

AGENDA

Committee on City Operations April 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM



Lansing City Hall, City Council Conference Room
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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***UPDATED 04/21/2026**

Council Member Pehlivanoglu, Chairperson
Council Member Martinez, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Kost, Member

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes**
 - A. April 9, 2026
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
- 5. Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Compost Awareness Week 2026
 - C. DISCUSSION - Update from LPD on Flock Grant system and safeguards in place
 - D. PLACE ON FILE - Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Morning Post Downtown, LLC, 637 E Michigan Ave Ste B, request for Transfer Ownership escrowed 2025 Class C& SDM license with Sunday Sales Permit (AM & PM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM) SDM- Mixed Spirit Drink and Outdoor Service Area from Cur, LLC; new Dance-Entertainment Permit. (RID # 2602-01589)
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, April 9, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Keith Goodwin, OCA
Dan Duchane, OCA
Charles Haynes
Najah Nona
Scott Cook, Public Service Dept.
Brian Hight, Public Service Dept.
Mitch Whisler, Public Service Dept.
Meredith Johnson, EDP
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP
Paula Simon

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 26, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Simon spoke on street signage in Kensington proposed for no parking. She provided a brief history on a survey done in 2024, why they were interested in parking one side of the road. She asked Committee to vote in support parking only one side of the street.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #2230, Charles Haynes for \$550 in trash fees at 817 Prospect Street

Mr. Van Fossen spoke on the staff report details in the packet, which was also provided to the Claims Review Committee.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked if this was on the tax roll already, and Mr. Van Fossen stated he did not have that information.

Mr. Haynes referred them to the packet, which was a statement on apology to Code Compliance, and spoke on his financial difficulties right now, noting he is working with Treasury on making payments on his taxes. He appealed for an apology and a decrease in the amount.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked OCA, if they review the items they cannot segment out the fees, and Mr. Duchane stated to his knowledge they cannot.

Council Member Kost asked why it was denied at Claims Review. Mr. Duchane stated it was denied based on adequate notice to owner, time of abatement there were photos of indoor appliances outside that were removed. Council Member Kost asked Mr. Van Fossen about the photos with no dates. Ms. Johnson stated it was how it was scanned. Mr. Duchane referred to the photo with items in trailer and date of 11/14/2025. Mr. Haynes stated the washing machine as in working order. Council Member Kost noted the violation had 10-11 listed, and the photos trash in back yard, and photos of reinspection show card board and one appliance on the reinspection. Ms. Johnson stated yes, based on the pictures. Council Member Kost asked if Mr. Haynes cleaned up, why did they not knock and ask about removal of the washer. Mr. Van Fossen stated they do not, but minimum cost to contractor is \$300, and he noted it has not gotten onto the taxes. Council Member Kost referred to the trash notice, which said likely washing machine and cardboard, and asked when typically send to Eric's include what is removed. Mr. Fossen stated they list what is there. Council Member Kost stated there is only warning on the contract for those items. Ms. Johnson stated they normally do not do that. Council Member Kost asked what they do with appliances. Mr. Van Fossen stated they can not determine where to dispose, and Council Member Kost asked if there is a contract with Eric's refuse, and Mr. Van Fossen stated they have a new contractor as of this time. Council Member Kost stated not sure why grill was on the list.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO GRANT THE CLAIM APPEAL #2230, CHARLES HAYNES FOR \$550 IN TRASH FEES AT 817 PROSPECT STREET.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted that when costs incurred by the City and those services have been spent, and she too questioned this as well, noting it appears there was an effort. Council Member Kost noted on some claims they never see an effort.

Council Member Martinez asked what happens to funds that have been paid, and if this is not granted is there a payment plan. Mr. Van Fossen stated the City will eat the cost, and they cannot go back on the contractor because they would believe that Eric did the work. As for payment plans, treasury has the power to do payment plans.

Ms. Boak did state that the contract with Eric's Refuse had a statement that stated if payment was granted the contractor needs to be billed for repayment.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu explained the next steps.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #2225, Najah Nona for \$345 in grass fees at 2215 Greencroft Road

Mr. Van Fossen outlined the staff report in the packet listing the date details.

Mr. Nona stated he never go the notice, when he got the bill he spoke to the tenant. When the photos arrived there was no designation on gauging the height, and did not know the measurement in the photos.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked Mr. Van Fossen how do they measure when his staff inspect. Mr. Van Fossen do a visual inspection during the initial notice.

The committee reviewed the photos in the packet and the timeline for assessing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL #2225, NAJAH NONA FOR \$345 IN GRASS FEES AT 2215 GREENCROFT ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #2234, Jeremiah Hepner for \$840 in rental registration violation fees at 800 W. Ionia Street

The property was not present.

Mr. Van Fossen outlined the staff report details on pink tagging the property in 2025. The owner was advised on what was needed to register the rental, and it was paid in 2025.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted the information was validated and the letter from the owner in the packet. Mr. Van Fossen stated it might have been a rental with previous owner, and if new purchase with property transfer, owners have to contact EDP to register the rental.

Council Member Kost reviewed the packet and verified all the notifications, and was able to find the sale ad, but all units were occupied. He noted it was pink tagged before 2025, and Mr. Van Fossen stated it was pink tagged once lack of certificate.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL #2234, JEREMIAH HEPNER FOR \$840 IN RENTAL REGISTRATION VIOLATION FEES AT 800 W. IONIA STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Noise Special Permit; Michigan Paving and Materials Company request to allow for major reconstruction on Pennsylvania Ave., Mt. Hope Ave., and Jolly Rd.

Mr. Cook and Michigan Paving representative were present for questions. Mr. Cook stated the intent is not to work Saturdays but to have the option. The date can be changed to Saturday after Council action.

Committee discussed no comments.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; MICHIGAN PAVING AND MATERIALS COMPANY REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION ON PENNSYLVANIA AVE., MT. HOPE AVE., AND JOLLY RD. AMENDING DATE TO APRIL 25, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Noise Special Permit; Granger Construction request to allow for the Tecumseh River Road Pump Station

Council Member Pehlivanoglu referred to the resolution, 1st paragraph April – October, 2026, and third paragraph 2027. She asked what the intent is. Mr. Hight clarified there was discussion last year, where it had to be renewed for a multi-year project. This is an as needed bases, and should read from April, 2026 to October, 2027.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; GRANGER CONSTRUCTION REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR THE TECUMSEH RIVER ROAD PUMP STATION AMENDING TO 2027. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-57; regulate parking along Kensington Road

Mr. Whisler stated this was a request from residents to prohibit parking along one side. Have been in this area doing sign checks with CSO noticing time limits based on closing of McLaren Hospital. Reviewed parking restrictions in neighborhood and provided options to the residents. Based on results, 28% returned of the survey, because of low response rate, held off moving in 2024, based on results of study, street 25' recommend prohibiting on one side of the street. Council Member Pehlivanoglu noted there is slight majority in favor of the street and one member present from the neighborhood.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-57; REGULATE PARKING ALONG KENSINGTON ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-62; regulate parking along Markley Place

Mr. Whisler stated this was similar to Kensington, same neighborhood, sent out survey. There was a 50/50 approval rate, held on and now are recommend moving on the changes.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-62; REGULATE PARKING ALONG MARKLEY PLACE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-27; regulate parking along Cascade Blvd.

Mr. Whisler state this was last in this area for parking traffic control order, and took a while to get through and get acceptance of. Based on request from business and traffic study are recommending load zone designation.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-27; REGULATE PARKING ALONG CASCADE BLVD.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 26-02; regulate parking along the 100 block of W. Elm Street

Mr. Whisler stated this came from the Mayor's office for more parking on the bridge, and the department evaluated with a 3rd party of the bridge load, traffic volumes lower, and they believe it is possible. They will be looking at limiting the intersections for visibility and they have already temporarily signed it.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked how many vehicles can this change accommodate. Mr. Whisler did not have that number and can provide if needed. Council Member Kost noted the REO Town Association as been talking about the need for this as well.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 26-02; REGULATE PARKING ALONG THE 100 BLOCK OF W. ELM STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No other comments at this time.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:39 pm

Submitted by Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on

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Resolution #2026-###

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Compost Awareness Week Resolution (May 3–9, 2026)

WHEREAS, composting returns valuable organic materials to the soil, improving soil health, enhancing water retention, and reducing runoff and nonpoint source pollution, while also decreasing reliance on chemical fertilizers and mitigating erosion; and

WHEREAS, organic materials—including food scraps, yard trimmings, and other compostable materials—continue to comprise a significant portion of the municipal solid waste stream, and composting remains a critical strategy for communities working to reduce landfill use and meet waste diversion and sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, composting organic materials such as leaves, grass clippings, food scraps, biosolids, and agricultural byproducts, when properly managed, produces a beneficial soil amendment that supports landscaping, agriculture, and green infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is providing vital public services such yard waste and food waste collection opportunities at the curb and at local drop-off sites to assure that residents have meaningful access to programming that also advances compost availability and use in municipal operations, infrastructure projects, and community programs, contributing to improved water quality, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, composting supports the goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan by reducing methane emissions from landfills, strengthening local economies, protecting natural resources, and promoting sustainable materials management; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 International Compost Awareness Week theme, “Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost,” highlights the importance of composting at all scales—from backyard and community composting to regional facilities—and recognizes its role in building circular economies, creating local jobs, and fostering environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and appreciates the efforts of organizations such as the Michigan Organics Council, along with extension services, conservation districts, residents, businesses, farmers, and public employees who contribute to advancing composting practices and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby recognizes and supports composting as a responsible and effective method for managing organic materials and advancing the City’s sustainability and climate goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City encourages residents, businesses, and institutions to participate in composting and organics diversion programs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented at a public City Council meeting and shared with the community as a demonstration of Lansing's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable resource management.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lansing City Council does hereby proclaim May 3–9, 2026, as Compost Awareness Week in Lansing, Michigan.



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER
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MARLON I. BROWN, DPA
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Monday, April 06, 2026

Morning Post Downtown, LLC
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RID # 2602-01589 **Reference/Transaction:** CONDITIONAL LICENSE, Transfer Ownership escrowed 2025 Class C & SDM license with Sunday Sales Permit (AM & PM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM) SDM- Mixed Spirit Drink and Outdoor Service Area from Cur, LLC; new Dance-Entertainment Permit.

Please let this letter serve as notice the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has referred your application to our Enforcement Division for investigation of your request.

Applicant/Licensee: Morning Post Downtown, LLC
Business address and phone number: 637 E Michigan Ave Ste B, Lansing 48912

Home address and phone number of partner(s)/subordinates:
1. Arnulfo Ramirez: 90 E Sherwood Rd, Williamston 48895 C: (517) 903-0072
2. Daniel Tyler: 15629 Chandler Rd, Bath 48808 C: (517) 763-9236

As part of the licensing process, an investigation is required by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission Enforcement Division. The Enforcement investigation will be conducted from the following designated District Office:

Lansing District Office (517) 284-6330

You may contact your designated District Office regarding any appointments or questions on documentation requested by the Investigator. **Failure to provide requested information or to keep scheduled appointments will cause the application to be returned to the Lansing office for cancellation.**

If this request is a transfer under MCL 436.1529(1), approval of the local unit of government is not required. However, a copy of this notice is also being provided to **Local Governmental Unit** should they wish to submit an opinion on the application or advise of any local non-compliance issues.

Under administrative rule R 436.1105, the Commission shall consider the opinions of the local residents, local legislative body, or local law enforcement agency with regard to the proposed business when determining whether an applicant may be issued a license or permit.

Under administrative rule R 436.1003, the licensee shall comply with all state and local building, plumbing, zoning, sanitation, and health laws, rules, and ordinances as determined by the state and local law enforcements officials who have jurisdiction over the licensee. The licensee must obtain all other required state and local licenses, permits, and approvals before using this license for the sale of alcoholic liquor. Approval of this license by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission does not waive any of these requirements.

MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
Retail Licensing Division
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