



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, March 26, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Council Member Trini Pehlivanoglu, Chair
Council Member Clara Martinez, Vice-Chair
Council Member Ryan Kost, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Luke Bingaman, Legislative Analyst
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Keith Goodwin, OCA
Brian Baer
Patrick Howe - virtually
Cathleen Edgerly, DLI Director
James Lenon, Old Town Commercial Assoc. Director
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director
Deya Nevarez Martinez
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Ernesto Mireles
Natalia Reyes
Marcia Garcia
Bradly Rakowski
Dale Schrader

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 12, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mireles is a resident of Lansing and urged the Committee and Council to give 90 days to the community to process everything, allowing them to have conversations as well.

Ms. Reyes reiterated Mr. Mireles' 90 day consideration and noted the community in that area is mostly Mexican and they deserve to process everything.

Ms. Garcia echoed giving the community time to heal, mourn, and have conversations. She continues to support and honor the movement itself.

Mr. Rakowski owns Bradley's HG in Old Town and spoke on the financial aspect of name changes, vendors, business cards, deliveries, etc. Wants both communities working together the businesses and the Latino community. Agree to slow down and open to multiple voices.

Mr. Schrader owns 4 properties on Cesar Chavez Ave, and agrees changeover is difficult. Take a lot of consideration if/when changing.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Brian Baer as a member of the Capital Area District Library Board for a term to expire April 15, 2030

Mr. Baer spoke on enjoying being on the board, nice connection between city and outer lining areas. Strong advocate for the city, spoke on a section of the library moving. Councilmember Martinez asked what the biggest achievement has been. Mr. Baer noted the downtown building is falling apart, the flexion in the basement, and another building was located unfortunately could not find one in the city. Councilmember Kost asked where the property was, Mr. Baer responded Meridian Township. Councilmember Kost noted the two are neighbors and Mr. Baer is doing a fantastic job, also asked if he still believed a downtown location is needed, Mr. Baer whole heartily agreed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR REAPPOINTMENT; BRIAN BAER AS A MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 15, 2030. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; Shake Shack Michigan LLC for a SDM and Class C license, SDM Sunday Sales PM, on Premises Sunday Sales (AM/PM), Outdoor Service at 3106 E. Saginaw St., Suite A

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted the Committee received the documents, and Mr. Howe was joining virtually. Mr. Howe stated they have a total of seven locations in the Metro Area and branching out in Michigan, with a few select beverages offering beer, wine, and mixed cocktails, as well as a special shake meister. There is specialty beer you can only get at a Shake Shack. Councilmember Kost asked if it is currently open, Mr. Howe confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE; SHAKE SHACK MICHIGAN LLC FOR A SDM AND CLASS C LICENSE, SDM SUNDAY SALES PM, ON PREMISES SUNDAY SALES (AM/PM), OUTDOOR SERVICE AT 3106 E. SAGINAW ST., SUITE A. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Special Assessment; Principal Shopping District 2026 Roll

Ms. Edgerly spoke that Downtown Lansing Inc. (DLI) oversees the Principal Shopping District (PSD) in collaboration with Old Town, where District B falls under the Old Town Commercial Association (OTCA) with James Lenon. District A covers per by laws/ordinance the maintenance and marketing for the district, then asked Mr. Lenon if he wanted to add anything for District B. Mr. Lenon included the PSD supports historic preservations collaborative marketing and beautification efforts, whether it is foot or vehicle traffic.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu stated she will state the name of the person appealing and the Committee will review and take action on each appeal.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted Amee O'Leary is appealing one parcel.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR AMEE O'LEARY. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted CATA is appealing three parcels, adding they do have documentation that they are exempt.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE APPEAL FOR CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CATA). MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted Amy's Catering is appealing one parcel.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR AMY'S CATERING. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted Emanuel First Lutheran Church is appealing three parcels, noting this roll is not tied to church exemptions, they already receive a 25% reduction.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR EMANUEL FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted the appeal from Foster Swift law firm for Friedland Industries (two parcels), Bass-Rifkin Properties (9 parcels), and L2ETC Properties (six parcels).

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO DENY THE APPEALS FOR FRIEDLAND INDUSTRIES, BASS-RIFKIN PROPERTIES, AND L2ETC PROPERTIES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted two appeals from Kaynick Properties via Matthews Law PLC.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR KAYNICK PROPERTIES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted Ryan's Auto Care is appealing four parcels.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR RYAN'S AUTO CARE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu asked Ms. Richmond who was the appeal at the public hearing, Ms. Richmond responded Steve Dean appealing one parcel. Councilmember Kost stated he spoke to Mr. Dean and everything is all set.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KOST TO DENY THE APPEAL FOR STEVE DEAN. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO REFLECT THE AMENDED ROLL FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT 2026 ROLL. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Councilmember Kost noted a lot of the appeals are from the new District B, and suggested OTCA might want to highlight what the money is used for. Mr. Lenon agreed.

RESOLUTION – Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement

Councilmember Kost stated since Councilmember Hussain isn't on this committee he will note this is assessment is yearly, the area struggled with trash and grass and years ago the city began to maintain, and seems the prices are pretty level.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; GLENBURNE COMMONS, TRASH & GRASS ABATEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Wet Weather Control Program Project Plan Amendment

Mr. Kilpatrick noted in order to qualify for state revolving fund loans they have to have a project plan and when they want to change it they must submit an amendment. They held a public hearing and had one person show up but not comment on the amendment. Resolution allows them to apply for funding for the project. Councilmember Pehlivanoglu inquired to also keep the city in compliance with EGLE, Mr. Kilpatrick answered they are not out of compliance, just maintaining, and offered the Committee a tour of the WWTP.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR WET WEATHER CONTROL PROGRAM PROJECT PLAN AMENDMENT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Renaming E. Cesar E. Chavez Avenue

Councilmember Kost noted this is just a listening and discussion point, and that involving the community, business owners, and residents is necessary. Noting that Old Town is also LGBTQ oriented so having both communities with goals come together is important.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu mentioned maybe looking at what other cities might be doing, and consensus of the Committee is to pause for 90 days.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION ON RENAMING E. CESAR E. CHAVEZ AVENUE FOR 90 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:01pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on April 9, 2026