MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, August 13, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER
Council Member Pehlivanoglu called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

PRESENT
Council Member Trini Pehlivanoglu, Chair
Council Member Clara Martinez, Vice-Chair
Council Member Ryan Kost, Member

OTHERS PRESENT
Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant
Keith Goodwin, OCA
Natosha Bylsma, Next Generation Family Services
Marc Jones, Dept. Public Service
Tom Starck, Leavitt & Starck Excavating

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 23, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public present

Discussion/Action
RESOLUTION – Reappointment; Jerrod LaRue as the 2nd Ward member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2030
Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted Mr. LaRue was unable to attend the meeting due to a work conflict, however, he was able to answer some questions asked ahead of time and read them into the record.

1. Please share why you enjoy serving on this board? *Mr. LaRue responded for a variety of reasons, he brings a citizen's point of view to the fire department, he is a former firefighter for a neighboring agency and has advanced knowledge of the fire service. Adding with his background he is in a good position to understand the issues the fire department faces.*

2. Is there an accomplishment you are most proud of from your time as an appointee? *Mr. LaRue answered seeing the new Station #2 opening and his greatest accomplishment in*

late March, driving and witnessed a horrific traffic crash, one driver was trapped and vehicle was on fire. He was able to put the fire out and conveyed vital information to the arriving medic unit.

3. What would you like the board to accomplish in the future? *Mr. LaRue responded to improve the fire department in any way he can assist with, a strong fire department equals a strong city.*

MOTION BY COUNICLMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JERROD LARUE AS THE 2ND WARD MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2030. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

<u>RESOLUTION – Non-Profit Recognition; Next Generation Family Services</u>
Ms. Bylsma summarized the organization has been operating for about 4 years and serves families primarily for lactation support and prenatal classes, car seat checks, etc., and that the request is for a gaming license for a raffle.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR NON-PROFIT RECOGNITION; NEXT GENERATION FAMILY SERVICES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

<u>RESOLUTION – Noise Waiver Special Permit; Leavitt and Starck Excavating, Inc. to allow for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 015 South Project</u>
Mr. Jones spoke that points were addressed at the hearing, they are aware of opposition. Goal is once getting into the fall they get rain delays and lose production, without Saturdays it sets them back and possibility of losing funding. Councilmember Kost acknowledged that people are upset with Saturday work. Councilmember Pehlivanoglu noted the lack of support last year that for her shows the work needs to be completed on time. Mr. Starck noted that Saturdays are a normal work day for them so it could delay for another 4-5 days if they can't complete it on a Saturday. Councilmember Kost asked did last year's denial have an impact. Mr. Jones spoke that originally was slated for a 2 year project and now much longer, not a lot of opportunity to make up for rain delays, it did add time. Councilmember Pehlivanoglu asked when the end date is projected, Mr. Jones answered final completion in October.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE NOISE WAIVER SPECIAL PERMIT; LEAVITT AND STARCK EXCAVATING, INC., TO ALLOW FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO) 015 SOUTH PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 2-1.

<u>DISCUSSION – Budget Priorities for FY 2027/2028</u>
Councilmember Pehlivanoglu reminded the Committee that they have three more meetings on 8/27, 9/10, and 9/24, before submitting, and for anything outside of this Committee should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilmember Kost suggested to remove the ones from 2023/2024 and start fresh with the following:

1. Funding sidewalks
2. WWTP – could but an increase for that
3. Recycling bins in parks along with trash bins (pilot program)
4. Creating a strategic fund for historic pools

Other
Councilmember Kost asked about the reappointments and appointments and do they expire 2029 or 2030 per the Charter. Mr. Goodwin noted he does believe 2029 and will speak with the City Attorney and since the resolution was approved as is, Council will have to amend it on the floor at the next meeting.

Adjourn
Adjourned at 4:25pm
Submitted by Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary
Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee on