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MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
Christopher Mumby, Deputy Mayor
Elizabeth O'Leary, HR Director
Dennis Parker, Labor Negotiator
Rawley Van Fossen, EDP

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (up to 3 minutes)

No Public Comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

DISCUSSION – Budget Priorities for Budget Fiscal Year 2027/2028

Council President Spadafore noted no action tonight, and went through the process, with work still occurring in Committees. The deliberation will continue at the next Committee meeting and action that night. Any suggestions need to be provided by the Friday before the next meeting, and in hard copy that night for discussion on the floor.

Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU:

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- Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c), of the Open Meetings Act, City Council will move into closed session for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a wage reopener pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Lansing and the Non Supervisory Unit of the Capitol City Labor Program as requested by the City.

This will include Elizabeth O'Leary the HR Director O'Leary and the Labor Negotiator Dennis Parker.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

- Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), City Council will recess into closed session to consult with the City Attorney in connection with the following specific pending litigation. An open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City of Lansing concerning these cases.

Allen, Keith v. City of Lansing
Bernard, Tashawn v. City of Lansing, et al.
City of Lansing v. Capitol City Labor Program
City of Lansing v. Eli Lilly, et al.
City of Lansing, et al. v. Purdue Pharma, et al.
Coward, Avis v. Douglas Hall
Elms, Suzanne v. City of Lansing
Eskin, Keith v. Melanie Smith, et al.
Fountain, David v. City of Lansing et al.
Republican National Committee v. City of Lansing
Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ v. City of Lansing
Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ v. City of Lansing, et al.
Rodriguez-Gonzales, Linda v City of Lansing
Romero, Ashly for Estate of Romero, Stephen v. City of Lansing, et al.
Shang, Shelia v Committee on City Operations
Wilcox, Kacie & Hunt, Douglas v City of Lansing, et al.
Willis, Delaney v. City of Lansing

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

- Pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, I hereby move that we recess into closed session to consult with the City Attorney to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute. Specifically, to discuss written material from the City Attorney provided under attorney-client privilege and attorney work-product, and which is also exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(g).

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

This will include Rawley Van Fossen, EDP Director and Mayor Schor.

Reconvene

Council President Spadafore reconvened the meeting at 7:05

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Ratification of the collective bargaining agreement, specifically a wage reopener in the Tentative Agreement between the City of Lansing and the Non Supervisory Unit Capitol City Labor Program as requested by the City

Council Member Pehlivanoglu summarized the ratification changes, specifically a wage reopener.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE WAGE REOPENER FOR THE CCLP NON SUPERVISORY UNIT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 7:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee