



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
May 11, 2026**

Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Spadafore.

PRESENT: Council Members Carter, Garza, Kost, Martinez, Nevarez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore

ABSENT: Council Member Hussain

A quorum was present.

Council Member Nevarez Martinez asked people to remember an unhoused neighbor who passed away from cancer. Mayor Schor asked people to remember Mary Ruth Plummer and Melvin Johnson, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spadafore.

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of May 4, 2026

Motion Carried

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Clerk Swope thanked voters who participated in the previous Tuesday's election and introduced new intern, Cailyn Burke.

President Spadafore announced upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting changes.

Community Event Announcements

Nicklas Zande spoke about upcoming Old Everett Neighborhood meeting.

Loretta Stanaway announced that Friends of Lansing's Historic Cemeteries was holding their annual Geranium flower giveaway.

Daren spoke about registration for Punks with Lunch Olympics fundraiser.

Jill Dombrowski announced her live podcast event.

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on Legislative Matters

City Clerk Swope announced the deadline for submission of public comment registration forms for those intending to address the City Council on legislative matters and that only those who have submitted a completed form will be permitted to speak.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Schor spoke about the eight new police officers sworn in, congratulated City Finance Director Crystal Thomas on winning the Michigan Women in Finance Award, thanked those who participated in the Adopt-a-River event, and thanked John Smoltz, Jeff Lazarus, and others who attended Strikeout Baseball opening day. Mayor Schor also congratulated the Empower graduates, spoke about a Chick-fil-A restaurant opening, announced a mobile food distribution event, and a Hood 2 Hood community cookout. Finally, Mayor Schor spoke about Memorial Day events, a Lansing Fire Fighters' Union and Fire Department event, neighborhood grant funding awards, the delivery of Neighborhoods in Bloom kits, and the opening of Citizen Academy applications.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Nicklas Zande spoke about the City Tax and Debt Dashboard.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about parking meter fines.

Legislative Matters

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu to approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

Resolution #2026-141

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the mayor made the recommendation for reappointments to the various Boards and Commissions as stated below:

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;

WHEREAS, the mayor's office has verified that the nominees have been vetted and meet the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on May 11, 2026 and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointments to the various Boards and Commissions as stated below:

Arts and Culture Commission:

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

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Joan Lenhard as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-142

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; United Natural Foods, Inc.; and their subsidiaries ("Six Remnant Defendants") have negotiated a proposed settlement agreement ("Proposed Settlement") for Eligible Entities; and

WHEREAS the Proposed Settlement contains an agreement for the Six Remnant Defendants to pay a combined \$97,625,000.00 in cash to resolve pending opioid-related litigation; and

WHEREAS the City of Lansing previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, as well as the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, Walgreens, and Kroger Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Lansing authorizes the execution of a Participation Agreement for the Six Remnant Defendants Settlement.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2026-143

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, currently, citations for an expired meter violation are \$15.00 if paid by midnight on the day of issuance, \$25.00 the following day, \$35.00 if paid within 14 days, and \$45.00 if paid within 28 days; and

WHEREAS, the proposed updates to parking meter policies, including the ability for motorists to continue paying throughout the day, necessitate a review and adjustment of expired meter fines; and

WHEREAS, the current fine structure may incentivize motorists to receive a citation rather than pay the maximum daily parking rate, creating unintended consequences for the city's parking management; and

WHEREAS, increasing fines for expired meter violations would encourage compliance and ensure that fines exceed the maximum daily parking rate, thereby discouraging violations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Lansing Ordinance 404.03, parking fines are set by Council resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves the following fines for expired meter violations:

Payment by Midnight on Day of Issuance:	\$25.00
Standard Fine, paid from 12:01AM on day after issuance up to 14 th day:	\$35.00
Payment made from 12:01AM on 15 th day after issuance up to 28 th day:	\$45.00
Payment made from 12:01AM on 29 th day after issuance up to 42 nd day:	\$55.00

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried with Council Members Kost and Nevarez Martinez voting nay

Resolution #2026-144

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, currently, hourly rates for on-street parking locations within the City of Lansing increase consistently by \$1.50 per hour, to a maximum daily charge of \$15.00, which is equivalent to the maximum daily parking rates in parking ramps owned and maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, the current rate structure may incentivize motorists to utilize on-street parking locations for extended visits rather than pay the maximum daily parking rate in parking ramps, creating unintended consequences for motorists seeking parking solutions for short-term visits; and

WHEREAS, progressively increasing rates for on-street parking locations would encourage motorists to make use of parking ramps for extended visits by

increasing the relative value of the maximum daily parking rates in parking ramps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Lansing Ordinance 404.03, parking rates are set by Council resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council approves the following hourly rates for on-street parking:

Total Hours	Amount/Hour	Total Charge	Example Parking Duration
0 minutes to 1 hour	\$1.50	\$1.50	9A-10A
1 hour to 2 hours	\$1.50	\$3.00	9A-11A
2 hours to 3 hours	\$2.00	\$5.00	9A-12P
3 hours to 4 hours	\$3.00	\$8.00	9A-1P
4 hours to 5 hours	\$3.00	\$11.00	9A-2P
5 hours to 6 hours	\$3.00	\$14.00	9A-3P
6 hours to 7 hours	\$4.00	\$18.00	9A-4P
7 hours to 8 hours	\$4.00	\$22.00	9A-5P
8 hours to 9 hours	\$4.00	\$26.00	9A-6P

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried with Council Members Kost and Nevarez Martinez voting nay

Reports From Council Committees

Ordinances for Introduction

Introduction of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to conform the Lansing Codified Ordinances to the 2026 revised Lansing City Charter by amending Chapter 218, adding Section 218.06 to provide for the creation and semiannual update of a City Tax and Debt Dashboard.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Resolution #2026-145

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of considering an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to conform the Lansing Codified Ordinances to the 2026 revised Lansing City Charter by amending Chapter 218, adding Section 218.06 to provide for the creation and semiannual update of a City Tax and Debt Dashboard.

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried

Ordinances for Passage

Passage of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Section 404.03 for the purposes of allowing payment at a reduced rate for an expired meter violation until midnight of the day of issuance.

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

- Yeas: Council Members Carter, Garza, Martinez, Nevarez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore
- Nays: Council Member Kost

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried

Ordinance #1355

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 404 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances Section 404.03 to allow payment of a reduced rate for an expired meter violation until midnight of the day of issuance.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 404, Section 404.03, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

404.03. - Fines for parking violations.

(a) Subject to subsections (b), (c), and (d), fines for parking violations shall be set by council resolution. The fines set by council resolution shall include a rate for fines paid within 14 days of issuance of the citation, an increased rate for fines paid within 28 days of the issuance of the citation, and an additionally increased rate for fines paid within 42 days of issuance of the citation.

(b) Any person paying a fine for an expired meter violation ~~in person at the parking violations bureau~~ **before midnight on the day the citation was issued** shall pay a reduced rate set by council resolution ~~during the first two hours after the ticket was issued.~~

(c) Failure to pay the prescribed fee for parking in a city parking facility upon exiting the parking facility shall carry a fine set by council resolution in addition to the unpaid parking fee.

(d) Any person who fails to pay a fine set pursuant to this section within 42 days from the date of issuance of the ticket shall be responsible for a civil infraction punishable as provided by law.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions are repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 14th day after enactment, at any later date specified or unless given immediate effect by City Council.

Passage of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 404 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Section 404.01(e) to modify Uniform Traffic Code parking regulation Rule 141 to provide that the operating hours of time and location regulated parking in the Lansing Municipal Parking System shall be between 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Carter, Garza, Kost, Martinez, Nevarez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore
Nays: None

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried

Ordinance #1356

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 404 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances Section 404.01(e) to modify Uniform Traffic Code parking regulation Rule 141 to provide that the operating hours of time and location regulated parking in the Lansing Municipal Parking System shall be between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 404, Section 404.01, Subsection (e) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) The following language is added to the end of Rule 141:

The operating hours for all metered parking in the Lansing Municipal Parking System are ~~8:00~~ **9:00** a.m. through ~~6:00~~ **5:00** p.m., Monday through Friday.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions are repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 14th day after enactment, at any later date specified, or unless given immediate effect by City Council.

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

City Clerk Swope announced the deadline for submission of public comment registration forms for those intending to address the City Council on City government related matters and that only those who have submitted a completed form will be permitted to speak.

Reports From City Officers, Boards, and Commissions; Communications and Petitions; and Other City Related

Matters

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spadafore make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

• Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

Item(s) from the City Clerk re:

Minutes of Boards and Commissions placed on file in the Clerk's Office

Placed on File

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Setting a Public Hearing on Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District; 2231 W. Willow St., AM Land Holdings LLC

Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

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Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 708 S. Hayford Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 708 S. Hayford Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 6031 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 6031 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 2114 E. Kalamazoo St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 2114 E. Kalamazoo St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1218 Gordon Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1218 Gordon Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 4507 Devonshire Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 4507 Devonshire Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 100 W. Hodge Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 100 W. Hodge Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Special Assessment; Snow and Ice Removal Winter 2025-2026

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Setting a Public Hearing on Special Assessment; Snow and Ice Removal Winter 2025-2026

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Grant Acceptance; Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund on behalf of Capital Region Airport Authority for Capital City Blvd.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department notification of Hamlett Environmental Technologies as the vendor for Stainless-Steel Slide Gate for Ultraviolet Disinfection Channel No. 4

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Item(s) from the Council Member Spadafore re:

Amending Chapter 230 by adding Section 230.02 to allocate funding for Supportive Housing Services

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Setting a Public Hearing on Amending Chapter 230 by adding Section 230.02 to allocate funding for Supportive Housing Services
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Item(s) from the Council Member Nevarez Martinez re:
Repealing Chapter 886; Tax Exemptions for Multifamily Dwelling Projects
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Setting a Public Hearing on Repealing Chapter 886; Tax Exemptions for Multifamily Dwelling Projects
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Adding a new Chapter 886, Service Charge of Four Percent of Annual Shelter Rents for Eligible Housing Development Projects
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Setting a Public Hearing on Adding a new Chapter 886, Service Charge of Four Percent of Annual Shelter Rents for Eligible Housing Development Projects
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Eighteen communications from Alison Peeler on various City government related matters
Placed on File

Motion of Excused Absence

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu to excuse Council Member Hussain from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

Remarks by the Mayor Or Executive Assistant

Mayor Schor spoke about parking rates.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Darren spoke about homeless encampment sweeps.

William DeNike spoke about various City matters.

Nicklas Zande spoke about various City matters.

Daniella Hayes spoke about homeless encampment sweeps.

Vivian Breslin spoke about homeless encampment sweeps.

Ivan Droste spoke about parking and homeless encampment sweeps.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

Eli Ghaffari spoke about homeless encampment sweeps

Fredric McLaughlin spoke about parking.

Oliver Daniel Bush-Corr spoke about concerns with CATA's Spec-Tran paratransit curb to curb transport service

Katie Corr spoke about concerns with CATA's Spec-Tran paratransit curb to curb transport service

Mike Gorishek spoke about homeless encampment sweeps.

Adjourned Time 8:13 P.M.



Chris Swope, City Clerk