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# CITY OF LANSING

## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022 | 5:30 PM |

LFD STATION #1 COMMUNITY ROOM | 120 E. SHIAWASSEE ST. | LANSING MI

1. Call to Order – Establish Quorum
  - 1.1. Present
  - 1.2. Absent
2. Additions to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
  - 3.1. April 13, 2022 – Regular Meeting
4. Public Comment – Agenda Items (Time Limit: 3 Minutes)
5. Review Communications
6. Comments from Vice-Chair – Barbara Lawrence
7. Presentation
8. Fire Administration Report – Brian Sturdivant, Fire Chief
9. Old Business
10. New Business
  - 10.1. Vote: letter of support for federal funding for ALS360 program.
11. Request for Commissioners to be Excused
  - 11.1. Steven Purchase – Chair
12. Commissioner Comments
13. Public Comment – On any matter- speakers must state their name and address (Time Limit: 3 minutes):
14. General Order
  - 14.1. FF Memorial Ceremony - Sat May 28 @ 11 am – Mt. Hope Cemetery. Fire Board Chair or designee is requested to speak.
  - 14.2. Lugnut baseball game with the Fire Board Thursday, June 2 @ 7pm. Mayors City Suite – Tickets available tonight.
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15. Adjournment

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  - 1.1. Present – Barbara Lawrence, Gina Nelson, Rodney Singleton, Charles Willis, Kris Singh
  - 1.2. Absent – Kathy Tobe, Stephen Purchase
2. Additions to Agenda: none
3. Approval of Minutes
  - 3.1. April 13, 2022 – Regular Meeting with corrections. Remove Stephen Purchase from present and correct Quang Le's name.
4. Public Comment – Agenda Items (Time Limit: 3 Minutes)
5. Review Communications: proposed letter of support ALS360 program.
6. Comments from Vice-Chair – Barbara Lawrence
  - 6.1. Exchange Club Honor
  - 6.2. Thanked Chief Tobin for serving as Interim Chief.
  - 6.3. Asked each Commissioner to introduce themselves to Chief Sturdivant and share a bit about who they are and why they are on the board.
7. Presentation: none
8. Fire Administration Report
  - 8.1. Brian Sturdivant, Fire Chief
    - 8.1.1. Thanked Assistant Chief Tobin for his support and appreciates his help during this transition.
    - 8.1.2. Chief Sturdivant presented his Bio to the board:
      - Born and raised in Battle Creek.
      - Spent a few years in the Air Force.
      - Started his fire service career in Fulton Co. Georgia, a large dept in the Atlanta area.

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- Then to Scottsdale AZ, as the department was transitioning to a municipal city department as a Deputy Chief of Ops, Training Chief. It was a rare opportunity to build a dept from the ground up.
- He transitioned to California as the Fire Chief of Milpitas and gained more experience in woodland fires. Then to the east coast outside of Richmond VA as Executive Deputy Chief in Petersburg, VA.
- Next, close to home as the Chief of Battle Creek, MI Fire Department.

Now, as Chief of Lansing Fire, he is ready to apply his experience to gauge the needs of the department. To improve the department by building a vision and direction along with strategic planning. Will be looking at the ISO rating and will pursue accreditation opportunities to measure ourselves against best and safest practices. Will expand community outreach to neighborhoods. Will build department sustainability for a long-term plan.

#### Transition plan:

- Will meet and talk with chief officers, admin staff, city dept heads, fire commissioners, union
- Training for Emergency Management response including NIMS, city facility drills
- Will be meeting with the HR director to discuss vacancies in the next week.
- Currently in learning mode and collecting information.
- Looking forward to meeting with the board to discuss department needs.
- Fill Assistant Chief position.

#### Assistant Chief Tobin:

1. LFD Run numbers are up.
2. The LFD Budget has been submitted to the Finance department.
3. Discussed the ALS360 and funding, opioid and other funding.
4. Two retirements: Mark Nicholson, Andrew Johnson

#### 9. Old Business – None

#### 10. New Business

10.1.Vote: letter of support for federal funding for ALS360 program. Vice-Chair Lawrence called for a motion. A Motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Singleton to support the request for federal funds. Discussion followed. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Chair Purchase will sign the letter on behalf of the board.

#### 11. Request for Commissioners to be excused.

11.1. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Singleton to excuse Commissioners, Steven Purchase and Kathy Tobe from the May 11, 2022, meeting. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## 12. Commissioner Comments

- 12.1. Commissioner Singleton noted he is looking forward to meeting with Chief Sturdivant.
- 12.2. Commissioner Nelson commented on the recent fire next door to her home. She commended the crews that worked the fire.
- 12.3. Commissioner Willis inquired on the funding for Station 2 updates and the discussion with the Finance department to find additional funding for male/female facilities. Currently three stations are without male/female facilities. Commissioner Willis requested a follow-up report at the June meeting.

## 13. Public Comment – On any matter- speakers must say their name and address (Time Limit: 3 minutes): None

## 14. General Order

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## 15. Adjournment 6:47 pm

**From:** [Tobin, Michael C.](#)  
**To:** [LFD ALL PERSONNEL](#)  
**Subject:** Department Update  
**Date:** Friday, March 4, 2022 1:59:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hello everyone,

Welcome March and hopefully we will be well into Spring and Spring weather.

I want to thank everyone for the help and support since January. We have our challenges but the people that work here are second to none.

The events in Ukraine have the entire world watching. I am amazed at the stories of the heroic efforts of the Ukrainian Firefighters in an active war zone. Please keep them and the Ukrainian people in your prayers.

Just wanted to send out some quick updates:

- The Officer Development Academy (ODA) was run as a pilot this week. I truly believe this will be a great program for development and education. I want to thank the Training Division, Union, and everyone else who participated in the development and review of this program. There will be some last step polishing and then we will start getting them scheduled.
- The application period for new hires closes today. I do not have any numbers to share but we are still on target for a June start date.
- Sadly, we are still finding expired turnout gear in people's lockers and being used on calls. This must stop immediately. This is for your safety. Any and all expired PPE must be turned into the Maintenance Alarm Division.
- The new McLaren Hospital opens Sunday morning. Please be patient with the staff there as they are getting used to their new digs. Make sure to review Chief Ortiz's communications about the ER. The door codes and communication requirements are found there. If you run into any issues, make sure you communicate them to your BC and Chief Ortiz. We will be sending one of our ambulances over to do the drive through ribbon cutting for the opening of the new ER. Who wants to place a wager that it will also have a patient for them?
- On Monday, March 7 at 15:00, AG Dana Nessel will be holding a press conference at Station #1 regarding the Opioid settlement. She wanted to do it here because of the hard work LFD has done through the Opioid crisis

Take care of each other and again thank you for the work you do.

**Michael C. Tobin**

*Fire Chief - Interim*

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May 12, 2022

Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin  
1210 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Slotkin:

The Lansing Board of Fire Commissioners unanimously and strongly supports the City of Lansing's Community Funded Project proposals and asks for your support as these projects move through the appropriations process.

These projects, in their own ways, will enhance the quality of life for Lansing residents and visitors alike. Funding these projects will make Lansing a more attractive place to live, work and invest, thereby raising property values and attracting more businesses to locate here, putting our residents to work, and expanding our tax base.

The Ovation Music and Arts Center is a concert venue and space for residents and visitors to enjoy and create art in Downtown Lansing. This four-story building is designed as a flexible space to accommodate a variety of performances, from largescale music concerts to independent films to networking events. The facility will also house live-work spaces for artists-in-residence, retail space, a film and video equipment library managed by the Lansing Public Media Center, classrooms available to school groups, and community rooms available for public use. Support for this shovel-ready project has already come from the state in the form of a \$2 million investment towards construction costs. Conservative estimates show that the construction project will generate an estimated \$17.5 million in local economic activity, creating 209 total full-time equivalent jobs. It is estimated that ongoing operations and audience spending will generate \$12.5 million in local economic activity creating 159 total full-time equivalent jobs.

Downtown Lansing serves as the hub for state government and our Capital City, we should ensure that this community exemplifies a healthy business and residential environment, as well as a healthy recovery for the state of Michigan. Since the pandemic, our downtown businesses have seen a negative economic impact from severely decreased sales volumes at our small businesses. The loss in income tax, rent, etc. adds up to a total loss of \$50 million in the central business district alone. We must work to shift our priorities to a downtown that meets the needs of those who live in our community 24/7, creating an attractive, welcoming, and vibrant community for all. To do this, we must start with a look at our streetscape and how it accommodates those who call this community home. A significant capital outlay for new lighting and landscaping along the sidewalks of Washington Square will add much needed light to the streets of downtown and provide safe walkways, clear pathways, and additional ambiance to attract visitors, residents, and customers as we shift to a 24/7 business model. Additionally, completing and installing a sculpture at the downtown roundabout that will be commissioned from a Michigan

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artist will beautify the gateway to the Capitol and mark the recovery of the district. Added electrical capacity in this traffic circle will also meet the ongoing seasonal needs of Michigan's Capital City.

Improving residents' quality of life starts at home. Lansing's sanitary sewer infrastructure is rapidly aging and in need of significant upgrades to keep home values high and to preserve the quality of life for residents. Expanding our existing footing drain disconnection program in areas with higher probabilities of sanitary sewer backups will reduce basement flooding both for residents whose footing drains are disconnected and others that are within the areas impacted by sewer surcharging. As stated, this proposal will complement the City's existing basement backup prevention program, allowing more footing drains to be disconnected by installation of a back flow valve and sump pump. When implemented in a targeted manner, footing drain disconnection can be a cost-effective alternative to sewer main upsizing. The City of Lansing Public Service Board and the Lansing Sustainability Commission have passed resolutions supporting this commonsense project.

We support the City's commitment to expand existing and offer new leisure activities aimed at meeting children in families where they are. With this in mind, we are pleased to support the construction of a new splash pad in Sycamore Park. A splash pad in one of Lansing densest residential areas, is a low-cost way to offer leisure activities that kids and parents want at a lower operating cost than a traditional community pool model. As we work together to move Lansing forward, we support the creation of this new facility so that children and families can come together, play, and form new relationships.

Nothing is more important to growing a city than having a strong and modern public safety department. The Lansing Fire Department's EMS call volume has been increasing for years and the pandemic has accelerated this trend. The Advanced Life Support (ALS) 360 Asset Management Program would impact ten ambulances and the City's entire first response fleet. Support for this program includes:

- 10 – LifePack 15 Heart Monitors
- 10 – Lucas Chest Compression System CPR devices
- 18 – Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for our First Responder Fleet
- 10 – Power Lift Patient Stretchers
- 10 – Ambulance Power Load Systems (Loads stretcher into Ambulance)
- 10 – Patient Transfer Stair Chars (moves patients out of buildings and up/downstairs)
- 12-20 – Community AEDs for critical locations within the community for early CPR and treatment of cardiac arrests (libraries, stores, and other buildings open to the public)

This program also includes a 10-year full-service plan that includes battery replacement and a full technology upgrade of all equipment at the 5-year mark. Equipping our first responders with state-of-the-art equipment will reduce workplace injuries, make LFD a more attractive career choice for young people and save more lives here in our community.



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We thank the administration for working hard to take advantage of every opportunity to bring more state and federal funding back to Michigan's Capital City and ask for your full-throated support for these projects. Our residents, businesses and visitors deserve it.

Sincerely,

Stephen Purchase  
Lansing Board of Fire Commissioners, Chair