



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, January 13, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Spadafore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Carol Wood
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar
Councilmember Brandon Betz
Councilmember Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Samantha Harkins, Deputy Mayor
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney/Council Research Assistant
Mary Bowen, Assistant City Attorney
Nick Tate, City Labor Negotiator
Shelbi Frayer, Chief Strategy Officer/Interim Finance Director
Scott Keith, LEPFA
Kevin Brown
Melvin Jones
Sharon Dade
Susan Cancro
Tequa Davis
Barbara Roberts Mason
Larry Trice
Renee Trice
Dr. Eugene Cane
Bobbi Hardy
Maxine Cane
Joshua Gillespie
Cheryl Dudley

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 6, 2020 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment

Mr. Brown, Pastor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Mr. Jones, Pastor Missionary Baptist Church spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Ms. Dade, Dir. Of New Hope Services spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Ms. Dudley spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Ms. Cancro, Ex. Director of Advent Housing Ministries spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Ms. Davis, volunteer, spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Ms. Roberts Mason, spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Trice, Tabernacle of David, spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Dr. Eugene Cane, spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Ms. Hardy spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Ms. Cane spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Mr. Gillespie spoke in support of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Reappointment of Derek Melot; Member of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission; Term to Expire 10/01/2026

Council President Spadafore confirmed that Mr. Melot was appointed in 2018 to fill a term and that term expired October, 2019 so this appointment would be to fill the term until 2026. It was noted the EOCC will not meet again until 2021.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEREK MELOT TO THE ELECTED OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 10/01/2026. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – 3rd Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority

Mr. Keith outlined the amendments, confirming he has worked with the OCA on the documents. These needed to be updated because one Board position was for a “City Market Vendor” and since the City Market no longer exists, the amendments address the allocation of Board positions. Mr. Smiertka noted this corporation was established under Act 31 and that Act is used by cities across the State with similar entities to LEPFA. LEPFA itself was established originally to build the ball park and manage the Lansing Center. Once the Council approves it, a public notice will be required in the newspaper. Council President Spadafore noted that there would no action taken tonight, but at the Committee meeting on 1/27/2020.

RESOLUTION – Lansing City Council Rules Amendments; Rule 4 and Rule 10

Council President Spadafore outlined the proposed rule changes being introduced tonight asking for adoption on 1/27/2020. Rule 4 amendments would allow the D& P Committee in 2020 to have 4 members, and in the event of a tie vote the item would be discharged to the Committee of the Whole. Rule 10 amendments will allow the Clerk to determine give the Clerk the authority on what is a routine or not routine matter for placement on the Council Agenda.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY COUNCIL RULES CHANGES TO RULE 4 AND RULE 10. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Other

{Closed Session}

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN AT 6:37 PM TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with the City Attorney to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute. Specifically, to discuss a written legal opinion and written material from the City Attorney provided under attorney-client privilege and attorney work-product, and which is also exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to MCL 15.243(b)(i) and (v) and MCL 15.243 (g) and (h).

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, CARRIED 8-0.

{Reconvene}

Council President Spadafore reconvened the Committee of the Whole at 7:41 pm.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on January 27, 2020