

AGENDA

Committee on Public Safety August 20, 2026 at 3:30 PM



Lansing City Hall, City Council Conference Room
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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Council Member Spadafore, Chairperson
Council Member Hussain, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Martinez, Member

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes**
 - A. August 6, 2026
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
- 5. Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Set a Show Cause Hearing; Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 6546 Mercantile Way
 - C. DISCUSSION - Budget Priorities for FY 2027/2028
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**

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MINUTES

Committee on Public Safety

Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 3:30 p.m.

City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair
Council Member Clara Martinez, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Legislative Office Manager
Sunny Miller, OCA
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP/Code Compliance
Meredith Johnson, EDP
Crystal Collins
Tim Rumler

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2026, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing; Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 920 Long Blvd.

Council Member Spadafore EDP recommends setting a hearing. Mr. Van Fossen outlined the property location, currently fenced off by the City, due to the severity of the decay. They are eager to move on this due to the safety. Historically it has been office space, and when red tagged it was vacant.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET A SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR AUGUST 24, 2026 FOR 920 LONG BLVD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Show Cause Hearing; Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 6546 Mercantile Way

Council Member Spadafore stated it was recently sold to Motorcars of Lansing, and EDP recommends tabling until next meeting so new owner can present materials to Committee. Mr. Van Fossen stated they were excited when it was proposed for a sale, and the new owner has been into the department on permits, and plan review and informed the department of plans to expand the current Motorcars of Lansing.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO TABLE UNTIL AUGUST 20, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 431 S Francis

Council Member Spadafore stated there has been no activity, and EDP recommends a 21 day make safe or demolish.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 431 S FRANCIS IN 21 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Van Fossen asked when it would be before Council and it was confirmed Monday, August 10th.

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1217 N. Grand River Avenue

Council Member Spadafore stated EDP recommends 60 day's notice, and permits have been pulled.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 1217 N. GRAND RIVER AVENUE IN 60 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION –Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 4507 Devonshire

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Spadafore stated EDP stated they have not had any updates and EDP recommends 60 days.

Ms. Collins stated Junk in the Trunk is still cleaning it out. Council Member Spadafore asked if they plan to just sell as is, and Ms. Collins stated yes, sell as is, and then the new owner would renovate. Council Member Spadafore stated the Committee concurred at the last meeting to continue to table if there is progress, but it appears there is not since no activity has been provided to the EDP department.

Mr. Rumler stated Junk in the Trunk interviewed Ms. Collins on her personal items, they are thorough and going through every item and box. Council Member Spadafore stated they were to provide an analysis of the cost to make safe, and work with the department on the plan. Council Member Hussain added that per minutes, the video and his notes, he concurs with Council Member Spadafore that they needed to provide a list of repairs, the estimate of repairs, and proof of funds. He recapped that at the time, Ms. Collins stated it would take a couple weeks so they tabled it, and she was advised to communicate with the department. Since the department is saying they have not gotten any of those three items, they are recommending the Committee proceed with the order of make safe or demolish in 60 days. Council Member Spadafore states this now goes before the Council on Monday, 8/10/2026 and if they have a list or quote to bring to the meeting then.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH FOR 4507 DEVONSHIRE IN 60 DAYS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Rumble asked, if they are able to present a list of repairs from certified contractors who have a interest in buying, from there how can he assure that contractor that it will not be torn down a week later. Council Member Spadafore stated that this action initiates the process to being with a 60 day clock starting Monday, August 10th, to make safe or demolish. At the last meeting the list was requested, and the Committee has been accommodating, and but Council has a duty on public safety to make sure the homes and structures are safe. Ms. Collins stated she did not understand there was a request or requirement for a list.

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Council member Hussain confirmed what Council Member Spadafore stated on what was requested at the last meeting.

Mr. Rumble asked what the options Council will consider and Council Member Spadafore stated Council will act on the resolution to begin the process of 60 days make safe or demolish, or reject that recommendation, table or send back to Committee.

OTHER

Council Member Spadafore stated that Council Member Hussain has asked for an update on implementation of the new placard system, and he has been working with Mr. Van Fossen on creating a report, so therefore this will be back before Committee at a September meeting.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on

CITY OF LANSING - MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH HEARING

CASE OVERVIEW SHEET

ADDRESS:	6546 Mercantile Way
PARCEL NUMBER:	33-01-05-10-176-062

LISTED TAXPAYER:	Durga Property Holdings Inc.
INTERESTED PARTIES:	
SEV INFORMATION:	\$405, 300.00
LAND VALUE:	\$384,492.00
BUILDING VALUE:	
LOT SIZE:	340 x 283.68, MORE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	LOTS 12, 13 & S 90 FT LOT 11 HOLIDAY PLAZA
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<u>CURRENT BLDG SAFETY PERMIT ACTIVITY</u>
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BUILDING:	N/A
ELECTRICAL:	N/A
MECHANICAL:	N/A
PLUMBING:	N/A
DEMOLITION:	N/A

MSD HEARING DATE:	5.5.26
MSD HEARING RESULTS:	7.6.26

HOUSING CODE VIOLATION LTR:	
ORIGINAL RED TAG DATE:	7.30.25
ZONING:	
ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS:	\$3,587,717.00
PICTURES:	YES
OTHER:	

PROPERTY OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION		
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE and/or E-MAIL
Durga Properties	11320 CHESTER RD	
MONTU BEDI		513-748-5126 MONTU@BEDIASSOCIATES.COM

CURRENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY		
MEETING	DATE	ACTION
City Council	7/13/2026	Referred
Committee on Public Safety	8/6/2026	Tabled
Committee on Public Safety	8/20/2026	Set Show Cause Hearing
City Council	8/24/2026	Set Show Cause Hearing
City Council	9/14/2026	Show Cause Hearing

City of Lansing Make Safe or Demolish Hearing



Andy Schor, Mayor

The City of Lansing Prepared Testimony
Code Enforcement – Department of Economic Development and Planning
316 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933
Tuesday 5.5.26 @ 4:00 PM



Andy Schor, Mayor

6546 Mercantile Way

Title Information:

- Durga Property Holdings

Original Red Tag Date:

- 7.30.25

Reasons for Red Tag

- Roof collapsed
- •Unsafe mechanical systems
- •Maintenance of existing wiring and equipment

Property Activity:

- No current permits

SEV & Cost of Repairs:

- SEV is \$405,300.00
- Estimated cost of repairs \$3,587,717

City Recommendation:

- 30 days to make safe or demolish.



6546 Mercantile Way

Damage Report Information:

- **6/5/2025** –Partial roof collapse occurred; owner made no contact with the department.
- **7/30/2025** –Enforcement **E25-18348** created by Cory Donnell and Eric Simmon following City official referral.
 - Joint inspection by Building, Electrical, and Mechanical divisions determined the building to be unsafe.
 - Building red-tagged; remaining tenants ordered to vacate.
 - Emergency electrical and gas disconnections completed the same day.
- Letter issued requiring owner to submit a plan of action by **8/6/2025**.
- Enforcement remains open with no corrections made.

Permits needed:

- All trade permits needed



Inspection Photos



CITY OF LANSING MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH HEARING	ORDER TO MAINTAIN VACANT BUILDING OR STRUCTURE	FILE NO. D2026-5.5.26 - #2COMM
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Matter of the building/structure at 6546 Mercantile Way, which is a ☒ dwelling ☐ garage ☐ other

1. Date of hearing: May 5th, 2026 Hearing Officers: JOE VITALE
2. TOM BARRY, Code Enforcement LEAD OFFICER of the City of Lansing, has filed a copy of a notice that the subject building/structure is dangerous. The copy of the notice is attached.

THE HEARING OFFICER FINDS THAT:

3. Notice of this hearing was properly served on the
☐ rental registration owner(s)
☒ Owner's or party in interest on City tax assessment record
4. The building/structure ☒ is ☐ is not a dangerous building as defined in MCL 125.539, specifically MCL 15.539(j)
5. ☒ The building/structure has remained unoccupied for 180 consecutive days or more and is not listed for sale, lease or rent with a licensed real estate broker.
6. The building/structure is a ☒ commercial building/structure ☐ residential building/structure ☐ other.
7. The owner ☐ has ☒ has not informed the local law enforcement agency that the building will be unoccupied.
8. The owner ☐ has ☒ has not maintained the exterior of the building or structure and adjoining grounds in accordance with the Housing Law of Michigan or the Building Code of the City of Lansing.
9. The building/structure ☐ is ☒ is not a secondary dwelling as defined by MCL 125.539(j)(ii).
10. The state equalized value of the building/structure is \$405,300.00
11. The cost to repair the building or structure to make it safe is \$3,587.717.00
12. The real estate is described as follows:

Parcel Number: 33-01-05-10-176-062

LOTS 12, 13 & S 90 FT LOT 11 HOLIDAY PLAZA

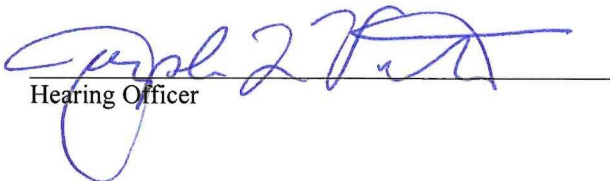
IT IS ORDERED THAT:

☐ The owner or party in interest has shown cause as to why the building/structure is not a dangerous building pursuant to MCL 15.539(j), therefore this matter is closed.

☐ The exterior of the building shall be maintained, including:
☐ lawns, trees and shrubs ☐ paint on structure ☐ other _____ on or before _____.

☒ The building/structure shall be made safe or demolished on or before 7-6-2025.

5-5-2025
Date


Hearing Officer



Notice of Hearing Regarding Unsafe Structure Within the City of Lansing

This notice is to inform you that the building located at: **6546 Mercantile Way** has been declared a dangerous structure according to MCL 125.538. The property description is as follows:

- **Property Address: 6546 Mercantile Way**
 - **City, State, Zip, county: Lansing, MI 48911**
 - **Legal Description: LOTS 12, 13 & S 90 FT LOT 11 HOLIDAY PLAZA**
 - **Parcel #: 33-01-05-10-176-062**

Under the Lansing Housing Code and Michigan law (MCL 125.538 – 125.542, excluding MCL 125.541c), a hearing has been scheduled to address this matter. The details of the hearing are:

- **Date: Tuesday May 5, 2026**
- **Time: 4:00 pm**
- **Location: 316 N. Capitol Ave. Ste: C-2**

During this hearing, any individual with a legal interest in the property shall have the opportunity to show cause as to why the hearing officer should not order the building or structure to be demolished, otherwise made safe, or properly maintained.

The Hearing Officer will either set a date by which the building must be made safe by or demolished, or, if good cause is shown, discharge the property from the demolition process. If the property is not made safe or demolished by the date set by the hearing officer, the matter will be referred to the Lansing City Council who may order the building demolished within 21 or 60 days.

If City Council orders the building demolished and you fail to do so by the date contained in the order, the city may proceed with making the property safe or demolition. Any costs incurred by the city and/or any contractor employed by the city related to demolition, including any applicable administrative fees and title search expenses, will be charges as a lien against the property in accordance with MCL 125.541 (5) (7) et seq.

Please note that obtaining any building or trade permits will not affect the demolition schedule or stop the demolition process. Any risks and costs associated with obtaining these permits are the responsibility of the permit applicant/owner.



The City of
LANSING
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July 13, 2026

Montu Bedi

via email: montu@bediassociates.com

RE: Make Safe or Demolish at 6546 Mercantile, Lansing Michigan

Recently the property you own at 6546 Mercantile, Lansing Michigan went through the Make Safe or Demolish process with the City of Lansing Code Enforcement Department and the Demolition Board.

After all steps were taken at that level, it has been referred to the City Council Committee on Public Safety for their action.

This Committee will meet on:
Thursday, 8/6/2026 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Hall
124 W Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor
Council Conference Room

Someone *legally representing* the owners needs to be present at this Committee to appeal the action.

Please let me know who will be able to attend on the above date and time by contacting me at 517-483-7683 or sherrie.boak@lansingmi.gov no later than Thursday, 7/30/2026.

I appreciate your assistance in this coordination.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Boak
City Council
Legislative Office Manager

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure at 6546 Mercantile Way, 33-01-05-10-176-062, LOTS 12, 13 & S 90 FT LOT 11 HOLIDAY PLAZA , City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Ingham County Records, to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on JULY 30TH, 2025 and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on MAY 5th, 2026, a Lansing Demolition Hearing Officer held a meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Property Maintenance Code (Ord. 1460.01, et seq.), and ordered the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure by JULY 6th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Code Compliance has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Lansing Codified Ordinances require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a show cause hearing for Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Officer regarding the structure at 6546 Mercantile Way, as legally described above, to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the Hearing Officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Code Compliance Officer notify the owner(s) of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

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Public Safety. Reviews service levels and issues related to public safety, including police, fire, ambulance, emergency services, traffic environment and the building inspection program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council has established the following as its Fiscal Year 2027/2028 Budget Policies and Priorities and requests that the Administration review them and encourages that they, to the extent practical, be included in the Administration's budget presented due to the City Council by the fourth Monday in March 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Committee on Public Safety** has established the following priorities:

1. Permanent Speed Bumps/Raised Crosswalk – where portable speed bumps were successful
2. Continue/Sustain Funding – LFD apprenticeship/internship program
3. 2 additional Code Enforcement Officers
4. Funding for in-field technology for Code Enforcement Officers
5. Funding for (3) LFD officers and (3) LPD officers.

WHAT IS ADOPTED IN THE CURRENT FY BUDGET PRIORITIES 2026/2027