



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Councilmember Tamera Carter
Councilmember Jeremy Garza- excused
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Ryan Kost
Councilmember Clara Martinez
Councilmember Deyanira Nevarez Martinez
Councilmember Trini Pehlivanoglu
Councilmember Peter Spadafore

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Greg Venker, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, City Attorney
Mark Lawrence, Mayors Office
Jake Brower, Chief Strategy Officer
Jackson Mills, Budget
Chris Swope, City Clerk
DeLisa Fountain, NACE Director
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP Director
Bryan Dryer, EDP Deputy Director
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director
Devita Moses, Interim HRCS Director
John Hartzell, Lansing Shuffle
Jeremiah Kilgore, Public Service Deputy Director
Kim Coleman, HRCS
Amy Crank, HRCS
Roy Plowman, Project Manager
Joe MacDonald, HRCS
Renee Freeman, HRCS
Deborah Mulchahey
Gabriel Biber
Mayor Schor-arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council Member Spadafore stated they will take public comment at the end of the budget presentations.

Presentations

Interview for Appointment of Patrick Spyke, LEPFA At Large Member

Mr. Spyke introduced himself and spoke on his interest on serving on this Board. Mr. Spyke noted his interest is in being a steward to the community, and belief in strong assets in the City. Mr. Spyke is employed by LAFUCU and they have been a strong sponsor of the Lansing Lugnuts since they started.

Council Member Hussain asked about a newer application, since the date is May 21, 2025, and Mr. Spyke stated he completed a new application for the reappointment in June. Council Member Hussain asked about importance of credit unions and impact in the communities and acknowledged the work he does.

Council Member Martinez asked Mr. Spyke what he believes the role LEPFA will play in the overall success of the City. Mr. Spyke stated these are assets that need to be protected and stand behind.

Department Budget Presentations

Council President Spadafore noted 15 minutes as a guideline, as they did at the last meeting.

City Clerk

Mr. Swope went through the provided questions.

QUESTION 1 -What are three accomplishments your department achieved last year.

Opening the election office, while also running elections throughout the year.

Expanding the passport services, running late nights during the nights of City Council meetings.

Scanning documents in preparation for the move to the new City hall.

QUESTION 2 – What are three priorities or goals your department aims to accomplish this year.

Secure accurate elections, in 2024 there was a satellite office in other neighboring communities, and looking to replicate that on MSU because some students live in Lansing. Looking at efficient ways to document high functioning equipment, and have better ways to make sure everything goes to right places and they will know where everything is at all times. A goal is to complete the details at the new election offices.

A goal to move to the new City hall, and hope to not be moving during an election.

QUESTION 3 – What has changed in your budget request, and what is one-time vs. ongoing.

Election costs continue to increase, even though they make attempts to minimize cost, but they do mail out absentee ballots. There are increased pay for election workers to stay competitive. They have reduced the number of precincts down to 27.

The State of Michigan is a bid process for new election equipment, and that is not an option for the City; when the State says they have to use the new equipment the City will have to purchase and use that, but his office is pursuing asking the State to cover the cost.

Not in this budget, but they might need to address moving of the State Primary from August to May, depending on what is decided on the State level. If that occurs, it will impact the City budget in 2027; this current proposed budget. If it does pass, he will come before Council to address that.

Businesses licenses get small increases, and they have added a fee for election training room; non City users.

QUESTION 4 – How are staffing levels and vacancies affecting your budget and operations.

No details provided

QUESTION 5 – What steps is your department taking to optimize the budget and contain costs.

See question 3.

QUESTION 6 – What internal metrics or performance based strategies ensure operational efficiency.

Council Member Hussain asked if there was anything in his budget that was removed by the Mayor. Mr. Swope stated he wanted to put in funds with CIP for a room at the new place, and he missed that.

Council Member Hussain asked if he had other items that saved funds, and Mr. Swope stated they have started using a piece of equipment to compile all the absentee documents in a PILOT, and that was done in one day, which saved staff time and hours.

Neighborhoods, Arts & Citizen Engagement

Ms. Fountain went through the questions provided.

QUESTION 1 -What are three accomplishments your department achieved last year.

Neighborhood summit well attended, and retaining the vendors who have wanted to continue to participate.

Implementation of the Office of Neighborhood Safety.

311- maintain resolution rate, over 90%. Have published the online dashboard to see real time activity.

QUESTION 2 – What are three priorities or goals your department aims to accomplish this year.

Increase engagement with civic engagements with neighborhoods, and looking for targeting Ward 2.

Looking at transitioning with MPHI and Ingham County.

Working on prevention and intervention efforts.

With 311, expansion to in person service. They will rotate shifts at the new City hall at the front counter, with 2 at one time.

QUESTION 3 – What has changed in your budget request, and what is one-time vs. ongoing. Any requests made, were all ongoing.

QUESTION 4 – How are staffing levels and vacancies affecting your budget and operations. There are no vacancies in the department, but adding two call center agents.

QUESTION 5 – What steps is your department taking to optimize the budget and contain costs.

When purchasing supplies for events they cut coupons, stock up and sales. The violence prevention coordinator is working to identify and apply for grants.

QUESTION 6 – What internal metrics or performance based strategies ensure operational efficiency.

Aim for full citizens academy participation, increase attendance at neighborhood events.

Council Member Kost stepped away at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Nevarez Martinex asked about the increase in Ward 2 and asked about the number of applications in that ward compared to others. Ms. Fountain stated they all apply, but to plan to re-engage but some organizations have dropped since COVID. Would like to assist residents.

Council Member Hussain spoke on the office of public safety, understanding the critical partnerships, but in terms of internal, how many staff. Ms. Fountain stated in this budget request there is no plan to expand. Council Member Hussain asked about the resolution rate of 90%, is that they answer them or pass on. Ms. Fountain stated that means they did resolve and not move on to the other departments.

Council Member Kost returned at 5:33 p.m.

Council Member Hussain asked about the complexity of 311, and spoke on other municipalities that are onboarding a senior advocate, and if they would consider having someone specific to assisting senior citizens, or is there special training. Ms. Fountain stated they train, but do not train for senior citizens, but are trained to walk through the process. She concurred they could expand on the services. Council Member Hussain noted there is no 311 charge to HR, LPD, LFD, City Attorney and City Media, but a \$1800 for Council even though they did not opt in. The assessor stated they do not utilize 311 but they have a \$39,000 budget line item, and asked who determine who and how much. Ms. Fountain stated that data came from previous years, and even though to opt in by Assessing if they answer the actual phone calls they do. She provided a list of tasks they do for Council, and their definition of a partnership is anything above what is on the website. If they get calls that can be answered they bill the department.

Council Member Carter acknowledged the interest for the face to face in the future, and asked about the percentage of calls not be answered, and if there is something to increase the percentage. Ms. Fountain stated she will have to look into specifics, and deeper into the matter then they can provide.

Council Member Martinez asked what does success look like for NACE. Ms. Fountain stated that would be community engagement, engagement with government, see more people engaged with local government, utilize neighborhood grants for projects.

Economic Development & Planning

Mr. Van Fossen and Mr. Dryer went through the questions and spoke on “who EDP is”.

QUESTION 1 -What are three accomplishments your department achieved last year.

Lansing School District class, graduating next year, first class in Lansing Saves, will all graduate with a minimum of \$500.

Adding a new code officer.

Implementation of the IPMC Code

Invested \$9000 in Block funding rehabilitation on housing.

Received over 2,000 building permits.

Parking services partnership with enforcement.

QUESTION 2 – What are three priorities or goals your department aims to accomplish this year.

Finalizes draft of the comprehensive plan update, community engagement and approval process.

Partner with community to have four ADU plans, to assist residents implementation.

Launching an RFP on the five year plan with HUD master plan.

Implement programs with electronic efforts.

QUESTION 3 – What has changed in your budget request, and what is one-time vs. ongoing.

Most of the changes are cost of living adjustments, and addition of two code officers.

Ongoing CIP projects in parking.

Bringing back in house services with the oversight.

Relocation of building safety to another suite since they are not moving to new city hall.

QUESTION 4 – How are staffing levels and vacancies affecting your budget and operations. When vacancies occur, they work internally to fill the gap, and if cannot use temporary help. There are 3-4 that are eligible for retirement, but he is not aware of any plans of those employees.

QUESTION 5 – What steps is your department taking to optimize the budget and contain costs.

Within parking, replaced an older vehicle with the LPR system, which allows their service to be faster.

In building safety, last year deployed iPad and drones to cut down on the services when they back into the office.

With grant administration, and staff they do review financials regularly.

QUESTION 6 – What internal metrics or performance based strategies ensure operational efficiency.

They have utilized a forward facing dashboard, publicizing the red, black placards, and this will be updated.

Parking reviews event services for better services.

Tracking grant spending.

Dashboard reporting with Financial Empowerment allowing tracking savings, investments, etc. Code Enforcement, have a north and south team, better understanding of BSA software.

Council Member Kost asked what the turn around time of inspections with the current staff; code. Mr. Van Fossen stated it would depend - with rentals scheduling within 1-2 weeks. They now have the two leads to pull from other areas to provide effort to pull multiple officers to one site. Council Member Kost asked about the two additional officers proposed, are they currently pulling commercial officers for residential. Mr. Van Fossen stated every officer assigned to his office all maintain the same certification; which allows all of them to write enforcement on commercial and residential. If you are assigned to a property, you have the authority to address that property. The new officers will not be labeled as commercial corridor, but that will be their priority. Council Member Kost asked if the policy if someone appealing parking ticket is to increase the fee during the appeal. Mr. Van Fossen stated not sure it is during the appeal but Council has a process for increase, but if a pending appeal that increase should cease. Council Member Kost asked about the parking enforcement staff; is 4 enough. Asking if they need more since there are 4 covering the City. Mr. Van Fossen stated that parking is an enterprise fund, in a effort to want more enforcement would need to contribute that to increased revenue, and do not see that. The current staff are doing a phenomenal job, and they even have one that works a later shift, and they are moving out into the neighborhoods. Council Member Kost asked about parking system, and payment consideration since you have to use the machine, even with an employee on site. Mr. Van Fossen stated there are payment options during Silver Bells where you pay when you go in, and could speaking to Parking services about utilizing ramps for Lugnut games.

Council Member Hussain asked about the notices and placard system changing, and implementation, asking if that includes mailings, and status of the new system. Mr. Van Fossen stated he does not see a budget impact to implement the new system. As for the new system status, they are deploying them to all officers in the field, and the final steps they are working on what was existing pink and red tag, and making sure owners are getting the notification, and on track by the end of this fiscal year.

Council Member Nevarez Martinez asked if they were redoing the whole comprehensive plan. Mr. Van Fossen stated it will be staff lead, based on updates they have been doing, they will go ward by ward similar to an outside consultant. A lot of the work the LEDC is doing with neighborhood engagement, and are currently looking at RFP for neighborhoods. They hope

not to spend time on a consultant for this but a consultant for the HUD. Council Member Nevarez Martinez encouraged them working on a complete new comprehensive plan. She then asked if they put out and RFP for an architect on the four ADU plans mentioned earlier, and Mr. Van Fossen stated they have an inhouse position with planning they hope to fill first and then will put out the RFP.

Public Service

Mr. Kilpatrick and Mr. Kilgore went through the questions.

QUESTION 1 -What are three accomplishments your department achieved last year.

The Michigan Avenue project was completed; \$14 million
All departments space rental rate, running through property management.
Recycling drop off center.

Council Member Nevarez Martinez stepped away from the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

QUESTION 2 – What are three priorities or goals your department aims to accomplish this year.

Adding more liquids capability to the trucks for the winter season; could save 25-30% sale cost.

With extra funding from the State, increasing the miles they are doing and there are also more funds for the sidewalks and will increase those projects.

Council Member Nevarez Martinez returned to the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Installing a large solar ray at the plant, and could generate electricity once on line.
Updating walking/biking plan.

QUESTION 3 – What has changed in your budget request, and what is one-time vs. ongoing.

The budget is status quo with inflation.

Working on getting more seasonal.

Changes with property management; anything inward facing will be an internal fund.

With CIP, funds change annually, but usually the projects stay the same.

QUESTION 4 – How are staffing levels and vacancies affecting your budget and operations.

Implementing training programs for those that meet requirements but do not have the CDL.

Have been averaging 20% vacancy for years, because of diverse positions.

There are always emergencies and overtime.

QUESTION 5 – What steps is your department taking to optimize the budget and contain costs.

Doing a comprehensive energy analysis.

Increase utilization of city vehicles.

Cart options are being considered specific to those that cannot pay on time.

How purchasing materials on property management side.

Doing a cost of service analysis.

QUESTION 6 – What internal metrics or performance-based strategies ensure operational

Condition rating on the street.

Number of potholes

Sidewalks wedges.

Vehicles

Building costs

Council Member Hussain acknowledged the department for all their work and how they respond. He then asked about street sweeping status; how often doing it, capable to do more,

etc. Mr. Kilpatrick stated they were doing major 8 times and local 4 times. They are lower than that now, and were also doing leaves, but this past year it got cold and froze. There is a dashboard on the street sweeping. The City owns 3, the oldest is 3 years old, and same size they have always had.

Council Member Hussain asked about the operations and number of employees in the sign shop and if they are certified. Mr. Kilpatrick stated there used to be dedicated employees, now they are under the surface group and go other things. There are 2 new employees in sign shop in training, but to be installing in the bucket they have to be certified and the City supports that. Council Member Hussain asked about the snow plows and asked if they are continuing to purchase all types, and Mr. Kilpatrick stated they are doing more of the "wing" and switching with liquids which is a full tank. Council Member Hussain asked where the vehicles are being washed, and maintaining and sustaining over time. Mr. Kilpatrick stated they have a wash bay, and long term the building needs to be replaced to keep vehicles inside. Council Member Hussain asked about the fleet, and impact on the tree trimming service. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that is impacting the vehicles, and cannot get to maintenance annually like they wish to. Within 20-30 years ago they were not planting the tree species they should for the parkway width.

Human Relations & Community Services

Council Member Kost stepped away at 6:37 p.m.

Ms. Moses, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Crank, Mr. Ployman went through the questions.

QUESTION 1 -What are three accomplishments your department achieved last year.

Addressing homelessness, expanding housing, and community outreach.

Lansing Path Foward homeless study; 674 individuals and 66 local organizations, then holding community meetings.

Council Member Kost returned at 6:39 p.m.

Working on a community strategic plans.

ModPods/NOVA Initiative

Community engagements and partnership.

Council President Spadafore passed the gavel at 6:43 p.m. to Council Member Pehlivanoglu.

Hosted housing fairs.

Processed funds for assistance and support.

Partnering with over 88 community agencies.

QUESTION 2 – What are three priorities or goals your department aims to accomplish this year.

Develop city-wide homelessness strategic plan.

Council President Spadafore returned to the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Launch of the NOVA initiative.

Launch a platform to stream line housing and create a single access point for housing.

Expansion eviction prevention and housing assistance.

QUESTION 3 – What has changed in your budget request, and what is one-time vs. ongoing. Operations are status quo, and no changes other than the PODS.

QUESTION 4 – How are staffing levels and vacancies affecting your budget and operations.

There are 2 vacancies, and do not any impact. She is not aware of any pending retirements.

QUESTION 5 – What steps is your department taking to optimize the budget and contain costs.

The budget is small and not much cost to sustain, and remain committed.

QUESTION 6 – What internet metrics or performance-based strategies ensure operational 311 portal

Case management system

Partner with HOPE hub to monitor work being done to help resident's to transition.

Contract managers do monitoring with annual on-site visits.

Council Member Martinez asked about the continuum of care and partnership and asked what that partnership is like. Ms. Moses stated they are working on the homeless recommendations and on the strategic plan. Ms. Coleman stated there are multiple committees to work on creating the strategic plan and lay the ground work for the NOVA initiative. Council Member Martinez asked who would staff the ModPods daily, and their background. Ms. Coleman stated they will be looking for a contracting agencies to monitor. They have extreme experience in transitional housing, shelters and funding resources. Program managers and shelter expertise. Council Member Martinez asked about the experience they gained from housing in Causeway Bay, challenges and actions. What is the day to day going to look like, and asked what did the department due with Causeway Bay and what did they learn. Ms. Moses stated they made sure people were using their housing plans, and Ms. Coleman added that they recognized the people at Causeway Bay were different in the NOVA project. They learned a lot, and helped with placement but that was different then what doing with NOVA. Council Member Martinez asked who they will measure success of the ModPods. Ms. Coleman stated they are working on the dashboard, and Ms Crank stated they are meeting monthly and looking at what they want to see daily on the dashboard and look of it. Council Member Martinez asked how they are engaging the community. Ms. Moses stated that the homeless study; they have to speak to their needs, they went to encampments, the streets, and agencies. There were close to 300 people that participated in the homelessness study, actively participating. Council Member Martinez asked about the NOVA initiative and what is the departments ability towards putting funding towards community partners. Ms. Coleman providing services, and sustaining them to keep them up and running is always a challenge. They plan to go after federal and state grant funds, work with developer in the department to go after funding to sustain and funds this program. Their hopes are not to take funds from the agencies, and will have to prioritize.

Council Member Nevarez Martinez asked about the contract management team does monitoring, and asked if there are any reports that come out; are they internal or shared. Ms. Crank after each visit the department meets and submits a letter on their findings and if there are issues they have a timeline to respond. Any findings where an agency is lacking, they do not report directly to the Mayor's office, but make sure any issues are resolved by the end of the funding cycle. Council Member Nevarez Martinez asked if the department is working on coordination if there is a trespass order or items are removed, to make sure everyone has been coordinated into the entry system. Ms. Moses and Ms. Coleman stated they are currently working on things, and with the notice they are given they do go out on site and make the residents aware and also notify the agencies. The individuals in the encampment cannot be forced to go to an agency but do make them well informed. Council Member Nevarez Martinez asked if the community understands what this will look like and how it will be represented, and are there efforts the public knows which homeless will be placed in the NOVA project. Ms. Coleman stated they initially speak to the public, agencies, so they are aware and get their feed back. Most people think it is a sanctioned encampment, which is not what they are doing but asking agencies to share with the people they talk to about what will happen.

Council Member Hussain noted the ordinance that sets aside funds for human services, no matter the budget pressure, there is a good amount of resources flowing into the community. He asked if there is a world where some of those funds, will be used for the NOVA and taken away from the agencies. Ms. Coleman stated it is her hope that it is not impacted. If that would be the case it would be between the Administration and Council would have to vote on it.

Public Comment

Ms. Stanaway spoke on the ballot proposal resolution on the agenda, asking for availability of information to the public on both sides. She then spoke in opposition to the sale of any park land.

Council Member Hussain stepped away from the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Biber spoke on the budget process and asked for Council to consider funding be put towards Fenner nature center towards their CIP assets; Maple Grove Pavillion.

Council Member Hussain returned to the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Ms. Mulchey spoke on the ballot language on agenda, speaking on a plan or goal for this property and spoke in opposition to the sale.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Patrick Spyke, At Large Member of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners (LEPFA); Term to Expire June 30, 2026

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO EXCUSE HERSELF FROM THE VOTE, PURSUANT TO CHARTER 3-205.2, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO EXPLICIT CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR FINANCIAL BENEFIT UNDER THE CHARTER OF ETHICS ORDINANCE, GIVEN THE NATURE OF OUR EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER RELATIONSHIP. MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN CARRIED 6-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK SPYKE TO THE LEPFA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 WITH ONE EXCUSED.

RESOLUTION – Ballot Proposal; ACT-4-2026, Sale of Lansing Shuffle Building at 325 Riverfront Drive

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CHANGING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE AND REMOVAL OF THE WHEREAS SPEAKING TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.

Council President Spadafore recapped this was here a few weeks ago, and pending until the Park Board had their recommendation.

Council Member Hussain asked the City Attorney to explain the process. Mr. Venker stated if it goes on the ballot, and the public confirms, then a buy sell agreement will be placed on file, then a public hearing, then a vote of Council. It would be a 6 votes in support of the contract that explains the terms of the sale. Council Member Hussain asked if building and land in the discussion. Mr. Venker stated the difficulty in selling structure and not land, it would still have to do the ordinary process, when talking about a land lease and sale of the building; if hope is to have City have control of land, that would defeat the security of financing for the purchaser. The lender is going to have to have the ability to sell if there is a default. Under a land lease, a lender is not going to say it is efficient security if in the lease it says you cannot sell the land. Council Member Hussain asked if goes to the public, and the public says yes, and comes back, what types of protections can be added in the buy sell or other documents, to ensure

that nothing contrary to what Council wants to see there. Mr. Venker stated that provisions that were in the lease currently operating under, those same requirements and provisions, the tenant has agreed to include in the buy/sell. Can include restrictions on the use of property similar to the lease restrictions, and they can be included in the deed, and if so there is a penalty to have the property can come back to the City. In terms of other such things, there are reasonable restrictions. Some that would not work is a restriction on the sale for when the purchaser can sell again. Council Member Hussain asked about rights of first refusal; what would that look like, and are there are guard rails so the City can afford to purchase back. Mr. Venker stated to better state it, is "right to repurchase", as to the question of that purchase number will be governed by negotiations at the time, or a provision could be drafted that the debt load that property is for, is the purchase price. Council Member Hussain asked if the sale does not happen, or the business fails, what does that mean. Mr. Venker stated in the lease if they terminate, no longer collecting rent, no taxes from employees, but any secure equipment, furniture, etc. could be taken by lender for security.

Mayor Schor stated that if that happens, it will go back to what it was before it was leased to Lansing Shuffle; vacant.

Council Member Hussain asked Mr. Venker why the City would not do another appraisal if the property was up for sale. Mr. Venker stated the lease has a term, if they come back to purchase, if the public says yes, if buy sell agreement agreed, the purchase price is from appraisal taken close in time to lease negotiations. Appraisal of building as of then, and there has been improvements since and all done at cost of lease. The City determined they did not have the money, and Lansing Shuffle stated they would take that on. So it was determined to take appraisal from the lease time, look at public funds with Brownfield and combine those, multiply against CPI. This would reflect the City would get paid back for what funds were given. Council Member Hussain asked if there is anything to prevent the funds, and Mr. Venker stated that none of this limits or restricts. Council Member Hussain noted the ballot language as written is vague, further down the line can the Council further down the line will this unlock the sale to someone. Mr. Venker stated it does not restrict only to this entity. Council Member Hussain spoke on concerns he has heard on City promoting to encourage voters, and Council needs to establish as a body set tone and tender. He asked for removal of a whereas that the City has best interest, and also has a concern for a ballot language clarity.

Motion by Council Member Hussain recommended the removal of the 4th WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, sale of the property is in the best interest of the City, the property is not necessary for City operations and the City will no longer incur the expenses associated with maintenance of the property, and;

Mr. Venker stated that it is the Charter that speaks to buy/sell and the language.

Council Member Hussain asked to keep the 4th WHEREAS, only stating "the property is not necessary for City operations". MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council Member Hussain proposed a written draft amending the ballot language in the resolution to read so that the public is aware of what they are voting on:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said proposal be submitted to the electors of the City in manner and form substantially as follows:

SHALL THE CITY OF LANSING BE AUTHORIZED TO SELL THE PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE LANSING CITY MARKET, CURRENTLY KNOWN AS LANSING SHUFFLE BUILDING, LOCATED AT 325 RIVERFRONT DRIVE, ON THE GRAND RIVER ADJACENT TO ROTARY PARK, BEHIND THE LANSING CENTER, BETWEEN SHIAWASSEE STREET AND MICHIGAN AVENUE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS:

Mr. Venker stated this language was modeled on previous language all sales.

Council President Spadafore asked if there is a limit on words for the ballot. Mr. Swope addressed the Council stating the City does not have a limit on words; there are limits at the State and Federal level and Mr. Venker confirmed,

Mayor Schor spoke in support, but asked if the language change speaking to between Shiawassee and Michigan was necessary and Mr. Venker stated this is okay for details on location and is not misleading to name the streets, and the legal requirements on location follow in the legal description.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council Member Kost asked Mr, Venker, asked if there is a provision in the lease that kept the \$2000 low. Mr, Venker stated the provision set it at \$2000 per month, with a provision to increase over time if enacting on the sale. Council Member Kost referred to the past Parks Board meeting; kept hearing that the “City needs to keep their oath”, and asked for section F. in the lase. They are not bound to do this-

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR THE BALLOT LANGUAGE AND PROPOSAL TO SELL 325 RIVERFRONT DRIVE. MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Council Member Pehlivanoglu at 7:59 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), to recess into closed session to consult with the City Attorney in connection with the following specific pending litigation. An open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City of Lansing concerning these cases.

Allen, Keith v. City of Lansing
Bernard, Tashawn v. City of Lansing, et al.
City of Lansing v. Adeleye, MDMC, and Padsinab
City of Lansing v. Eli Lilly, et al.
City of Lansing v. CCLP
City of Lansing, et al. v. Purdue Pharma, et al.
Coward, Avis v. Douglas Hall
Eskin, Keith v. Melanie Smith, et al.
Fountain, David v. City of Lansing et al.
Hokenson, David v. City of Lansing, et al.
Hulon, Anthony v. City of Lansing et al.
Republican National Committee v. City of Lansing
Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ v. City of Lansing
Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ v. City of Lansing, et al.
Romero, Ashly for Estate of Romero, Stephen v. City of Lansing, et al.
Russell, William v. City of Lansing, et al.
Willis, Delaney v. City of Lansing

Roll Call vote, motion carried 7-0.

RECONVENE

Council President Spadafore reconvened the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

OTHER

There were no other topics of discussion.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 8:19 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee May 4, 2026