



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, February 19, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

PRESENT

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Clara Martinez, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary
Luke Bingaman, Legislative Analyst
Daniel DuChene, OCA
Floresio Hernandez
Andrew Fedewa, EDP
Farhan Sheikh-Omar

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2026, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment at this time.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Floresio Hernandez, 1st Ward Member of the Police Commissioners; Term to Expire June 30, 2029

Mr. Hernandez referenced an updated resume that was added to the packet and republished on the website and summarized his work experience. Councilmember Hussain stated the current meetings are primarily held at the LPD headquarters, there have been criticism with accessibility and parking how would you enhance that. Mr. Hernandez answered he is an advocate in moving meetings around to accommodate residents and being transparent and a voice for the community. Councilmember Hussain asked if he was approached by the administration for this appointment, Mr. Hernandez said no by community members.

Councilmember Martinez ask about his perspective in his social justice background and how it could be utilized. Mr. Hernandez again reference trust, transparency, and was born and raised in Lansing and trust in building relationships. Councilmember Martinez asked how he plans to bring people together, Mr. Hernandez responded it depends on context of scenario, and would like to see the city thrive. Look at commonality and common issues of each other but may not know it.

Councilmember Hussain stated for the record that he also wanted to thank the previous Commissioner Farhan Sheikh-Omar for his service and commitment, and Mr. Hernandez for is experience.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT FLORENSIO HERNANDEZ AS THE 1ST WARD MEMBER OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Hernandez asked what type of complaints the Commissioner Investigator oversee. Councilmember Spadafore mentioned it is separate from Internal Affairs and more so investigating social media things involving a Police Officer. Councilmember Hussain believes they are hired by the Commission not LPD and housed in HRCS, and asked Mr. Sheikh-Omar to explain, he confirmed the Commission hires the investigator who conducts interviews and submits findings for determination.

DISCUSSION- Introduce and Set Public Hearing; Zoning Amendment Chapter 1240 Section 1240.04 Define "Liquor Store"

Councilmember Spadafore noted this and the next three items were together and asked Councilmember Hussain to speak since he was on last year's Committee.

Councilmember Hussain summarized last year's Committee, and some Councilmembers were opposed to some liquor license transfers and centered around density of stores, and proximity to schools, parks, etc. and wanted to focus on the local level and zoning code. So these would define a liquor store and proximity from store to store and then modifies some allowable use tables. Mr. Fedewa added it was reviewed twice by the Planning Commission, and most important was the allowable use table came out of that. Mr. DuChene stated that a liquor store is defined as proposed as specially designated merchant or distributor, or both that is primarily engaged in the sale of tobacco, vapor, and alternative nicotine products, and packaged alcoholic liquor, beer, spirits, and wine for consumption off the premises of the building. So when sales of both are equal to half of volume of sales then defined as liquor store. Once you have that you determine how far away they can be. Councilmember Hussain asked how 2500 feet was landed. Mr. DuChene noted there was a case on whether municipality can buffer, and it was upheld by Michigan courts, so they felt safe using that distance. Councilmember Spadafore asked about existing establishments. Mr. DuChene answered they would be grandfathered in on the Ordinance. Councilmember Hussain asked if the license runs with the property, and if the business closes and license goes into escrow someone buys it do they get the license. Mr. DuChene noted it depends on the property, but in the end MLCC has the say.

Mr. DuChene added there was a discussion about drive thru liquor stores and those are not permitted according to the liquor control codes. Councilmember Hussain asked how they are inventoried, Mr. Fedewa responded they went through LARA on if defined as supermarket or liquor store, would have to look at sales volume.

Councilmember Spadafore thanked the Committee for the discussion and these would continue to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION- Introduce and Set Public Hearing; Zoning Amendment Chapter 1250 Section 1250.02 Liquor License Location Proximity

DISCUSSION- Introduce and Set Public Hearing; Zoning Amendment Chapter 1243 Table 1243.03 add "Liquor Store" to the Commercial Mixed Use Districts Allowable Use Table

DISCUSSION- Introduce and Set Public Hearing; Zoning Amendment Chapter 1245 Table 1245.03 add "Liquor Store" to the Special Districts Allowable Use Table

OTHER

No other topics at this time.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:27p.m.

Submitted by

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on March 5, 2026