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Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Kost called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Kost, Chair
Council Member Pehlivanoglu, Vice-Chair
Council Member Nevarez Martinez, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Greg Venker, OCA
Luke Thiel, Legislative Analyst

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Introduce and Set Public Hearing – Add Chapter 873, Section 873.01-873.11; Licensing & Regulations for Virtual Currency Machines

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu and the City Attorney met earlier to work on the current Draft 6. Council Member Pehlivanoglu went through the changes based on a conversation between OCA and the City Clerk. Those changes, per the City Attorney via email from Draft 5 he outlined:

Attached please find Draft 6. The changes are as follows:

- On Page 2, Lines 8-10, a sentence is added stating that no license shall issue to an operator who has prior conviction or pending charge for a financial crime.
- On Page 6, Line 15, the effective date is set for January 1, 2027.
 - This can be changed. In an effort to not leave it blank we thought through the discussed considerations and our quick math determined that October 1 and November 1 will already have passed under the ordinary 14 days timing after passage, and December 1 leaves little time to create the form and inform the public.

I also wanted to speak a little more completely to the discussion about how the licenses are issued between the operator of the machine and provider of the space for the machine.

Each license is issued by *location*, with the operator as the primary applicant and primary holder of the license. However, because the ordinance places requirements on the provider of the space, the provider's information and acknowledgement are also required in the application.

After being issued, a *license* could be revoked for failure of either the operator or provider of the space to do what is required. This way neither can claim it is the other's fault in their attempt to defend a revocation action. Although far more requirements are placed on the operator, they succeed or fail together.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Venker
City Attorney

Council Member Kost noted they should pick a date before public hearing. Mr. Venker stated the current draft does state January 1, 2027, but Committee can make that change.

Mr. Kost then went into the background check inquiry, and verified it was added to the ordinance, and used "financial crime" as ordinary use language. The last item addressed, was who is getting licensed and how. Envisioned dual licenses between operator and business owner, and the idea is one license per location, and stated in email above. It was added that the location is needed to be known, the owner of the business has to sign off, and so one license and business owner has signed off.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu stated the meeting they held with the Clerk's office appeared to be answered by the end of their meeting. The enforcement would be done by LPD. There is also a portion that says licensing fee would be set by Council, and provided examples of currently on the books. Mr. Venker stated that with a background check, his office will work with the Clerk's office, and fee based on amount of time and departments that review it. Once there is a final decision on the ordinance they can create the process and determine the fee.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO INTRODUCE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 12, 2026 FOR THE ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 873, SECTION 873.01-873.11 FOR LICENSING AND REGULATING VIRTUAL CURRENCY MACHINES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Budget Priorities for FY 2027/2028

The Committee reviewed the notes from the last meeting, eliminating the original 3, 4, 5 and new language for the new #3. Council Member Pehlivanoglu spoke on this item, and that there are not a lot of programs that have aged out. She then proposed changing to

\$75,000 – Parks and Recreation to work with a non-profit agency that works with adults with diverse abilities.

The Committee had no additional items.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU TO APPROVE THE UPDATED EQUITY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION BUDGET PRIORITIES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

The Committee spoke on their next meeting, and determined if anything comes up they will schedule a new meeting. The Committee will meet on Tuesday, 10/13 at 4 pm, after the public hearing.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on