “sent letter” doesn’t mean no other action was taken, and this report is just giving a glimpse of said action.

Mr. Van Fossen stated he had nothing to add.

OTHER

No other topics at this time.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 25, 2025