



**MINUTES**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Monday, January 5, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.**  
**Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER**

City Clerk Swope called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Councilmember Tamera Carter  
Councilmember Jeremy Garza  
Councilmember Adam Hussain  
Councilmember Ryan Kost  
Councilmember Clara Martinez  
Councilmember Deyanira Nevarez Martinez  
Councilmember Trini Pehlivanoglu  
Councilmember Peter Spadafore

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff  
Greg Venker, City Attorney  
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, City Attorney  
Mark Lawrence, Mayor's office  
Chris Swope, City Clerk  
Mayor Schor  
Luke Bingaman, Legislative Analyst  
Loretta Stanaway  
Brad Clark  
Nick Zande  
Sarah Jewell  
Ernie Delgado  
Lupe Romerez

**Minutes**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Stanaway spoke on the election of President and Vice President, noting Councilmember Kost for President and Councilmember Hussain for Vice President.

Mr. Clark spoke on the election of the President and Vice President on the agenda, and spoke in support of Councilmember Kost for President.

Mr. Zande spoke on the election of President and Vice President, supporting Councilmember Kost for President.

Ms. Jewell spoke in support of Councilmember Kost for Council President, and spoke on concerns with past communications with her Ward representative (Councilmember Jackson). Ms. Jewell also acknowledged Councilmember Pehlivanoglu for her work in the community. Ms. Jewell spoke briefly on noise issues that need to be addressed in the City.

Mr. Delgado spoke on the agenda items for President and Vice President asking for the Council to be positive and move forward in 2026, supporting Councilmember Pehlivanoglu for Vice President.

Ms. Romero acknowledged the newly elected members on behalf of the Cesar E Chavez Committee in Grand Rapids.

### **Presentations**

#### **Ceremonial Swearing in of Newly Elected City Council Members**

Council Member Clara Martinez was sworn in by City Clerk Chris Swope

Council Member Deyanira Nevarez Martinez was sworn in by City Clerk Chris Swope

### **Discussion/Action**

#### **RESOLUTION – Election of 2026 City Council President and Vice President**

Mr. Swope clarified that per the Charter he presides until President and Vice President is elected.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu nominated Council Member Spadafore for Council President 2026. Council Member Spadafore accepted the nomination.

Council Member Hussain nominated Council Member Kost as Council President for 2026. Council Member Kost accepted the nomination.

ROLL CALL VOTE, COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE AS PRESIDENT; 6 VOTES, - COUNCIL MEMBER KOST AS PRESIDENT; 2 VOTES. MOTION CARRIED FOR COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE AS 2026 PRESIDENT.

Council Member Spadafore nominated Council Member Pehlivanoglu as Council Vice President for 2026. Council Member Pehlivanoglu accepted.

ROLL CALL VOTE; MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

### **OTHER**

No other topics.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at: 5:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee January 12, 2026