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MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, July 13, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 6:30 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
Mark Lawrence, Mayor's Office
Loretta Stanaway

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 22, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment

Ms. Stanaway spoke about the starting time, and upset that there was no appropriate time notification to 6:30 p.m.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; Amend Title 8, Add Chapter 247, Section 247.01-247.04; Boards /Commissions to Ward Structure for Membership, per City Charter

Mr. Venker stated the Boards and Commissions will be 5 ward and 3 at -large because they are 8 members. He stated this was his recommendation, and done in three ordinances based on Charter or ordinance. The 5th Ward does not come in existence until prior to the 2029 election. All boards and commissions switch to this change immediately per Charter, but the concern and issue is that there is no 5th Ward now. These ordinance amendments, use the power under the Charter for the council to say, until there is a 5th Ward (7/1/2029) the boards and commissions will maintain their current status. There will be 1 from each ward and 1 from each at large. This transitions all but Board of Water and Light, per the Charter and ordinances.

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Council Member Nevarez Martinez asked about why 9 Council Members but only 8 on the boards, and Mr. Venker stated that would be for the Charter Commission.

Council Member Hussain asked if all Wards will expire in 2029, and in May Mayor will bring forward recommendations. Mr. Venker confirmed, and every regular appointments will occur. Council Member Hussain asked if all those positions in 2029 will expire in June 2029, and would they have to reapply. Mr. Venker stated they would have to verify, and with the new Ward 5, once the Wards are redrawn they are not sure where they will live. Council Member Hussain reiterated that notice be provided to all members in due allotted time. He then asked with the new 5 ward break down, how did they determine the structure on which Ward comes in first, etc. Mr. Venker stated that the Ward 5 will be created in last 2028, and then in 2029 they will know the 5th ward, and the staggering will begin once all set. Council Member Hussain asked if BWL will still have 9 members. Mr. Venker stated the BWL Board would still have eight (8) but would verify that in the Charter. Council Member Hussain stated the other ordinance are clear, but the BWL ordinance is not clear, so will they maintain 4. Mr. Venker stated that is not the intend.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 27, 2027 TO ADD CHAPTER 247. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; Amend Chapter 248, add Section 248.02; LBWL Board Membership, per City Charter

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 27, 2027 TO AMEND CHAPTER 266 WITH AMENDING THE ORDINANCE SECTION (C) (5) STATED THREE (3) AT LARGE MEMBERS. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; Amend Chapter 266, delete Section 266.02 amend 266.03; Membership Arts and Culture Commission, per City Charter

Mr. Venker stated that there was a discussion to change to 12 members, but aligns different then the other changes.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 27, 2027 TO AMEND CHAPTER 266. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Other

Council President Spadafore introduced Mr. Thiel, the new Council Legislative Analyst.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 6:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee