



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
January 26, 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 8:30 p.m. by President Spadafore.

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

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Council Member Nevarez Martinez asked people to remember Alex Pretti who was killed by federal ICE officers in Minnesota, during the moment of Meditation. Vice President Pehlivanoglu asked people to remember a child in Lansing, who recently passed away due to gun violence, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Hussain asked people to remember Waverly School Educator Monica Jones, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spadafore.

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of January 12, 2026

Motion Carried

Consideration of Late Items

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu

To suspend City Council Rule #9 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion Carried

The following item was added to the agenda:

Opposition to the use of masks or face covering by ICE agents and reaffirming Lansing's status as a welcoming and inclusive city

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council Member Nevarez Martinez shared details of the upcoming Second Ward Constituent Contact Meeting as well as concerns of a video shared on social media of an arrest made by a Lansing Police Department officer of an unhoused individual at CATA Transportation Center.

Council Member Kost also shared concerns about the arrest made by a Lansing Police Department officer at the CATA Transportation Center and thanked Rebecca Kasen for providing the Women's Center of Greater Lansing as a warming center.

Council Member Martinez thanked those who attended the At Large Constituent Contact Meeting.

Council Member Hussain emphasized that the Third Ward Constituent Contact Meeting has been rescheduled.

Community Event Announcements

Deborah Mulcahey spoke about the upcoming Westside Neighborhood Association meeting.

Mike Lynn shared that Village Lansing has moved locations and the youth boxing program is up and running as well as other upcoming events at Village Lansing.

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 thanked those who volunteered, staffed, and supported the warming centers across Lansing as well as those who worked to transport people to these stations. He then spoke about an upcoming meeting for the NOVA housing pods and announced that the City received \$4.3 million from the State of Michigan for Reo Town renovation projects. Finally, Mayor Schor stated that the City has been plowing the main roads but is waiting to go into neighborhoods until it is warmer so the salt will work to melt the ice.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Deborah Mulcahey spoke against the Noise Special Permits for the CSO 019 and CSO 016/017 projects and against the rezoning for the Union Missionary Church.

Mike Lynn spoke about the late resolution in opposition to the use of masks or face covering by immigration enforcement officers.

Legislative Matters

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu to approve items 4 to 14 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #2026-010

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has been awarded training access and a \$2,500.00 stipend by the National Recreation and Parks Association, Incorporated for the term of January 2026 through June 2026; and

WHEREAS, the grant is to support training implementation for City of Lansing Parks and Recreation staff and volunteers through the Positive Coaching Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be carried through by the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the acceptance of the Grant from the National Recreation and Parks Association, Incorporated for training access and a stipend of \$2,500.00 for the term of January 2026 through June 2026, subject to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds, and to execute any necessary agreements upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-011

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council hereby appropriates the following Drug Court grant award amounts for the following purpose:

- \$30,000 State Grant Revenue
- \$29,130.00 Contractual Services
- \$870.00 Supplies

To assist in the basic funding of the new 54A District Court's Specialty DRUG Court, for things such as testing and treatment, with grant resources from Michigan Drug Court Grant Program administered by the State Court Administrative Office. The grant period is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the awarded grant funds

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-012

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, appropriates the following grant award amounts for the following purpose:

- \$26,947.00 State Grant Revenue
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\$26,750.00 Contractual Services
 \$197.00 Supplies
 \$0.00 Training

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To assist in the basic funding of 54A District Court’s Sobriety Court, for things such as testing and treatment, with grant resources from Michigan Drug Court Grant Program administered by the State Court Administrative Office. The grant period is October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the awarded grant funds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-013

By the Committee on Ways and Means
 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Authorization to Apply for the Certified Local Government Grant Program

WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) provides the Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Program to member local governments to plan for, to protect, and to tell the story of important historic resources through local historic preservation activities; and

WHEREAS, Economic Development and Planning Department and the Lansing Historic District Commission wish to file an application to conduct a reconnaissance-level survey of portions of the Westside neighborhood following neighborhood interest in assessing the potential of future historic district nominations; and

WHEREAS, the grant program is expense reimbursement based and the Economic Development and Planning Department will use department funds for the upfront costs until reimbursement upon completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the CLG Program does not require a local match from the City and the local match is 0%; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development and Planning Department anticipates the cost for a reconnaissance-level survey of sections of the Westside Neighborhood, specifically the “Espanore Plat” subdivision to be conducted by a certified consultant will be Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000); and

WHEREAS, the City shall designate an authorized officer (the “Authorized Officer”) who shall be authorized to file the Grant Application, to sign the grant agreement, including any necessary grant agreement amendments, and other agreement-related documents subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the City shall designate a Grant Project Manager who will oversee the day-to-day grant management and grant administration duties, including vendor selection and coordinating the payment of vendor invoices (the “Grant Project Manager”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby authorizes the grant project including expenditures in an amount not to exceed the project cost using funds from the Economic Development and Planning Department, and designates Mayor Andy Schor as the ‘Authorized Officer’ and Andrew Fedewa, Principal Planner’ as the ‘Grant Project Manager’ with the duties and responsibilities defined herein.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-014

By the Committee on Ways and Means
 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Authorization to Apply for the Certified Local Government Grant Program

WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) provides the Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Program to member local governments to plan for, to protect, and to tell the story of important historic resources through local historic preservation activities; and

WHEREAS, Economic Development and Planning Department and the Old Town Commercial Association wish to file an application to produce design guidelines to provide clear directions for creating consistent, functional, and architectural best practices to maintain the historical integrity of buildings in Old Town and provide guidance for compatible designs of any future buildings within Old Town; and

WHEREAS, the grant program is expense reimbursement based and the Economic Development and Planning Department will use department funds for the upfront costs until reimbursement upon completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the CLG Program does not require a local match from the City and the local match is 0%; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development and Planning Department anticipates the cost for design guidelines to be conducted by a certified consultant will be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000); and

WHEREAS, the City shall designate an authorized officer (the “Authorized Officer”) who shall be authorized to file the Grant Application, to sign the grant agreement, including any necessary grant agreement amendments, and other agreement-related documents, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the City shall designate a Grant Project Manager who will oversee the day-to-day grant management and grant administration duties, including vendor selection and coordinating the payment of vendor invoices (the "Grant Project Manager").

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby authorizes the grant project including expenditures in an amount not to exceed the project cost using funds from the Economic Development and Planning Department, and designates Mayor Andy Schor as the 'Authorized Officer' and Andrew Fedewa, Principal Planner, as the 'Grant Project Manager' with the duties and responsibilities defined herein.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-015

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Non-Motorized Section of the Public Service Department conducted an investigation to determine sight distance and traffic control requirements at the intersection of Kenbrook Road and Labelle Street. This study was in response to a resident request; and

WHEREAS, a safe approach speed study was performed and revealed a safe approach speed of thirteen (13) miles per hour (MPH) due to the large spruce trees on the northwest quadrant of the intersection; and

WHEREAS, based on the safe approach speed at this intersection the Transportation and Non-Motorized Section recommends the installation of a yield sign on Kenbrook Road at Labelle Street to assign right-of-way at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Board, concurs with the recommendation of the Public Service Department; and

WHEREAS, the minutes containing the Public Service Board's recommendation on this matter are on file with the City Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on January 22, 2026, and reviewed the report and concurs with the recommendation of the Public Service Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves Traffic Control Order No. 25-25, thereby authorizing the Assistant City Engineer to install a yield sign on Kenbrook Road and Labelle Street.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Traffic Control Order No. 25-25 shall become effective when signed by the Assistant City Engineer and filed with the City Clerk and the appropriate sign is installed.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-016

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Non-Motorized Section of the Public Service Department received a request from the Parking Services Office to review the parking regulations along the 1100 block of West Ottawa Street to increase the amount of available on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Non-Motorized Section conducted a field investigation of this area; and

WHEREAS, the 1100 block of West Ottawa Street is 30 feet wide in this area with curb and gutter. Parking is prohibited along the north side of the street from 270 feet west of ML King Jr Boulevard to Lahoma Street. Parking is prohibited along the south side of the street from 150 feet east of Lahoma Street to ML King Jr Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Department recommends that the existing parking regulations be modified to allow parking along the south side of Ottawa Street from Lahoma Street to 500 feet east of Lahoma Street; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Board, concurs with the recommendation of the Public Service Department; and

WHEREAS, the minutes containing the Public Service Board's recommendation on this matter are on file with the City Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on January 22, 2026, and reviewed the report and concurs with the recommendation of the Public Service Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves Traffic Control Order No. 25-19, thereby authorizing the Assistant City Engineer to regulate parking along 1100 block of West Ottawa Street.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Traffic Control Order No. 25-19 shall become effective when signed by the Assistant City Engineer and filed with the City Clerk and the appropriate signs are removed / installed.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-017

By the Committee on City Operations

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Non-Motorized Section of the Public Service Department conducted an investigation to determine sight distance and traffic control requirements at the intersection of Inverness Avenue and Shiawassee Street. This study was in response to a resident inquiry to assign right of way at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, no intersection sight obstructions were identified at the intersection of Inverness Avenue and Shiawassee Street; and

WHEREAS, based on the unique street geometrics of this intersection the Transportation and Non-Motorized Section recommends the installation of a yield sign on Shiawassee Street at Inverness Avenue / Shiawassee Street to assign right-of-way at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Board, concurs with the recommendation of the Public Service Department; and

WHEREAS, the minutes containing the Public Service Board's recommendation on this matter are on file with the City Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on January 22, 2026, and reviewed the report and concurs with the recommendation of the Public Service Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves Traffic Control Order No. 25-24, thereby authorizing the Transportation Engineer to install a yield sign on Shiawassee Street at Inverness Avenue / Shiawassee Street.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Traffic Control Order No. 25-24 shall become effective when signed by the Assistant City Engineer and filed with the City Clerk and the appropriate sign is installed.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-018

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving or opposing the Ordinance for rezoning, and the special land use permit for a Sheltered Care Facility:

Z-1-2026: 500 S Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Rezoning from "DT-1" Downtown Edge to "DT-2" Urban Flex

SLU-1-2026: 500 S Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Special Land Use for a Sheltered Care Facility

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-019

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Department of Public Service and the Lansing Board of Water & Light are partnering to construct the utility and infrastructure improvements associated with the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 019 Project, a project area generally bounded by W. Cesar E. Chavez Avenue on the northside, N Chestnut Street on the westside, W Lapeer Street on the southside, and N Grand Avenue on the eastside, including the contractor's staging yard at 1038 N. Larch Street ; and

WHEREAS, the large amount of construction required for this project will encompass all of the 2026 construction season; and

WHEREAS, this project includes a significant amount of utility work and other improvements on the local neighborhood streets within the project area and on major streets, W. Oakland Avenue, N Walnut Street, N Seymour Avenue, N Capitol Avenue and N Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, for the period of March 7, 2026, through December 12, 2026 the construction contractor, Hoffman Bros. Inc., has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Public Service Department recommends that the contractor be granted the requested noise waiver in order to:

- reduce the amount of time that W. Oakland Avenue is under a complete closure;
- reduce the amount of time local access for property owners is impacted;
- allow the contractor to have the ability to work some Saturdays when necessary for completion of important work activities; and
- keep the project on-schedule based on rain days.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the City of Lansing Council Chambers, 124 W. Michigan Ave., in consideration of the request for granting a waiver of the noise ordinance to Hoffman Bros. Inc., while the company is conducting work as part of the CSO 019 Project on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for the period of March 7, 2026, through December 12, 2026.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-020

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Department of Public Service and the Lansing Board of Water & Light are partnering to continue the construction the utility and infrastructure improvements associated with the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 016/017 Phase 2 Project, the remaining project area generally bounded by Douglas Avenue on the northside, N Larch Street on the eastside, E. North Street on the southside, and Benjamin Drive on the westside; and

WHEREAS, the large amount of construction required for this project will encompass a significant portion of the 2026 construction season; and

WHEREAS, this project includes a significant amount of utility work and other improvements on the local neighborhood streets within the project area and on major streets, E. North Street and Turner Road; and

WHEREAS, for the periods April 4, 2026, through September 26, 2026, the construction contractor, Hoffman Bros., Inc., has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Public Service Department recommends that the contractor be granted the requested noise waiver in order to:

- reduce the amount of time local access for property owners is impacted;
- allow the contractor to have the ability to work some Saturdays when necessary for completion of important work activities; and
- keep the project on-schedule based on rain days.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the City of Lansing Council Chambers, 124 W. Michigan Ave., in consideration of the request for granting a waiver of the noise ordinance to Hoffman Bros., Inc., while the company is conducting work as part of the CSO 016/017 Phase 2 Project on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for the periods April 4, 2026, through September 26, 2026.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions**Resolution #2026-021**

By Council Member Spadafore
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 41 of the Lansing City Council Rules, a proposed rule revision shall be placed on the Council Agenda for Council receipt and review, but "shall not be considered for adoption sooner than the next council meeting"; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of the amended City of Lansing Charter on November 4, 2025 an Office of Independent Internal Auditor was created and the Council appointed Internal Auditor was eliminated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council amends the City Council Rule 16 Standing Committees as follows:

Ways and Means. Reviews all proposed modifications to the City's annual Budget and program audits prepared by the Internal Auditor, the City's short-range and long-range financial condition, workforce needs for City operations and financial impact statements developed on proposed actions; and reviews and develops policy recommendations on City financial and budget matters. **The Committee will review the annual risk-based audit plan submitted by the Office of the Independent Internal Auditor, and consult with the Mayor prior to August 1st and February 1st of each fiscal year to make recommendations to Council on the audits the Auditor will conduct during the first half and second half of the fiscal year.**

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AUDIT

~~Objectives of the Committee are to provide guidance and oversight to the City Council Internal Auditor in the performance of his/her responsibilities, create and review annual audit plans, and evaluate the financial position of the City.~~

~~The Committee on Municipal Audit will prepare an annual audit plan by June 30th each year.~~

~~This does not impede other requests made by other Councilmembers.~~

By President Spadafore

Motion Carried

Resolution #2026-022

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

WHEREAS, at any time during the fiscal year, the City Council may consider appropriations which modify the previously adopted annual appropriation to transfer an unencumbered balance in whole or in part from any account; provide for the expenditure of revenues in excess of those in the budget; or meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Treasury, through Numbered Letter 2016-1, requires a deficit elimination plan for funds ending in a deficit condition; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Public Media Authority reimburses the City for payroll services of its sole employee, responsible for fundraising and for overseeing construction and design for the upcoming Ovation Performing Arts Center and Public Media Center.

WHEREAS, the timing of reimbursement resulting in a June 30, 2025 balance of \$25,033 reimbursed within the FY 2025/2026 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following FY 2025/2026 budget amendment is approved:

LPMA Revenue	Reimbursements	\$25,033
LPMA Revenue	Appropriation of Fund Balance	(\$25,033)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriation accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the appropriations:

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the below schedule is adopted as the City’s Lansing Public Media Fund deficit elimination plan:

LPMA	FY2026
Charges for Services - General	\$25,033
Charges for Services - DEP	(\$25,033)
Total Revenues	\$25,033
Total Expenditures	\$0
Beginning Fund Balance	(\$25,033)
Change	\$25,033
Ending Fund Balance	\$0

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu

Motion Carried

Resolution #2026-023

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Maria Fletcher sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$1,649 for trash fees on the property tax bill for 1128 Hickory Street, Lansing, MI 48912, (Tax ID #33-01-01-15-378-231), and additionally sought reimbursement for \$350 that she paid in removal fees, for a total claim of \$1,999; and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on City Operations, the Committee met on January 22, 2026, and denied the claim in the combined amount of \$1,999.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby denies the claim in the combined amount of \$1,999 for trash and removal fees on the property tax bill for 1128 Hickory Street, Lansing, MI 48912, (Tax ID #33-01-01-15-378-231).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu

Motion Carried

Resolution #2026-024

By Council Members Kost and Hussain
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Resolution to Abolish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District at 414 Baker St.

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (the “Act”), the City of Lansing has the authority to establish “Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Districts” within the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2025-281, the City Council approved the creation of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District (the “District”), for the property commonly known as 414 Baker St, Lansing, Michigan (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the structure located on the Property, which was intended to be rehabilitated pursuant to the Act, collapsed due to weather events on or about January 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer any structure on the Property and no ability for an owner of the Property to qualify or apply for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate pursuant to the Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District created by Resolution 2025-281 for the property commonly known as 414 Baker Street, and legally described as:

W 41 FT OF N 53.06 FT LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 1 AMENDED PLAT OF HALLS SOUTH SIDE ADD, #33-01-01-21-429-065

is hereby abolished.

By Council Member Kost

Motion Carried

Resolution #2026-025

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

WHEREAS, Lansing City Council is committed to identifying and addressing issues related to fostering trust between the police and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, trust between residents and public officials, including law enforcement agencies operating within the City of Lansing, is essential to community safety, civic participation, and access to public services; and

WHEREAS, civil immigration enforcement practices that obscure officer identification, including the use of face coverings or masks that conceal identity by law enforcement officers during civil enforcement actions can undermine transparency, obscure identification, and erode public trust, particularly in communities that have historically experienced over-policing, surveillance, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, reports across the nation indicate that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers have, in some instances, conducted civil immigration enforcement actions while wearing masks or other face coverings that conceal their identities, raising concerns regarding accountability and due process; and

WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers across the country have reportedly engaged in a pattern of discriminatory enforcement actions and detentions that constitute profiling based on perceived racial or ethnic identity, practices that are inconsistent with the City of Lansing and Lansing Police Department's policies and actions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has previously affirmed its role as a welcoming community and has adopted policies intended to ensure that City resources are not used in ways that harm community trust or public safety; and

WHEREAS, while ICE is a federal agency beyond the direct authority of the City of Lansing, the City has a responsibility to use its voice to advocate for practices that uphold civil rights, human dignity, and transparency for all residents, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, clear identification of law enforcement officers—including visible faces, name badges, and agency identification—supports accountability, lawful conduct, and the ability of individuals to exercise their rights; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council formally opposes the use of masks or face coverings by ICE officers that conceal their identities during civil immigration enforcement activities occurring within the City of Lansing, except in circumstances where face coverings are required for verified public health or safety reasons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council encourages the Mayor and Office of City Attorney to collaborate with appropriate legal subject-matter experts, including external immigrant-rights legal organizations, to develop a proposed City policy that is consistent with the aims and values articulated in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Lansing City Council reaffirms the City of Lansing's commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community, and to protecting the safety, dignity, and civil rights of all residents, including immigrant and mixed-status families.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Lansing City Council encourages and urges cities, townships, villages, school districts, and other local governmental entities within and the Greater Lansing Region as well as health care organizations and public transit systems, to consider adopting similar resolutions and policies that promote transparency, accountability, racial equity, and public trust, and oppose the use of face coverings that conceal the identities of ICE officers during civil enforcement actions

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu

Motion Carried

Ordinances for Introduction

Resolution #2026-026

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving or opposing the Ordinance for rezoning, and the special land use permit for a Sheltered Care Facility:

Z-1-2026 500 S Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Rezoning from "DT-1" Downtown Edge to "DT-2" Urban Flex

SLU-1-2026: 500 S Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Special Land Use for a Sheltered Care Facility

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu

Motion Carried

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

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Workers Compensation Settlement; Claim #WC 2062876-00396.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 904 E. Kalamazoo St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 904 E. Kalamazoo St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 408 Sawyer Rd.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 408 Sawyer Rd.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 408 Norman St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 408 Norman St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 2112 N. High St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 2112 N. High St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1004 Cady Ct.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1004 Cady Ct.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 3126 Maloney St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 3126 Maloney St.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Public Hearing on Brownfield Development Plan #90; Capitol Walk Apartments, S. Chestnut St. on the 500 block
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Brownfield Plan #90; Capitol Walk Apartments, S. Chestnut on the 500 block
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Traffic Control Order No. 25-26; regulate parking on Josephine Wy.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Transportation Asset Management Plan
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Drain Easement; Board of Water and Light at 2030 Lake Lansing Rd. and 2320 Wood St. in Lansing Township for Lansing MI Ventures, LLC
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Michigan Fine Wine and Spirits, LLC, 533 Mall Ct., request for Transfer Ownership Escrowed 2025 SDD & SDM License with Sunday Sales Permit (AM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDD License - Spirits, and Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDM License - Mixed Spirit Drink from Advanced UZP Inc.; Transfer Location from 1910 E Michigan Ave. (RID # RQ-2511-14914) Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Michigan Fine Wine and Spirits, LLC, 533 Mall Ct., request for Transfer Ownership Escrowed 2025 SDD & SDM License with Sunday Sales Permit (AM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDD License - Spirits, and Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDM License - Mixed Spirit Drink from Advanced UZP Inc.; Transfer Location from 1910 E Michigan Ave. (RID # RQ-2511-14914)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Zick and Nach Foods LLC, 1218 Turner St., request for Transfer Ownership Escrow 2025 Class C & SDM License with (2) Bars, Sunday Sales (AM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for Class C License – Spirits and Mixed Spirit Drink, and Entertainment Permit from LPT Holdings LLC; Transfer Location from 1149 S Washinton Ave, Lansing, MI 48910 to Turner Rd, Lansing, MI, 48906; New Social District Permit; New Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDM License – Mixed Spirit Drink (RID # RQ-2505-06358)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Sea Level LLC, 200 S. Washington Sq., request for New Class C license issued under MCL 436.1521(a)(1)(b), Downtown Development Authority (DDA) license, non-transferable; New Sunday Sales permit (PM) for Class C license – Spirits and Mixed Spirit Drink (RID # RQ-2507-08528)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Affidavit of Disclosure; William Tervo, Lansing Police Department
Referred to the Ethics Board

34 communications from Alison Peeler on various City government related topics
Placed on file

Communication from Jason LaFay in support of Deep Green data center
Placed on file

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Kelley Smith spoke against the Deep Green data center project.

Joanne Galloway spoke about various City matters.

Elizabeth Chiaravalli spoke against the Deep Green data center project.

Shantel Spears spoke about the unhoused people staying at the Causeway Bay Motel.

Deborah Mulcahey spoke about various City matters.

Carver spoke about various City matters.

James Radick spoke about the possibility of Lansing achieving a Sanctuary City status.

Jody Washington spoke in support of Lansing's unhoused people.

Levi LaBruzzy spoke against the Deep Green data center project.

Shawn Brock spoke about various City matters.

Clemintine spoke against the Deep Green data center project.

Stephanie Onderchanin spoke against the Deep Green data center project.

Faith Bradley spoke about various City matters.

Kyle Richard spoke against the Deep Green data center project.

Erik Almquist spoke about communication issues with Code Blue.

Mike Lynn spoke about the reduction of gun violence in 2025 in the City.

Khadja Erickson spoke about the treatment of homeless people in Lansing relative to the CATA arrest and the Code Blue.

Ronald Wright spoke about the progress towards stability of unhoused people staying at the Causeway Bay Motel and violence.

Ivan Droste spoke against the Deep Green data center project.

John Warmb spoke about ICE and possible future operations in the city.

Cameron Thomas spoke against the Deep Green data center project.

Morgan Doherty spoke against the Deep Green data center project.

Mercuri Rose spoke about showing up for the people in the community.

Adjourned Time 10:19 P.M.



Chris Swope, City Clerk