

AGENDA

Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion AGENDA FOR JULY 28, 2021 AT 4:30 PM



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

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Council Member Spitzley, Chairperson
Council Member Jackson, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Dunbar, Member

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - A. June 16, 2021
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION _ Introduction & Setting of Public Hearing; Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 658; Section 658.03
 - C. DISCUSSION - Annual Amaia Alysse Edmonds Day
 - D. DISCUSSION - In Support of Additional Funding for Advance Peace Initiative
 - E. DISCUSSION - Gun Safety
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**

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Minutes

Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88223124424> ; ID: 882 2312 4424; Dial In: (301) 715-8592

Held virtually in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public & to mitigate the spread of COVID 19

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT via audio/video

Council Member Spitzley, Chair remotely from Lansing, Michigan- excused

Council Member Jackson, Vice-Chair remotely from Lansing, Michigan

Council Member Dunbar, Member remotely from Lansing, Michigan

OTHERS PRESENT via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff

Amanda O'Boyle, OCA

Jim Smiertka, OCA

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2021 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION

Ordinance Amendment; Chapter 658, Section 658.03

Due to computer issues for the Committee members Ms. Boak shared her screen for the agenda and proposed ordinance.

Ms. O'Boyle spoke brief on the changes to language, removing "willfully annoy another person" replacing it with "threaten another person by word of mouth, gesture, or other physical action that insults, accosts, molests or otherwise harasses the other person". The Committee discussed the examples and situations where this could occur. Council Member Jackson asked about details on the reasoning for "harass" and Ms. O'Boyle stated it is a standard practice where you list items, or have a general word that would encompass. Council Member Dunbar asked for the OCA definition "insult, accost, molest and harass". Ms. O'Boyle stated it would be fact specific and didn't want to speculate, so she provided a scenario. She noted the goal was for some sort of guidance, because perhaps "willfully annoy" was to some sort of vague phrase. Council Member Dunbar stated the idea behind it was not to just put the public on notice, but to say to the police that there needs to be more than willfully annoy to arrest. Council Member Jackson acknowledged his support that this is directed more towards threatening behavior, but

questioned some of the words used such as “accost”, and “harass”, and asked the Committee and OCA to peel off the language that is already covered in some other ordinance or law. He asked to then look at it, to see what it would cover, which could result in the word just “harass”. Council Member Dunbar asked for clarification on if his request would be to look at other ordinances and if there is something else in the tool box that would cover this. Ms. O’Boyle then spoke on any issues they have seen in courts with the current language and also provided examples. There could be other specific ordinances that are used such as “telephone harassment”, “trespassing on the property of another”, and State Statute such as stalking, legal will pursue those more specific crimes. This is an odd situation, where it doesn’t quite rise to the level of “stalking” or “trespassing” which would very specific requirements. Council Member Jackson stated he is interested in taking to Council the ordinance as it is drafted to be reasonable and provide all the tools. Council Member Jackson asked to hold it for the next meeting since this was not his original proposed ordinance amendment, but something the full Committee was working on and then the whole Committee would be present to vote it out of Committee.
Council

OTHER

Council Member Dunbar asked for a future discussion on pursuing everyone’s thought process on gun violence and for an update from the OCA on the recently established Gun Violence Task Force. Mr. Smiertka confirmed the group had not met yet, and even though the members listed were all of the Mayor’s staff, the intent is to have other members of the Community involved. Council Member Jackson acknowledged the request for the discussion and asked that it be placed on the next Committee agenda so all Committee members can be involved in the discussions.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Council Member _____ introduced:

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing codified ordinances by amending Chapter 658 Section 658.03, to replace willful annoyance with the prohibition that no person shall threaten another person by word of mouth, gesture, or other physical action that insults, accosts, molests, or otherwise harasses the other person.

The Ordinance is referred to the Committee _____

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING BY CITY COUNCIL

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for _____, 2021 at 7 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose to amend the Lansing codified ordinances by amending Chapter 658 Section 658.03, to replace willful annoyance with the prohibition that no person shall threaten another person by word of mouth, gesture, or other physical action that insults, accosts, molests, or otherwise harasses the other person.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO AMEND THE
LANSING CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 658 SECTION 658.03,
TO REPLACE WILLFUL ANNOYANCE WITH THE PROHIBITION THAT NO PERSON
SHALL THREATEN ANOTHER PERSON BY WORD OF MOUTH, GESTURE, OR OTHER
PHYSICAL ACTION THAT INSULTS, ACCOSTS, MOLESTS, OR OTHERWISE
HARASSES THE OTHER PERSON.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 658 Section 658.03, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of
Lansing, Michigan be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

658.03. – ~~Annoying~~ THREATENING persons.

No person shall:

- (a) ~~Willfully annoy another person~~ THREATEN ANOTHER PERSON BY WORD OF
MOUTH, GESTURE, OR OTHER PHYSICAL ACTION THAT INSULTS,
ACCOSTS, MOLESTS, OR OTHERWISE HARASSES THE OTHER PERSON; or
- (b) Recklessly endanger the life, health or well being of another person.

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 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council and shall expire December 31, 2029.

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Dated: _____



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF OCTOBER 8, 2012**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by President Jeffries

PRESENT: Council Members Dunbar, Houghton, Jeffries, Quinney, Robinson, Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: None

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Jeffries.

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

- Special Ceremonies

1. Tribute; In memory of Amaia Alysse Edmond and in recognition of "Stop the Silence, Keep the Peace"

Council Member Yorko spoke about stopping senseless violence.

Council Member Yorko read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2012-213

BY COUNCIL MEMBER JESSICA YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Amaia Alysse Edmond Memorial (AAEM) was founded by her father, John Edmond, in 2010, after her passing; and

WHEREAS, Amaia' was seven years old when she was taken from her family and our community. She was beautiful, compassionate, courageous with the voice of an angel; and

WHEREAS, her father and family, inspired by the tragic events of Friday, July 23, 2012, founded the memorial to help provide school supplies for low-income children and hosted a tournament to honor Amaia's memory and make our youth aware of Lansing Police Departments' initiative called Keep the Peace, Stop the Silence; and

WHEREAS, the combined efforts of AAEM and Keep the Peace, Stop the Silence is dedicated to providing educational and recreational based support to the youth in our community, working together to teach children of all ages that violence is never an appropriate answer and if they are witness or knowledgeable about a criminal act or activity, they should report it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to recognize John Edmonds for his tireless efforts to create a safer and stronger community through the Amaia Alysse Edmond Memorial and dedicate this day, Monday, October 8, 2012, as Amaia Alysse Edmond Day in the City of Lansing.

By Council Member Yorko

Motion Carried

John Edmond spoke about helping others.

Rickey Mann's spoke about the impact of violence on his family.

Ignacio Ramirez, Sr. spoke about the death of his son.

Buhl Williams spoke about the death of his brother and thanked the Lansing Police Department for solving the case.

Angelea Beasley spoke about the death of her son.

Anthony Harrison spoke about felling others' pain.

Art Austin spoke about the death of his fiancée.

Mike Lopez spoke about being an organ recipient from Amaia Alysse Edmond.

John Edmond spoke about his daughter Amaia Alysse Edmond.

Council Member Yorko thanked all of the people who came out for this special ceremony.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Robinson announced the next 2nd Saturdays meeting for residents of the 3rd Ward.

Council Member Washington announced a meeting regarding the Red Cedar Park Project, as well as a Park Board meeting on the project.

Council Member Wood announced that Feeding the Children Initiative needs volunteers, a community green energy fair and Friends of Historic Cemeteries repairs to monuments.

Council Member Houghton stated that the Cavanaugh Neighborhood Association meeting is canceled for this week. She announced the next Old Everett Neighborhood meeting and the 39th Annual Apple Butter Festival

Council Member Yorko announced former General Motors site cleanup meetings, roadway improvement meetings and the Walking and Biking Parade.

Council Member Robinson announced the Sexton High school Cheerleaders' Breast cancer fundraiser.

City Clerk Swope stated that tomorrow is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming Presidential Election. He also spoke about absentee voting and the non-implementation of citizenship questions on Election Day.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

RESOLUTION #2021-058

BY THE COMMITTEE ON EQUITY DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PARTNERSHIP WITH ADVANCE PEACE AND A
COMITTMENT TO HELP BUILD AND SUSTAIN LOCAL COMMUNITY CAPACITY TO
INTERRUPT GUN VIOLENCE IN INGHAM COUNTY, MI AND THE CITY OF
LANSING, MI

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is committed to ensuring that youth and young adults most impacted by gun violence lead productive, safe, healthy, and law-abiding lives free from gun violence; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based and promising practices related to gun violence intervention and interruption are needed to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency in neighborhoods most impacted by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Advance Peace was introduced by Ingham County Health Department to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners Law & Courts Committee on October 15, 2020 and February 11, 2021, and to the City of Lansing City Council and Lansing Mayor Andy Schor on December 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Advance Peace interrupts cyclical and retaliatory gun violence in urban neighborhoods by providing transformational opportunities to those at the center of firearm hostilities by providing them with a high-touch, personalized 18-month Peacemaker Fellowship grounded in evidence-based practices; and

WHEREAS, the Advance Peace personalized 18-month Peacemaker Fellowship evidence-based practices include Street Outreach; Mentoring; Intensive Case Management; Life Skills Training; Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Subsidized Employment; and

WHEREAS, the Advance Peace personalized 18-month Peacemaker Fellowship includes seven intensive touch-points that include: LifeMAP Goals; Multiple Daily Check-ins; Social Services Navigation; Transformative Travel/Horizon Building Journeys; Elders Circle/ Intergenerational Mentoring; Internship Opportunities; LifeMAP Milestone Allowance; and

WHEREAS, Advance Peace has been nationally and internationally recognized for delivering and sustaining positive outcomes with its Fellowship participants, contributing to a 60%-71% reduction in gun violence in Richmond California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing City Council commits to supporting Advance Peace in its efforts to replicate, operationalize and proof of concept the Operation Peacemaker Fellowship in Ingham County, MI and Lansing, MI; and

WHEREAS, Advance Peace will work with local stakeholders to identify a Lansing/Ingham community- based organization with the intent to help build and sustain local community capacity to interrupt gun violence in Lansing and Ingham County and effectively bridge the gap between conventional anti-violence programs and those most affected by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County and the City of Lansing will work with Advance Peace and agree to establish and complete two 18-month Fellowship cohorts consisting of 25 Fellows each (or 50 Fellows) over a four-year period in Ingham County/Lansing, MI; and

WHEREAS, Advance Peace, Ingham County and the City of Lansing will work together to identify and secure requisite resources to support the establishment and completion of two 18-month Advance Peace Fellowship cohorts over a four-year period; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County and the City of Lansing agree to provide local gun violence related data and work with the Advance Peace evaluation team consisting of Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI), the Institute of Urban and Regional Development at UC Berkeley (IURD) and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) to ensure completion of a quality and timely evaluation of the strategy as implemented in Ingham County, MI and Lansing, MI; and

WHEREAS, Advance Peace, Ingham County and the City of Lansing will work together with MPHI to evaluate outcomes and activities and continually improve delivery of the Advance Peace model in Ingham County and Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Advance Peace will aim to reduce cyclical and retaliatory firearm assaults causing injury or death by 50% over a four-year period; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County and the City of Lansing understands that the most impactful outcomes of the Advance Peace approach are possible when the initiative is sustained by local governments over a period of ten or more years, and when the model is institutionalized as a standing/on-going program and service offered in the local community with adequate funding to deliver all program components; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County and the City of Lansing support this resolution because it will provide additional resources in support of current efforts and commitments of the County and City to reduce firearm assaults causing injury and death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing will support \$240,000 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 with the balance appropriated from marihuana license taxes or fees from the State of Michigan as necessary.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that Ingham County and the City of Lansing City Council will include in their 2021-2025 public safety planning, a commitment, support and partnership with Advance Peace which will help save lives and reduce the life altering

trauma experienced by people living in the impacted communities and by the service providers who support them (including law enforcement).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this funding commitment is contingent upon agreement with other local units of government located within Ingham County to share in the cost of this program.