



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Special Meeting Monday, May 18, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81320673508>
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CALL TO ORDER

Council President Spadafore called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT- via audio/video

Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Carol Wood
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar- arrived at 5:03 p.m.
Councilmember Brandon Betz
Councilmember Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson – arrived at 5:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT- via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Mayor Schor
Samantha Harkins, Deputy Mayor
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Shelbi Frayer, Chief Strategy Officer
Jack Brower, Budget Director
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Megan Martin, Arts Council
Eric Larson
Lansing Art Gallery Representative
Amy Morris Hall, Potter Park Zoology Society
Morgan Kara Butts
Chris Allen, Executive Director Lansing 501
Ivan Iller
Terry, President of Institute of Contemporary Art and Message Maker

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 13, 2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Public Comment

Ms. Martin spoke on the agenda item of the budget and how it related to the impact on art funds along with art and culture grants. Ms. Martin spoke in support of continuing the funding.

Mr. Larson spoke in support of maintaining funds in the budget for arts and culture.

The representative from the Lansing Art Gallery spoke in support of continued funding to the arts and culture.

Ms. Morris Hall spoke in support of funding in the budget for the agencies and organizations.

Ms. Butts spoke in support of the arts culture budget.

Mr. Allen spoke in support of the funding in the budget for agencies and grants.

Mr. Iller spoke in support of arts culture funding.

Mr. Terry spoke in support of art and culture funding in the budget and asked for more than what was proposed.

Council Member Wood noted to the Committee that on April 4th a grant for \$10,000 for Public Art Communities was referred to the Ways and Means Committee, and on April 13th a grant for STOP Violence against Women was referred to the Ways and Means Committee. At this time because of the need for timely action, she will be making a motion to discharge.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO DISCHARGE THE FOLLOWING GRANTS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR ACTION ON JUNE 8, 2020:

- Grant Acceptance; STOP Violence Against Women Grant; Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Grant Acceptance; Approval to Accept \$10,000 Public Art for Communities Grant from PNC Foundation's Public Art for Communities and Lansing Economic Area Partnership

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council Member Spitzley noted that on April 13th there were three items referred to the Committee on Development on Planning for parking ramps for Lansing Community College. At this time the applicants have asked that Council take action on setting the hearing for the SLU-3-2020 for the 610 N Capitol Avenue Parking Ramp.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO DISCHARGE ACTION ON SLU-3-2020 FROM THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANING TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR ACTION TONIGHT. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Polling Place Temporary Relocation of Ward 3, Precinct 24; Ward 3, Precinct 25 to Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center for August 4th Primary

Mr. Swope explained to the Committee that since the school district will have the current location (Atwood School) of Ward 3 Precinct 24 and 25 under construction it will be closed. Therefore he was proposing the temporary relocation of these precincts to this location because of the size to accommodate. Council President Spadafore added for clarification that this was being requested at his time so the Clerk's office will have plenty of time to notify all registered voters in those precincts

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF POLLING LOCATION OF WARD 3, PRECINCT 24.

Council Member Wood asked how many precincts were currently at this location and was told by Mr. Swope there are currently 2, and added that with the recent conditions of the pandemic they expect a large number of absentee ballots.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

ORDINANCE – Amend Chapter 260; Lansing Housing Commission Ownership

Council Member Spitzley recapped that a public hearing was held May 11th. She then recapped the changes which occurred because the LHC is doing upgrades on all 231 scatter homes in the City and in discovered they need to have total ownership of those properties. During the review of those amendments in the Committee on Development & Planning they determined the completed ordinance should be reviewed to update it.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 260 ADDRESSING LANSING HOUSING COMMISSION OWNERSHIP. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

ORDINANCE – Z-9-2019; 3440 N. East Street; Conditional Rezoning from F- Commercial to G-2 Wholesale District

Council Member Spitzley recapped that two hearings were held, and during the first one the applicants were not present, so it was rolled to the next meeting. At the second hearing the applicants did a presentation and there were no comments.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE REZONING Z-9-2019 FOR 3440 N EAST STREET, CONDITIONAL REZONING. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 6-2.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; SLU-3-2020; 610 N. Capitol Avenue (N. Grand Avenue portion); Construct a 3-level Parking Ramp in the “G-1” Business District

Council Member Spitzley noted the applicant, Lansing Community College, wishes at this time to only request the SLU-3-2020 for 610 N. Capitol (N. Grand Avenue portion) to construct additional parking at the current Gannon Ramp.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 8, 2020 FOR SLU-3-2020 610 N CAPITOL (N GRAND AVENUE PORTION) FOR A PARKING RAMP IN G-1 BUSINESS DISTRICT. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – FY2020/2021 Budget Adoption and Budget Policies

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO ADOPT THE BUDGET AND BUDGET POLICIES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

Council Member Jackson referenced the document and asked to not delete the “Environmental Stewardship” item, because even though it was recently filled, there are statements in the paragraph that still apply. So the paragraph remained as: The City of Lansing is concerned about its environment and strives to be a good steward of such. The City recognized the importance of sustainability as it comports to the Paris Agreement. The City seeks to reduce its emissions output, increase its energy efficiency and improve its wastewater treatment and waste management programs.”

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO DIVIDE OUT THE BUDGET FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMUNITY SERVICES AND 54A DISTRICT COURT. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTE BUDGET PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR ON MAY 11, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council Member Hussain outlined the proposed amendments he drafted along with Council Member Wood.

Items #1-10 addressed reductions in Council Member accounts, reducing each by \$500 and eliminating all \$5,000 from the Temporary Help line item in the City Council budget.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO REDUCE THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET BY \$11,000. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Items #11-13 addressed reductions in Neighborhood & Citizen Engagement (NCE) and Office of Financial Empowerment in Temporary Help and Neighborhood Grant program. After Council discussion they reduced temporary help in NCE by \$5,000; temporary help in Financial Empowerment by \$10,000 and the grant program by \$20,000 bringing the total reduction to \$35,000.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO REDUCE THE BUDGET OF NEIGHBORHOOD & CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT BY \$35,000. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-1.

Items #14-16 addressed reductions in Economic Development & Planning (EDP). After Council discussion a reduction was made in EDP Miscellaneous by \$2,000; Code Compliance Building Rental by \$20,000; Planning Building Rental by \$20,000 bringing the total to \$42,000.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO REDUCE THE BUDGET FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BY \$42,000. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Items #17-18 addressed reductions in Human Resources, which included a reduction in Employee Recognition and the Residency Incentive Program. The Council agreed to lower Employee Recognition by \$13,317 and \$25,000 from the residency program.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO REDUCE THE BUDGET FROM HUMAN RESOURCES BY \$38,317, WITH \$25,000 OF THAT FROM RESIDENCY PROGRAM AND \$13,317 FROM EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION LINE. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council Member Hussain removed items 19, 20 and 21 from the recommended reductions. Those items included \$87,500 from City Supported Agencies and \$16,313 from Kids Camps.

Council Member Wood introduced reductions in temporary help from the Mayor, City Clerk and Office of the City Attorney. The recommended budget reductions were \$20,000 from the Mayor, \$10,000 from the Clerk and \$10,000 from the OCA.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO REDUCE THE MAYOR'S BUDGET BY \$20,000 FROM TEMPORARY HELP. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO REDUCE THE CITY CLERK'S BUDGET BY \$10,000 FROM TEMPORARY HELP. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO REDUCE THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY BY \$10,000. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Other items on the spreadsheet were not discussed. The items were regarding the elected officials compensation was opened for discussion by Council Member Wood and she asked the City Attorney to draft a resolution for Council to consider and take action at the next meeting.

Council Member Wood asked to be recused from the HRCS Budget.
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO RECUSE COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD FROM THE HRCS BUDGET. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE HRCS BUDGET. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council Member Spitzley asked to be recused from the Economic Development & Planning Budget.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO RECUSE COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUDGET. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUDGET. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council Member Jackson asked to be recused from the District Court budget.
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO RECUSE COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON FROM THE DISTRICT COURT BUDGET. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE 54-A DISTRICT COURT BUDGET. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE BUDGET POLICIES AS AMENDED EARLIER IN THE MEETING. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE REMAINING FY2020/2021 BUDGET AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on June 8, 2020