



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
August 10, 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 Vice President Pehlivanoglu.

PRESENT: Council Members Carter, Hussain, Kost, Martinez, Nevarez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu

ABSENT: Council Members Garza, Spadafore

A quorum was present.

Mayor Schor asked people to remember Kota, a lion at Potter Park Zoo who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Clerk Swope also asked that people remember Harold King during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Pehlivanoglu.

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

By Council Member Kost

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of July 27, 2026

Motion Carried

Special Ceremonies

Appointment; Kalman Mate as the 4th Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028

Resolution #2026-210

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended the appointment of Kalman Mate as the 4th Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed with this resolution, that they have vetted the applicant based on the original application and believes that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on July 23, 2026, and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Kalman Mate as the 4th Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

By Council Member Martinez

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Kalman Mate as a member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board

Brownfield Plan #91; 6420 S. Cedar Street Project, 6420 S. Cedar St.

Council Member Nevarez Martinez recognized Mitch Goltz and Kris Klein who made a presentation.

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

Council Member Nevarez Martinez recognized Joseph Brooks and Kris Klein who made a presentation.

Ballot Proposal; City Charter Amendment; creation of Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board

Vice President Pehlivanoglu recognized Clerk Chris Swope who spoke about the ballot proposal and petition review process.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council Member Hussain announced Constituent Contact Meeting and announced the Southwest Fest.

Clerk Swope thanked his staff, voters, and precinct workers for their work during the recent Primary Election.

Community Event Announcements

Loretta Stanaway announced upcoming Friends of Lansing's Historic Cemeteries tombstone cleaning workshop.

Nicklas Zande spoke about the upcoming Ingham County Democratic Party County Convention.

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 thanked people for attending the Neighborhood Night Out event and Jazzfest. He also announced upcoming drive-thru mobile food pantry, Hispanic Heritage celebration, congratulated Kevin Neely on becoming Assistant Fire Chief, announced 19 new police recruits, and the publication of the property tax and debt dashboard. Mayor Schor also provided an update on the status of the NOVA Housing Initiative.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

Brownfield Plan #91; 6420 S. Cedar Street Project, 6420 S. Cedar St.

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

Noise Special Permit; Hoffman Bros. Inc., to allow for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Ottawa Street Project

Noise Special Permit; Leavitt and Starck Excavating, Inc., to allow for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 015 South Project

Council Members Nevarez Martinez and Martinez gave overviews of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Elizabeth Rice spoke about the Noise Special Permit for 015 South Project.

Crystal Collins spoke on the orders to make safe or demolish at 4507 Devonshire Ave.

Charles Delmotte spoke about the Noise Special Permit for Ottawa Street Project.

Nicklas Zande spoke about the Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board ballot proposal.

Legislative Matters

Referral of Public Hearings

Brownfield Plan #91; 6420 S. Cedar Street Project, 6420 S. Cedar St.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate; 2231 W. Willow St., AM Land Holdings LLC
Referred to the Committee Development and Planning

Noise Special Permit; Hoffman Bros. Inc., to allow for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Ottawa Street Project
Placed on file as it is scheduled to be voted on this evening.

Noise Special Permit; Leavitt and Starck Excavating, Inc., to allow for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 015 South Project
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Consent Agenda

Vice President Pehlivanoglu asked that item #15 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

By Council Member Kost to approve items 11 to 14 on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

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WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed with this resolution, that they have vetted the applicant based on the original application and believes that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on July 23, 2026, and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Kalman Mate as the 4th Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-211

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 920 Long Blvd, 33-01-05-10-304-042, LOTS 5 & 6 LONG COMMERCE PARK, 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 AUGUST 26TH, 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, August 24, 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 920 Long Blvd, 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.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-212

By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer has determined that the building located at , 431 S. Francis Ave, 33-01-01-14-377-081, LOT 194 SNYDERS SUB, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Ingham County Records, is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 108.1 of the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by Lansing Codified Ordinance 1460.01, and the Housing Law of Michigan, and the building was red tagged on JULY 5TH, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by a Lansing Demolition Hearing Officer on MAY 5TH, 2026, at which the Hearing Officer determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by JUNE 5TH, 2026 and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officer filed a report of their findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Codified Ordinances and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Lansing Codified Ordinances require 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public show cause hearing on July 27, 2026 to review the findings and the order of the Hearing Officer, and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 431 S. Francis Ave, as legally described above, are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Hearing Officer to demolish or otherwise make safe the said building within 21 days from the date of this resolution, August 10, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Hearing Officer's order for demolition or make safe, the Code Compliance Officer is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, whether demolition is accomplished by said property owner or the City, that appropriate seeding and restoration of property take place to avoid run-off to adjacent properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the demolition is accomplished by the City, the cost of such demolition shall be a lien against the real property and shall be reported to the City Assessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the owners in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment record shall be notified by the City Assessor of the amount of such cost by first class mail at the address shown on the records. Upon the owner's failure to pay the same within thirty (30) days after mailing by the City Assessor of the notice of the amount thereof, the amount of said costs shall be a lien and shall be filed and recovered as provided by law and the lien shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the general property tax act.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-213

By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer has determined that the building located at , 1217 N. Grand River Avenue, 33-01-01-09-326-141, COM AT NE COR LOT 4, TH W 237.5 FT S 10 FT, SE'LY TO PT 1 R W OF SW COR LOT 4, E 81.5 FT, N 22 FT, E 100 FT, N 44 FT TO BEG; BLOCK 29 ORIG PLAT, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Ingham County Records, is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 108.1 of the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by Lansing Codified Ordinance 1460.01, and the Housing Law of Michigan, and the building was red tagged on JANUARY 30TH, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by a Lansing Demolition Hearing Officer on MARCH 24TH, 2026, at which the Hearing Officer determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by MAY 26TH, 2026 and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officer filed a report of their findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Codified Ordinances and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Lansing Codified Ordinances require 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public show cause hearing on July 27, 2026 to review the findings and the order of the Hearing Officer, and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 1217 N. Grand River Ave, as legally described above, are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Hearing Officer to demolish or otherwise make safe the said building within 60 days from the date of this resolution, August 10, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Hearing Officer's order for demolition or make safe, the Code Compliance Officer is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, whether demolition is accomplished by said property owner or the City, that appropriate seeding and restoration of property take place to avoid run-off to adjacent properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the demolition is accomplished by the City, the cost of such demolition shall be a lien against the real property and shall be reported to the City Assessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the owners in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment record shall be notified by the City Assessor of the amount of such cost by first class mail at the address shown on the records. Upon the owner's failure to pay the same within thirty (30) days after mailing by the City Assessor of the notice of the amount thereof, the amount of said costs shall be a lien and shall be filed and recovered as provided by law and the lien shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the general property tax act.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-214

By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer has determined that the building located at , 4507 Devonshire Ave, 33-01-01-34-378-091, Lot 94 Pleasant Ridge Sub No 3, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Ingham County Records, is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 108.1 of the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by Lansing Codified Ordinance 1460.01, and the Housing Law of Michigan, and the building was red tagged on JULY 5TH, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by a Lansing Demolition Hearing Officer on MARCH 24TH, 2026, at which the Hearing Officer determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by APRIL 24TH, 2026 and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officer filed a report of their findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Codified Ordinances and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Lansing Codified Ordinances require 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public show cause hearing on June 22, 2026 to review the findings and the order of the Hearing Officer, and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 4507 Devonshire Ave, as legally described above, are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Hearing Officer to demolish or otherwise make safe the said building within 60 days from the date of this resolution, August 10, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Hearing Officer's order for demolition or make safe, the Code Compliance Officer is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, whether demolition is accomplished by said property owner or the City, that appropriate seeding and restoration of property take place to avoid run-off to adjacent properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the demolition is accomplished by the City, the cost of such demolition shall be a lien against the real property and shall be reported to the City Assessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the owners in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment record shall be notified by the City Assessor of the amount of such cost by first class mail at the address shown on the records. Upon the owner's failure to pay the same within thirty (30) days after mailing by the City Assessor of the notice of the amount thereof, the amount of said costs shall be a lien and shall be filed and recovered as provided by law and the lien shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the general property tax act.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2026-215

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Home Rule City Act allows for initiatory petitions to propose amendments to a City Charter if signed by at least 5% of the qualified and registered electors of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Michigan submitted an initiatory petition to the City Clerk's Office on June 24, 2026 to amend the Lansing City Charter to mandate the creation of a Healthcare Action Plan; to establish a Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board ("Citizens' Action Board") to create the Healthcare Action Plan and make recommendations to address healthcare costs and healthcare inaccessibility; to prescribe the powers and duties of the Citizens' Action Board; to prescribe the Citizens' Action Board's composition and organization; and to require the publication, a public overview, and adoption of the Healthcare Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Office has canvassed the petition signatures and found that a sufficient number of Lansing electors have signed the petition; and

WHEREAS, the full text of the proposal to add Chapter 7 to Article 5 of the Lansing Charter is as follows:

Chapter 7. CITIZENS' ADVISORY HEALTHCARE ACTION BOARD

5-701 CITIZENS' ADVISORY HEALTHCARE ACTION BOARD

.1 A Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board ("Citizens' Action Board") is hereby created to prepare a Healthcare Action Plan and make recommendations to address prohibitive healthcare costs and healthcare inaccessibility in a biennial action plan.

.2 The health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Lansing are served by regular, transparent, and public evaluation of healthcare affordability, accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability. A recurring process for collecting public testimony, reviewing data, and evaluating policy impacts will assist the City and the jurisdiction's federal and state representatives in identifying barriers to healthcare access and in recommending effective responses. It is thus the purpose and intent of this Chapter to establish the Citizens' Action Board that will prepare a biennial Healthcare Action Plan and make recommendations to the City, and to provide a public process through which the public will be heard and needs assessed.

.3 In making appointments to the Citizen's Action Board, the Mayor and Council should consider those residents who may have research, analytical, and community engagement skills helpful to execute the powers and duties of the Citizens' Action Board and produce an Healthcare Action Plan, for example healthcare workers, uninsured or underinsured community members, public health professionals, patient advocates, and organized labor

5-702 POWERS & DUTIES

.1 A Healthcare Action Plan shall be developed by the Citizens' Action Board and presented to the City Council by October 1 of every even-numbered year. At a minimum, the Healthcare Action Plan shall set out:

- (a) How healthcare affordability and accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability have changed for City residents over the prior two years based on available population and public health data, hospital and other health care provider records, and public testimony;
- (b) What federal, state, and local policy decisions and other factors have contributed to changes in healthcare affordability and accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and service availability;
- (c) How federal and state elected officials who represent the City voted on relevant policies, including budgets and legislation, and the extent to which those actions and inactions were consistent with the prior Healthcare Action Plan; and
- (d) Recommendations for concrete actions that the City and its federal and state representatives can take to improve healthcare affordability and accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability.

.2 The Citizens' Action Board shall have the duty to:

- (a) Hold multiple community forums each year for the purpose of hearing first-hand accounts of community members' ability to afford and access primary, emergency, and necessary specialty medical care, in compliance with open meeting and public records requirements;
- (b) Hold multiple community forums each year for the purpose of hearing views on how federal, state, and local policy changes have impacted healthcare affordability, accessibility, and service availability, in compliance with open meeting and public records requirements;
- (c) Compile data relevant to assessing the current state of healthcare affordability, accessibility, and service availability;
- (d) Assess how federal, state, and local policies and recent policy changes have impacted healthcare affordability, accessibility, and service availability;
- (e) Identify how the City's federal and state representatives voted on relevant policy decisions;
- (f) Measure the City's federal and state representatives' actions or inactions against the prior Healthcare Action Plan; and
- (g) Issue a Healthcare Action Plan that compiles its findings and makes recommendations.

.3 The Citizens' Action Board shall have the power to coordinate with researchers, research institutions, state and local agencies and departments, foundations, and consultants to assist in its assessments and the performance of its duties.

5-703 PUBLICATION AND ACTION PLAN MEETING

.1 No later than October 1 of every even-numbered year, the City Council shall publish the Citizens' Action Board's Healthcare Action Plan, recommendations, and all relevant research and findings in a manner that achieves broad public engagement. Minority members may append dissenting views to the published plan.

.2 No later than October 15 of every even-numbered year, the City Council shall hold a special meeting with the Citizens' Action Board to provide a public overview of the Healthcare Action Plan and to adopt a Healthcare Action Plan.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council to establish the ballot wording for the initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
that in accordance with the Home Rule City Act (MCL 117.1, et. seq.), the question shall be captioned and stated on the ballot as follows:

Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board Charter Amendment

Shall the Lansing City Charter be amended to mandate the creation of a Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board ("Citizens' Action Board") to create a Lansing Healthcare Action Plan and make recommendations to the community to address healthcare costs and healthcare inaccessibility; to prescribe the powers and duties of the Citizens' Action Board; to prescribe the Citizens' Action Board's composition and organization; and to require the publication, a public overview, and recommendations for implementation in the community of the Healthcare Action Plan?

YES (☐)NO (☐)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to, in accordance with the Home Rule City Act (MCL 117.1, et. seq.), to transmit a copy of this resolution and roll call vote on it, along with a copy of the proposed amendment to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval and a copy to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval as to the form in which the proposal shall be presented to the electors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause the above proposal to be placed on the ballot at the election to be held on November 3, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot wording is hereby certified to the City Clerk for submission to the City's electors at the election to be held on November 3, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration therefore in the manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the ballot proposal to the vote of the electors as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with law, the City Clerk shall post the proposed Charter amendment in full at each polling place.

BE IN FINALLY RESOLVED that the canvass and determination of the votes of said question shall be made in accordance with laws of the State of Michigan and Charter of the City of Lansing.

By Council Member Kost to place an affirmative roll on the Resolution

By Council Member Kost to amend the first resolved clause by inserting "recommendations for" before "implementation" in the ballot language.

Motion Carried

The question being adoption of the Resolution as amended

Motion Carried

Resolution #2026-216

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has forwarded an application for a City License, which is ready for final action by City Council; and

WHEREAS, all required signatures have been obtained supporting the application for a fireworks display license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the application for a fireworks display license as follows:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE:

Pyrotecnico Inc. for public display of fireworks in the City of Lansing Frances Park, 2701 Moores River Dr. to be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026.

By Council Member Kost

Motion Carried

Resolution #2026-217

By the Committee on City Operations

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Monday, August 10, 2026, in consideration of the request by Hoffman Bros. Inc., the construction contractor for the Ottawa Street Project, for issuance of a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for the period of August 29, 2026 through November 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the construction, which includes coordination with the Michigan House of Representatives' heated sidewalk installation project, is required to be complete prior to Silver Bells in the City; and

WHEREAS, for the period of August 29, 2026, through November 14, 2026 the construction contractor, Hoffman Bros. Inc., has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Public Service Department recommends that the contractor be granted the requested noise waiver in order to:

- Ensure that the project is completed prior to Silver Bells in the City
- allow the contractor to have the ability to work some Saturdays when necessary for completion of important work activities; and
- keep the project on-schedule based on rain days.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council grant a waiver of the noise ordinance to Hoffman Bros. Inc. while the company is conducting work as part of the CSO Ottawa Street Project on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for the period of August 29, 2026, through November 14, 2026

By Council Member Martinez to discharge the Resolution from the Committee on City Operations

Motion Carried

By Council Member Martinez

Motion Carried

Ordinances for Passage

Passage of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Title 8 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to add a new Chapter 247, Sections 247.01 to 247.04 in order to transition existing City boards and commissions to the ward structure provided for by the current Charter.

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

Yeas: Council Members Carter, Hussain, Kost, Martinez, Nevarez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu
Nays: Council Members

Ordinance #1361

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Title 8 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to add a new Chapter 247, Sections 247.01 to 247.04 in order to transition existing City boards and commissions to the ward structure provided for by the current Charter.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Title 8, Chapter 247 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 247. - TRANSITION OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS

247.01 – Scope.

Pursuant to Sections 5-103.11, 5-107, and 9-205 of the Charter effective January 1, 2026 (“Current Charter”), this Chapter shall apply to the City of Lansing Arts and Culture Commission, the Board of Ethics, the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Board of Police Commissioners, the Board of Public Service, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board, the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board, the Park Board, and the Planning Commission (“Several Boards and Commissions”). During the effective period of this Chapter, other references to the appointment of members to these boards contained in this Code and the Charter are notwithstanding.

247.02 – Expiration of Terms of Appointments.

All members currently appointed to the Several Boards and Commissions shall continue in their present appointment. The term of office for those members currently appointed to the Several Boards and Commissions shall expire on June 30, 2029, or on the date of the expiration of their original term of appointment, whichever occurs first. Any appointments made to fill any vacancies to the Several Boards and Commissions shall be made pursuant to Section 5-103.7 of the Current Charter, with the remaining term to expire no later than June 30, 2029.

247.03 – Initial Appointments and Terms after Transition to Current Charter.

The Mayor shall file a list of appointments to the Several Boards and Commissions prior to the first City Council meeting in May 2029 and the City Council shall act on each appointment at or prior to its first meeting in June 2029.

The terms of office for the members of the Several Boards and Commissions shall commence on July 1, 2029, and continue as provided for their first-appointed terms:

- (1) The First and Fifth Ward members shall be appointed for one year.
- (2) The Second Ward member shall be appointed for two years.
- (3) The Third Ward member shall be appointed for three years.
- (4) The Fourth Ward member shall be appointed for four years.
- (5) The three at-large members shall be appointed for two, three, and four years respectively.

247.04 – Subsequent Appointments.

Upon expiration of initial appointments, all subsequent members of the Several Boards and Commissions of the City of Lansing shall be appointed for four-year terms.

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, unless given immediate effect by City Council.

Passage of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 248 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to add a new Section 248.02 in order to transition existing Board of Water and Light members to the ward structure provided for by the current Charter.

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

Yeas: Council Members Carter, Hussain, Kost, Martinez, Nevares Martinez, Pehlivanoglu
Nays: Council Members

Ordinance #1362

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 248 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to add a new Section 248.02 in order to transition existing Board of Water and Light members to the ward structure provided for by the current Charter.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 248 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

248.02 - Transition of Existing Boardmembers.

(a) Expiration of Terms of Appointments.

Pursuant to Sections 5-103.11, 5-107, and 9-205 of the Charter effective as of January 1, 2026 ("Current Charter"), all members currently appointed to the Board of Water and Light by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council shall continue in their present appointment. The term of office for those members currently appointed and confirmed shall expire on June 30, 2029, or on the date of the expiration of their original term of appointment, whichever occurs first. Any appointments made to fill any vacancies to the Board of Water and Light shall be made pursuant to Section 5-103.7 of the Current Charter, with the remaining term to expire no later than June 30, 2029. During the effective period of this Section 248.02, other references to the appointment of members to the Board and Water of Light contained in this Code and the Charter are notwithstanding.

(b) Initial Appointments and Terms after Transition to Current Charter.

The Mayor shall file a list of appointments to the Board of Water and Light prior to the first City Council meeting in May 2029 and the City Council shall act on each appointment at or prior to its first meeting in June 2029.

(c) The terms of office for the members of the Board of Water and Light shall commence on July 1, 2029, and continue as provided for their first-appointed terms:

- (1) The First and Fifth Ward members shall be appointed for one year.
- (2) The Second Ward member shall be appointed for two years.
- (3) The Third Ward member shall be appointed for three years.
- (4) The Fourth Ward member shall be appointed for four years.
- (5) The three (3) at-large members shall be appointed for two, three, and four years respectively.

(d) Subsequent Appointments.

Upon expiration of initial appointments, all subsequent members of the Board of Water and Light shall be appointed for four-year terms.

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, unless given immediate effect by City Council.

Passage of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 266 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to amend Section 266.01, remove Section 266.02, and renumber Section 266.03 in order to provide for an eight-member Arts and Culture Commission, in accordance with Section 5-103 of the Charter.

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

Yeas: Council Members Carter, Hussain, Kost, Martinez, Nevares Martinez, Pehlivanoglu
Nays: Council Members

Ordinance #1363

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THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 266 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.01. Establishment; powers and duties.

There is hereby established an Arts and Culture Commission in and for the City. **The appointment of members of the Arts and Culture Commission shall be in accordance with Section 5-103 of the Charter.** The Arts and Culture Commission shall:

- (a) Make recommendations regarding all arts and cultural activities within the City of Lansing;
- (b) Develop and recommend ongoing arts and culture performance measures and best practices;
- (c) Fulfill all advisory board functions set forth in Section 5-106 of the City Charter.

~~266.02. Membership; terms; vacancies.~~

~~(a) The Arts and Culture Commission shall consist of 12 members who are registered electors of the City who are appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council.~~

~~(b) Members shall be appointed before July 1 of the year of appointment and shall serve until June 30 of the year in which their terms expire or until their successors qualify for office.~~

~~(c) Eight members shall be from the City at large and one member shall be appointed from each of the four wards.~~

~~(d) The terms of office for the members shall be four years, except for the following members first appointed terms:~~

~~(1) The First Ward member shall be appointed for one year.~~

~~(2) The Second Ward member shall be appointed for two years.~~

~~(3) The Third Ward member shall be appointed for three years.~~

~~(4) The Fourth Ward member shall be appointed for four years.~~

~~(5) At large members shall be appointed for one, two, three, and four years respectively.~~

~~(e) Thereafter, all subsequent Arts and Culture Commission members shall be appointed for four year terms.~~

~~(f) Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

266.023. Rules of procedure; meetings; supply of facilities and services.

The Arts and Culture Commission shall organize itself pursuant to Section 5-105 of the Lansing City Charter, including the public notice and participation requirements therein and subject to the Open Meetings Act. The Office of the Mayor shall provide meeting space and such staff assistance as is reasonable and necessary to enable the Arts and Culture Board to carry out its duties.

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, 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 Council Member Kost that all items be considered as being read in full and that Vice President Pehlivanoglu 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

Ballot Proposal; City Charter Amendment; creation of Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board

Placed on File

Fireworks Display License; Pyrotecnico Inc. at Frances Park on August 22, 2026

Placed on File and Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate; 418 Baker St. Ron Holdings LLC

Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate; 418 Baker St., Ron Holdings LLC\

Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Act-5-2026; Use of Right-of-Way and Use of Air Rights, 200 block S. Grand Ave., New Vision Lansing LLC for the Grand Tower Building

Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Reappointment; Jerrod LaRue as the 2nd Ward member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2030

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Motion of Excused Absence

By Council Member Kost to excuse Council Members Garza and Spadafore from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

Remarks by Council Members

Vice President Pehlivanoglu thanked the council for helping her lead the meeting.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Gabriel Biber spoke about the Fenner Nature Conservatory.

Jody Washington spoke about health care access in Lansing.

Nicklas Zande spoke about desired changes to Stabenow Park.

Richard Baker spoke about fundraising to move Windlord sculpture.

Ivan Droste spoke against car-centric infrastructure in Lansing.

Michael Mercer spoke about various City matters.

Briana Richardson spoke about the need for a Children's hospital in Lansing and various City matters.

Adjourned Time 8:33 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Swope". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a solid black horizontal line.

Chris Swope, City Clerk