



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, April 23, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Pehlivanoglu called the meeting to order at 4:05pm

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Krochmalny, OCA
Keith Goodwin, OCA
Jeremiah Kilgore, Public Service Deputy Director
Robert Backus, LPD Chief of Police

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 9, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Compost Awareness Week 2026

Mr. Kilgore noted this is geared towards the city's composting, so picking up curbside is the food waste, which is under a pilot program for about a year now.

Councilmember Kost stepped away at 4:06pm

For residents that do compost in their backyards, like grass clippings and things of that nature.

Councilmember Kost return at 4:07pm

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu referenced the pilot and remembering residents could go to a center and get a bin, take it home, and return it with food waste, is that still running. Mr. Kilgore confirmed, adding it has expanded to a six location from the pilot. Initial location were Letts, Foster, Gier, Fire Station 1, and Schmidt Center, and now the O&M drop off center.

Councilmember Kost asked if they are looking to expand farther and do they work with a nonprofit. Mr. Kilgore answered talks about city hall internally, and no nonprofit. Councilmember Pehlivanoglu inquired about larger efforts and if any talks with restaurants have been held for food waste rather than a landfill dumping. Mr. Kilgore responded they have not, those that use the drop off, the city pays to have that hauled away. There has been discussions with the school district joining the pilot.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK 2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Update from LPD on Flock Grant system and safeguards in place

Chief Backus explained their policy, License Plate Readers (LPRs) have been around since 2013, and was in vehicles however the technology at that time was insufficient and slow in response. Flock is the vendor and he began talks in 2024, noting that the technology has been enhanced in 10 years. He continued speaking on safeguards, first those authorized can use for official business only and are subject to discipline or criminal actions. That depends on are they doing is because not trained properly or using for non-work related initiative. They track by detailed audit logs to use the system they must sign in, enter the plate number, state reason, and have a case number. They currently only allow access to 52 people who all went through appropriate training. There are specific crimes to use the LPRs, stolen vehicles, amber alerts, missing or wanted persons, crimes against person, felony crimes, and official ongoing investigations. Current policy indicates data is retained for 90 days, although they are only retaining for 30 days due to volume of storage which means use it within 30 days or lose it. The part about data sharing and administration, for official use only and limited to the positions and purposes stated in their policy. Another part is can only be shared for legitimate law enforcement purposes. If they share an MOU must be in place, and they currently do not have any MOUs. They have two options disabled to run a LPR and that is immigration and reproductive health. The locations that are not concealed are MLK/496, Pennsylvania/96, Cedar/496, Michigan/Pennsylvania, Oakland/Pennsylvania, and Holmes/MLK. The trend is the North end, and it is centered around the original State grant to increase security around the Capitol. Noting success statistics, they recovered 391 vehicles or vehicle parts, 97 associated arrests, and estimated value of recover was over \$1,000,000.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu asked if since the data is only stored for 30 days, can it be exported at any time to save it since investigations can go well beyond 30 days. Chief Backus responded no, however if any data is relevant it can be flagged and saved for potential evidence. Councilmember Pehlivanoglu asked if there is any reason they would do an MOU. Chief Backus answered there is reasons to justify, but locally they have other jurisdictions that their vehicles come through the city. Councilmember Pehlivanoglu referred to an article on legislation to cap retention data to 14 days, that does not seem sufficient time so happy they are doing 30 days.

Councilmember Kost referenced Kalamazoo and no MOU so they cannot see our data, Chief Backus confirmed LPD would have to hope it and they have not. Councilmember Kost noted murder or possible theft could be a reason, Chief Backus said current MOUs are in place for emergency help or violent crime investigations. Councilmember Kost stated without specifics have they had anyone disciplined, Chief Backus answered no discipline or misuse. Councilmember Kost asked how the data is reviewed, Chief Backus answered regularly but not scheduled, as an administrator I can view the access. Councilmember Kost does he get alerted when someone access it, Chief Backus answered no that it is a running list of who's used it. Councilmember Kost then asked if 14 days would be to short, Chief Backus responded in two perspectives, talking about violent crimes 14 days would be. However, a reported missing person

if a relatives is out of state and it's already been a certain amount of time that could go beyond that 14 days. Councilmember Kost final question was if there is any discussion of oversight from civilians or police commissioners. Chief Backus answered no, what drives the policies is their accreditation that currently stands at 90 police departments.

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu asked if the data captured is subject to FOIA, Ms. Krochmalny stated it has not come up but can speak to the City Attorney.

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)

Councilmember Pehlivanoglu asked for any questions on this. Councilmember Kost stated he is not concerned with this service.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO PLACE ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:37pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

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Approved by the Committee on May 14, 2026