



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Development & Planning**  
**Monday, June 15, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

Council Member Garza, Chair  
Council Member Nevarez Martinez, Vice-Chair  
Council Member Carter, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant  
Greg Venker, OCA  
Kris Klein, LEDC  
Faye Norris  
Fred McLaughlin

**MINUTES**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER NEVAREZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 18, 2026, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Norris spoke on concerns with the Data Center's air quality and noise. The cost passed to consumers, and would like complete transparency and no non-disclosures along with impartial third party study.

Mr. McLaughlin spoke on his concern with the city taking the role of a developer

Ms. Norris added that she used to 'be a tourist in your own city' and sad to see that it's not around anymore and she couldn't get an answer from the Chamber of Commerce.

**Discussion/Action**

**RESOLUTION – Introduction and Setting Public Hearing on Amending Chapter 878, temporary moratorium on new Data Centers**

Mr. Venker spoke that this is a straightforward ordinance, mainly defines what data center is for, how to begin the process, and the application process for either permits or zoning for a period of six months. Councilmember Carter asked about an extension and when would that have to be done, in advance of the 6 months or at 6 months. Mr. Venker stated it would be similar to an

amendment and extending the moratorium period, but a month would be ideal. Councilmember Nevarez Martinez asked if an extension is granted is it another 6 months. Mr. Venker stated it is ideal, figure reasonable amount of time. Councilmember Nevarez Martinez noted the effective date is 14 days after approval, can it be immediately. Mr. Venker answered because of zoning no, that alone takes longer than 14 days.

Councilmember Garza mentioned this is to identify what a Data Center is and the water usage, energy consumption, noise, and environmental impacts. Is it legitimate to scrutinize data centers and not other developments. Mr. Venker noted this is more industrial than commercial, adding there are data centers in Lansing just a smaller scale.

Councilmember Garza noted this is to set the public hearing for July 13<sup>th</sup>, and then it would go back to Committee and then Council for final vote. Councilmember Nevarez Martinez asked why so long and could Council vote the day of the public hearing. Mr. Venker noted the process of introduction of an Ordinance, the public hearing, and vote for passage including if it had to go to the Planning Commission and zoning permits along with a certain number of Council meetings. Adding he will look for the process in Council Rules.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER NEVAREZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR INTRODUCTION AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING CHAPTER 878, TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON NEW DATA CENTERS TO BE HELD JULY 13, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District; 2231 W. Willow St., AM Land Holdings LLC

Mr. Klein indicated he had nothing to add, and the Committee had no questions.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NEVAREZ MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION ACT (OPRA) DISTRICT; 2231 W. WILLOW STREET, AM LAND HOLDINGS LLC. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Venker noted there are four steps, introduction and reading by title, referral to appropriate Committee, public hearing which is what is being passed here not to be sooner than five days after hearing notice, and then the second reading by title and passage. These four steps shall not take place in less than two regular meeting of Council. It could potentially pass on the same evening of the hearing that is determined by Council Leadership.

### Other

### Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:20pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on