



**Official Proceedings of the City Council  
City of Lansing  
January 5, 2026**

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 Clerk Swope.

PRESENT: Council Members Carter, Garza, Hussain, Kost, Martinez, Nevarez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Council Member Kost asked people to remember Larry Leatherwood, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Mayor Schor asked people to remember the families of Derek Quinney and Judge Simmons, who recently experienced deaths in the family. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Clerk Swope.

**Special Orders**

**Resolution #2026-001**

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

WHEREAS, a nomination for President and Vice President for the Lansing City Council in 2026 was made on January 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Pehlivanoglu nominated Council Member Spadafore as President; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Spadafore nominated Council Member Pehlivanoglu as Vice President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council elects Council Member Spadafore as President and Council Member Pehlivanoglu as Vice President for the Lansing City Council year of 2026.

President Spadafore proceeded to preside over the meeting.

**Approval of Printed Council Proceedings**

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of December 15, 2025

Motion Carried

**Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk**

Vice President Pehlivanoglu shared details about the upcoming At-Large Constituent meeting.

Council Member Hussain shared details about the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Constituent meeting.

**Community Event Announcements**

Nicklas Zande spoke about Old Everett Neighborhood Association meeting.

Aria Moorey spoke about two upcoming community Women's Center of Greater Lansing events.

**Speaker Registration for Public Comment on Legislative Matters**

City Clerk Swope announced the deadline for submission of public comment registration forms for those intending to address the City Council on legislative matters and that only those who have submitted a completed form will be permitted to speak.

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Schor congratulated the new members of City Council; then, he spoke about the appointment of interim Fire Chief Carrie Edwards-Clemons, City

playground equipment replacement and upgrades, the Façade Improvement Grant Program, and the Neighborhoods In Bloom grant program.

**Public Comment on Legislative Matters**

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Joanne Galloway spoke about the election of Council leadership.

Theresa Ojibway spoke about the election of Council Chair.

Alison Peeler was registered for virtual public comment, but due to technological issues, which the Lansing Public Media Center staff attempted to resolve, her comments were unable to be heard.

**Legislative Matters**

All Legislative Matters had been addressed under Special Orders.

**Speaker Registration for Public Comment on City Government Related Matters**

City Clerk Swope announced the deadline for submission of public comment registration forms for those intending to address the City Council on City government related matters and that only those who have submitted a completed form will be permitted to speak.

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

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spadafore 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

Elected Officers Compensation Commission; setting the first meeting for the 2026 session  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Polling Places; relocation of multiple precincts  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 2024-2025  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Amending Section 1460.01 to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Public Hearing on Amending Section 1460.01 to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Adding Section 1460.05 to establish a unified system of violation notices  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

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Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Amending Chapter 1460 to clarify and update the regulation and certification of rental properties  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

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- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Communication from Ali Peeler requesting an independent forensic audit of City finances  
Placed on file

Letter from REO Town Commercial Association regarding parking  
Placed on file

**Remarks by Council Members**

Council Member Martinez thanked the public and her supporters for her election success and shared data on the number of Lansing City Council members based on gender, race, and ethnicity over 167 years.

Council President Spadafore thanked City Council for the support of him as Council President.

**Remarks by the Mayor or Executive Assistant**

Mayor Schor spoke about the Neighborhoods in Bloom grant.

**Public Comment on City Government Related Matters**

SJ spoke about various City matters.

Nicklas Zande asked the Council to condemn federal actions in Venezuela.

Ariana Brown spoke about collaborative efforts to address homelessness, and the residents from the Dietrich Park encampment.

Jill Dombrowski spoke about ways to be engaged with City Council.

Paula Simon congratulated newly elected members of Council and praised Council Member Carter for her engaged service.

Carver Rakov spoke about the treatment of homeless people in Lansing.

**Adjourned Time 7:42 P.M.**



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**Chris Swope, City Clerk**