



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, May 11, 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
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
Jake Brower, Chief Strategy Officer
Jackson Mills, Budget
Loretta Stanaway
Darren, homeless advocates

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 4, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0..

Public Comment

Ms. Stanaway asked who would be filling in for the Mayor, and was told Jake Brower.

Darren spoke on an experience with anti-homeless policies, homeless crisis.

Presentations

Department Budget Presentations-City Council

Council President Spadafore referred to the budget for City Council. Mr. Brower stated the Council budget is the same as previous years. Council President Spadafore stated significant changes were the raises from EOCC recommendation, utility formula to property maintenance and inclusion of 311. The cost allocation formulas were discussed with leadership and Mayor, it is not an impact on resources, but puts in the budget the cost centers.

Budget Review/Budget Wrap Up

Any amendments submit by this Friday to review prior.

Budget Policies

Regarding policy changes, will send to Council this week for review, by Friday.

Discussion/Action

PLACE ON FILE – General Fund Status Report, Fiscal Year 2025-2026, 3rd Quarter

Mr. Brower outlined the 3rd quarter, consistent with general fund property taxes, small adjustments, no major impacts, income tax underway and accrued up to 45 days after FY closes meaning there will be significant activity after FY ends, licenses and permits are trending below driven by trends in medical marihuana permits, and since this report submitted received the property tax reimbursement and on trend. Regarding State revenue sharing, should hear this Friday and will continue to watch the State budget. With ROE, receiving maybe in line with contracts, should be an updated agreement with BWL soon, after it goes through the BWL Board of Commissioners. With department expenditures, watching anything over $\frac{3}{4}$ expenditures, year to date is 74.3%, which is on track.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO PLACE ON FILE THE 3RD QUARTER FY 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND REPORT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

PLACE ON FILE – Employment Vacancy Factor Report; Fiscal Year 2025-2026, 3rd Quarter

Mr. Brower summarized the report, similar in appearance to vacancy reports.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO PLACE ON FILE THE 3RD QUARTER FY 2025-2026 VACANCY FACTOR REPORT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Lawsuit Settlement; Authorization to execute a Participation Agreement for the Opioid Six Remanent Defendants Settlement

Mr. Venker explained this is before Committee as required by the courts, there is a need for an authorization by the governing body. This is for smaller players across the settlement, and this is the 4th-5th Council has seen.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FOR THE OPIOID SIX REMANEENT DEFENDANTS' SETTLEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Reappointments to Multiple Boards and Commissions

Arts and Culture Commission: Shirley Carter-Powell;
Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners: Beth Graham;
Capital Region Airport Authority Board: John Shaski;
Income Tax Board of Review: Peter Jones;
Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors: Robert Benstein;
Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors: Tim Daman;
Park Board: Christopher John Greene-Szmadzinski, Joan Lenhard

Council Member Pehlivanoglu read the resolution:

Arts and Culture Commission:

Shirley Carter-Powell as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners:

Beth Graham as the 2nd Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Capital Region Airport Authority Board:

John Shaski as a City of Lansing Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Income Tax Board of Review:

Peter Jones as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors (North Grand River);

Robert Benstein as a Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors:

Tim Daman as a Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Park Board:

Christopher John Greene-Szmadzinski as the 2nd Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030; Joan Lenhard as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE ANNUAL REAPPOINTMENTS TO MULTIPLE BOARDS AND COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

Arts and Culture Commission: Shirley Carter-Powell;

Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners: Beth Graham;

Capital Region Airport Authority Board: John Shaski;

Income Tax Board of Review: Peter Jones;

Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors: Robert Benstein;

Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors: Tim Daman;

Park Board: Christopher John Greene-Szmadzinski, Joan Lenhard

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Other

Council Member Pehlivanoglu updated all of Council the status of filling the Legislative Analyst position and posting, beginning May 15th for 2 weeks. They will review all applications and start interviews on June 8th.

Council Member Spadafore stated they will cancel the June 8th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 5:19 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee May 18, 2026