



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
MAY 3, 2021**

Via ZOOM Conferencing, Meeting ID 859 4003 6219

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Spadafore

PRESENT: Council Members Betz (remotely from Lansing, MI), Dunbar (remotely from Lansing, MI), Garza (remotely from Lansing, MI), Hussain (remotely from Lansing, MI), Jackson (remotely from Lansing, MI), Spadafore (remotely from Lansing, MI), Spitzley (remotely from Pensacola FL), Wood (remotely from Lansing, MI)

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Council Member Wood asked people to remember Melvin Kelley, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Hussain asked people to remember Tina Harper, 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 Hussain

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of April 26, 2021

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

Nays: None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Hussain shared the cancellation of his constituent contact meeting due to the Budget Input Session scheduling conflict. He also thanked Andrew Miller, DeLisa Fountain with the City, and Dick Peffley and Calvin Jones with the Lansing Board of Water and Light for their rapid response to various issues last week.

Council Member Garza thanked Council Member Hussain and Spadafore for their assistance in contacting the BWL.

Council Member Spadafore shared details about the Budget Input Session.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson shared details about the upcoming Holt and Waverly School Bond Special Election.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loretta Stanaway shared that the Friends of Lansing Historic Cemetery will be providing free geraniums to plant in any Lansing cemetery.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson announced that the public needed to electronically "raise their hand" in order to speak during public comment period.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Schor spoke about Opening Day for the Lansing Lugnuts, the opening of the City's new material recovery facility, the hiring of a neighborhood coordinator, the Neighborhood Advisory Board Grants allocation, and Governor Whitmer's plan to increase vaccination rates in Michigan. He also shared updates to the City's Racial Justice Equity Plan, and that a proposal to assist the City with funding for a proactive policing initiative was sent to the federal government for potential funding by Congresswoman Slotkin.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

City of Lansing Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Council President Spadafore gave an overview of the public hearing.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Loretta Stanaway spoke about the Essential Services Millage.

Michael Lynn, Jr. spoke about legislative matters.

Jeffrey Brown spoke in support of the Ranked Choice Voting.

Julia Kramer spoke about the Essential Services Millage.

Melissa Huber spoke about the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

City of Lansing Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2021-098

RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS BETZ, DUNBAR, GARZA, HUSSAIN, JACKSON, SPADAFORE, SPITZLEY AND WOOD
RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LANSING CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr., a resident of Lansing, Michigan, since his early twenties, peacefully departed this life for his eternal home on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at a local hospital; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr. childhood education included religious teachings at the Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Mobile, Alabama. The fundamental Christian beliefs that he learned helped to form his spiritual perspectives, which remained steadfast throughout his life. For his first two years of high school, he attended Alabama Lutheran Academy and College in Selma, Alabama (renamed Concordia College); and

WEREAS, Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr. finished high school at Cedar Grow Academy in Prichard, Alabama, graduating in 1961, with the honor of being the salutatory speaker for his class; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr. received his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Tennessee State University in Nashville in 1966. He was very loyal to the Tennessee State University Tigers and teams. Oscar was very proud that Tennessee State University was his HBCU Alma Mater; and

WHEREAS, Oscar began his engineering career with the Goodyear Training Program in Akron, Ohio, in 1966. Later, he joined the Goodyear Metal Products/Motor Wheel Corporation in Lansing, as a mechanical engineer; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr. advanced to the sales division of Motor Wheel, and, subsequently, he was selected as the Original Equipment Account Executive of Motor Wheel for the Ford Motor Company account. He retired after 30 years of service. After retirement, he became a proud and loyal employee of Dean Transportation Company in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr. as a volunteer, was heavily involved in the local Democratic Party; he worked diligently to support political campaigns for judges and other public officials in the Lansing area; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr. was a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and was an enthusiastic participant with the Lansing chapter for many years; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr. during retirement, became an active member of the Westside YMCA, which he attended daily; he enjoyed and valued the friendly relationships developed among other members; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr. took great pleasure in reminiscing with his walking buddies and other friends about his life as a kid and teenager in Mobile; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Lansing City Council recognize Oscar Bernard Stallworth, Sr. and his dedication to building a strong family unity, improving his community, and providing a voice for the less fortunate.

By Council Member Jackson

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021-099

BY THE COMMITTEE ON CITY OPERATIONS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

CONFIRMATION GLENBURNE GRASS & TRASH ASSESSMENT ROLL SUMMER 2021

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution 2021-072, adopted by this Council, the City Council held a public hearing on April 26, 2021 regarding Assessment Roll GB-2020 for the removal of trash and grass in the Glenburne Commons adjacent to certain properties; and

WHEREAS, the cost incurred between March 15, 2020 and November 15, 2020, by the City totals \$21,845.00; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on April 28, 2021 to review the public hearing findings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby directs that special assessment roll number GB-2020 as returned by the City Assessor, be ratified and confirmed.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby directs the City Assessor notify the owners of properties affected by this roll in accordance with City Ordinance 1020.06.

Contiguous Boundaries of properties benefitted to include all the parcels within the following subdivisions in their entirety as follows:

Glenburne Subdivision

Glenburne Subdivision No. 2

Glenburne Subdivision No. 3

Glenburne Subdivision No. 4

Glenburne Subdivision No. 5

Part of the North ½ and South East ¼ of Section 36, T4N, R3W

City of Lansing, Eaton County, Michigan

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Special Assessment Roll No. GB-2020 as presented and as returned by the City Assessor, is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the Mayor is authorized to affix within ten days his warrant directing the City Treasurer to collect this special assessment tax. If payment is not received by May 15, 2021; this special assessment tax will be placed on the July 2021 tax roll without interest or penalty.

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021-100

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Charter (the "Charter"), pursuant to the Home Rule City Act, being MCL 117.1 et seq. (the "Act"), limits the City's authority to levy property taxes to a rate of 20 mills (\$20 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value); and

WHEREAS, the Headlee Amendment, being Section 31 of Article IX of the State Constitution, has resulted in a reduction of the City's authorized 20 mills limit to a millage rate known as the "Headlee Cap" but the State Constitution provides that this Headlee Cap is subject to override by the voters; and

WHEREAS, since November, 2011 the voters of Lansing have approved the Headlee Cap overrides in order to restore the authorized millage to the maximum 20 mills authorized under the Charter and the Act, for consecutive periods of five (5) years to the present; and

WHEREAS, the current Headlee Cap override permits the City to levy the current 19.44 mills but is set to expire December 31, 2021 unless the voters approve a new Headlee override; and

WHEREAS, if the Headlee Cap override is not voter approved, the City's millage rate in 2022 will be reduced and limited to 18.8658 mills; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to continue to levy the current 19.44 mills tax rate in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget that includes essential services, including current police protection, fire protection, road and sidewalk needs and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, a property tax rate of 19.44 mills would exceed the City's 2022 Headlee Cap, and therefore, requires approval by the voters to override the Headlee Cap, as provided by the State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, if approved, three (3) mills of the proposed 19.44 millage would permit the continuation of essential services that include police protection and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, if approved, one (1) mill of the proposed 19.44 millage would permit the continuation of essential services that include road and sidewalk maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of the 4 mills for essential services, including police protection, fire protection, and road and sidewalk maintenance funding beginning in fiscal year 2022/2023 at the 19.44 mills rate will result in property tax revenues at a similar level to those projected for fiscal year 2021/2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at the election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, the following ballot proposal shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Lansing in a manner and form substantially as follows:

**CITY OF LANSING
ESSENTIAL SERVICES MILLAGE RESTORATION PROPOSAL**

Shall the authorized charter millage for the City of Lansing, established at 20 mills (\$20.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and reduced to 18.8658 (\$18.8658 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the millage rollbacks required under the Michigan Constitution, be restored to 20 mills (\$20.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which is an increase of 1.1342 mills (\$1.1342 per \$1,000 of taxable value) over the reduced millage, for the next five (5) years (from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026 inclusive), for the purpose of funding essential services, including police protection, fire protection, and local road and sidewalk maintenance?

If approved and levied, this restored and increased millage would generate approximately \$2,770,894 in its first year.

Yes _____
No _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the above proposal to be placed on the ballot at the election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot wording is hereby certified to the City Clerk and the Clerks of the Counties of Ingham, Clinton and Eaton for submission to the City's electors at election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration therefore in the manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the ballot proposal to the vote of the electors as required by law.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021-101
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the City of Lansing submit the Annual Action Plan in order to receive Community Development fund resources, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds, for the upcoming fiscal year 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG (\$2,057,221), HOME (\$768,361) and ESG (\$174,439) entitlement amount allocated to Lansing for the upcoming fiscal year is \$3,000,021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing estimated amounts of program income (PI) and previous year's (PY) annual funding available for CDBG are \$115,000 (\$75,000 PI, \$40,000 PY) and HOME \$90,000 (\$50,000 PI, \$40,000 PY); and

WHEREAS, the total amount of federal funding allocations, program income and previous year's funding equal \$3,205,021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to program requirements, the City has conducted a citizen participation and open review process which has included meetings and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the City has further promoted participation, input and review in the process by conducting two (2) separate advertised public hearings before the Lansing Planning Board, one on November 17, 2020 regarding housing and community development needs and one on February 2, 2021 regarding proposed Annual Action Plan program objectives and projected use of Federal entitlement and formula program funds; and

WHEREAS, the City did also initiate and carry out the required thirty (30) day public comment period on the proposed 2021-22 Annual Action Plan by publishing a notice of the availability of the plan in the Lansing City Pulse on March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing will be held, via zoom, by the Lansing City Council on April 26, 2021 to again receive citizen comments and recommendations and to give final review to the Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Federal regulations require the City to make certain certifications and assurances to HUD as a part of the City's application and Annual Action Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing adopts the Annual Action Plan for the City of Lansing that includes housing and community development goals, objectives, strategies, and budget for the use of community development fund resources for fiscal year 2021-2022 as proposed by the Committee of the Whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, as the City's Chief Executive Officer, or his designee is hereby authorized to sign the Annual Action Plan and application for FY 2021-2022, including all understandings, assurances and certifications contained therein, and to submit the grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized, as the official representative of the City of Lansing, to set-up budget line items, provide any and all information, to act in connection with the Annual Action Plan application and to execute all agreements, contracts and legal documents, including the agreement between the City and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to secure CDBG, HOME and ESG funding and implement the Annual Action Plan programs.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

Nays: None

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Chief Deputy Clerk Jackson announced that the public needed to electronically "raise their hand" in order to speak during public comment period.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

By Vice President Hussain that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spadafore make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

Nays: None

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:

Minutes of Boards and Commissions placed on file in the Clerk's Office

PLACED ON FILE

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Sole Source Purchase; Lansing Police Department request for the professional services of Dr. David Carter as a consultant for management analysis of traffic stops (MATS) data analysis

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department, Wastewater Division request for Collcorp Inc. – Ironbrook as the vendor for UV Disinfection System Lamps and Parts

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Public Improvement; Alpha-Devonshire Sewer, Water Main & Road Reconstruction Project

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES

Grant Amendment; Services Training Officers Prosecutors (STOP) Grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Grant Acceptance; Hazard Mitigation Competitive Grants

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Appointment; Terri Taylor as a Citizen Member of the Police & Fire Retirement Board of Trustees for a term to expire June 30, 2025

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Appointment; Mallory Willis as an At-Large Member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2023

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Claim Appeal; Claim #1837, Carol Johnson for \$4,946 in Trash Removal Fees at 816 West Shiawassee St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES

Claim Appeal; Claim #1838, Erika Li for \$14,476 in Trash Removal Fees at 3222 S. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. #M

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES

Communication from Julia Kramer in support of Black Lives Matter Lansing
PLACED ON FILE

Communication from Alexis Duffey in support of Black Lives Matter Lansing
PLACED ON FILE

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Carvette, LLC requests for transfer of ownership 2020 SDD and SDM SUNDAY with Sales Permit (AM) and Sunday Sales Permit (PM) to remain in escrow at 6065 S Washington Ave. (RID # RQ-2104-02781)
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Mayor Schor thanked the City Council for their support of placing the Essential Services Millage on the August 3 City Primary ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Loretta Stanaway spoke in support of Council Member Betz resigning.

Michael Lynn, Jr. spoke about various City matters.

Julia Kramer spoke about Council Member Betz.

ADJOURNED TIME 7:50 P.M.



CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK