

AGENDA

Committee of the Whole AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT 5:30 PM



Lansing City Hall, Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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Council Member Hussain, Chairperson
Council Member Wood, Vice Chairperson

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - A. September 12, 2022
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Approval of the Addition of Salvatore Prescott Porter & Porter, PLLC to Outside Legal Counsel
 - C. RESOLUTION - Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Priorities

Closed Session

D. Quarterly Litigation Update from the City Attorney

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), I hereby move that we 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.

Atkinson, et al. v. City of Lansing, et al.
Burwell v. City of Lansing, et al.
Career Quest Learning Centers, Inc. & Little Rainbows, LLC v. Lansing City Treasurer, et al.
Charter Township of Lansing v. Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk, and City of Lansing
Chen v. City of Lansing, et al.
City of Lansing v. Fady, Inc., et al.
City of Lansing v. OCOF Nonprofit Housing Corp
City of Lansing, et al. v. Purdue Pharma, et al. - Opioid Litigation
Fire Farm, LLC v. City of Lansing
Freeman v. City of Lansing
Funches v. City of Lansing, et al.
Hardy v. City of Lansing, et al.
Hulon v. City of Lansing, et al.
Lynn v. City of Lansing
OPV Partners, LLC and RESSCO, LLC v. City of Lansing

Phillips v. City of Lansing, et al.
Stafford v. Klein and City of Lansing
United States of America v. City of Lansing

Reconvene

6. Other

7. Adjourn

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MINUTES

Committee of the Whole

Monday, September 12, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Hussain called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Adam Hussain

Councilmember Carol Wood

Councilmember Peter Spadafore

Councilmember Patricia Spitzley- arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Councilmember Jeremy Garza - excused

Councilmember Brian T. Jackson-left the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Councilmember Jeffrey Brown

Councilmember Brian Daniels

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Jim Smiertka, OCA

Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA

Shelby Frayer, Chief Strategy Officer

Mark Lawrence, Mayors Office

Loretta Stanaway

Jane Bias- DiSessa , Deputy Mayor- arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 22, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Public Comment

Ms. Stanaway asked the Council to freeze the BWL rates; regarding the impacts of the PILOT's, she asked for consideration for no additional loses for the City.

Presentation

Chief Strategy Office – Shelby Frayer

Council President Hussain provided a background of the creation of the Chief Strategy Officer Position, and the ordinance that created the position and the roles outlined in that ordinances.

Ms. Frayer first spoke on what she has done since she returned back to the city and referenced an outline she has provided the Administration. This was not provided to Council, and Mr. Lawrence was asked to forward the outline. While the Committee waited on the

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outline, Ms. Frayer outlined some tasks including grants and State funding, project and service vendor contracts, asset and liability analysis, the plan for a good picture in January on where things are.

Mr. Lawrence provided the outlined Ms. Frayer referenced. This document listed overall focus and strategy, public safety millage, performing arts center, legislative asks, new grants/additional revenue sources, vendor analysis, asset/liability analysis, and other duties assigned.

Council Member Wood asked about the vendor contracts noting there are some vendors who do not have current licenses and asked if that was part of her search. Ms. Frayer stated she has focused on the financial impact, and this is not on her list, but will put that on the list for her investigation. Council Member Wood asked for it to include research of their current taxes, current licenses, and other annual requirements.

Council Member Wood asked if she has been working with the State on the retirement system on grants. Ms. Frayer noted last review shows down 54% which would make the City eligible, but things are still going through State Treasury, but one unknown is what year they can take that from. She noted she is working with Treasury on this as well. Council Member Wood noted that currently they have an issue with finance, that information that was supposed to go to the actuary on June 30th, but it has not gone there yet. Therefore, there is potential to not have the report ready for her to utilize.

Council Member Wood asked about the performing arts center and what her role is. Ms. Frayer stated her primary goal is to make sure there are finances for this. Before the City makes any commitments, she is making sure there are funds, because the City was not successful with the RAP grant with MEDC.

Council President Hussain asked what the current capital is. Ms. Frayer stated \$10- \$10.5 million to capitalize on for the performing arts center. Council Member Hussain asked if there was a breakdown of the funds. Ms. Frayer noted there are no GF, however, pegs fees, bond for peg fees, and state appropriation.

Mr. Smiertka stated there are 800 contracts in the system, and impossible to verify licenses and insurances, and recommended that research should be the responsibility of the initiating department.

Council Member Wood acknowledged Mr. Smiertka statement, but her concerns are with reoccurring purchase orders.

Council Member Jackson referenced the 1st item, on potential revenue sources. Ms. Frayer there is a public safety millage, hoping for stimulation for surrounding areas for new revenue with new taxes and driving on new businesses. Council Member Jackson then asked about the item on work with the Chamber and what she was asking for. Ms. Frayer stated it is a regional ask, and the Chamber brought forth an ask to the Legislature on a streamline ask from all areas for LEPFA building improvements, infrastructure improvements, etc. Council Member Jackson asked if that "ask" is signed by all intergovernmental. Ms. Frayer stated they are meeting with representatives from all regions.

Council Member Spadafore asked about City investments and any policies. Ms. Frayer in the past it needed to be updated and in the works with the Finance team.

Council Member Wood noted the reason this position was created was so there was a person

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to look at the departments and redundancies and look at what they are doing and making things better. She then asked what Ms. Frayer was doing on this. Ms. Frayer noted there are certain departments that touch all departments such as Finance, IT, and HR therefore those would be her first focus. Having new improvements on how to charge departments would be one example.

Council Member Brown asked Ms. Frayer if she has a strategic plan since she has come back to this role. Ms. Frayer there are often times a plan is created and it is never used. It is great to create a strategy, but she has spent her time on focusing on assets and liabilities to have ongoing savings for the City. There needs to be common goals but that could come in later months.

Council Member Wood acknowledged Ms. Frayer, noting the Council will finalize their budget priorities to adopt 9/26/2022 and asked her if she has anything the Council to look at. Ms. Frayer noted her interest would be to back the Economic Development (EDC) and put resources on a team to bring in new businesses and residents.

Discussion

DISCUSSION – Board of Water and Light Proposed Rate Changes

Council President Hussain informed the Committee that they had invited the BWL representatives to speak however were not able to attend and have their own process. He then added he spoke to Ms. Shawa from BWL for a breakdown on the proposed rate changes for 2023 and 2024. Per her conversation with Council President Hussain, she stated it is for the four (4) utilities, with an electric 2.5% increase with seven (7) customer classes. Residential will be 4.5% 2023 and 2024 effective November 1, 2022. Council Member Daniels asked Council President Hussain to forward the notes he is reading from his conversation with Ms. Shawa and Council President Hussain stated he would provide that.

Council Member Wood clarified that the usage you pay for the water, is tripled for the sewer which continues to increase because of the CSO.

Council President Hussain noted 9.9% increase for steam usage and 4% increase both years for chill water users. He then stated there is a power point before the BWL Board of Commissioners and uploaded to their website. The Board of Water and Light Commissioners will take action on the rates and the City Council does not take any action on the rates. He then provided dates of the upcoming BWL meetings where rates will be discussed.

Council Member Wood acknowledged Council President Hussain for his conversation with Ms. Shawa and reporting back on her behalf, but was disappointed that a BWL representative would not attend this meeting. This would have allowed the public to hear the information from BWL and ask questions.

Mr. Lawrence stated the BWL is hosting two community resources fairs and provided dates and locations. Council Member Wood clarified that the resource fairs are not to discuss the proposed rate increases.

Council Member Spadafore noted there is going to be a 40% increase in natural gases. The inflation reduction act allows governments to look at benefits by leveraging resources.

Council Member Spitzley arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Council Member Spadafore stepped away at 5:41 p.m.

Council Member Jackson left the meeting at 5:42 pm.

Council Member Spitzley noted comments she has heard from residents on the rates.

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DISCUSSION – Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Impacts

Council Member Hussain confirmed MSHDA officials were invited to this meeting to provide details on the impacts on the cities, MSHDA programs, etc. The document in the packet is from the Assessor and the impact of PILOTs on the City.

Council Member Spadafore returned to the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Council Member Wood clarified that MSHDA chose this date and she was disappointed that that they chose not to appear at the meeting.

Council President Hussain referenced the spreadsheet from the City Assessor on the PILOTS with the amount from the PILOT at \$1,022,09.84.

Council Member Wood noted if all the PILOT's were 30 years, because with most of these they continue to apply, \$94,000,000 for a 30 year process.

DISCUSSION – Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Priorities

Council President Hussain noted that per Charter, this document needs to be adopted by September 26, 2022. He then asked all Council Members forward suggestions for Committee of the Whole by September 20, 2022 at noon to Council Office Manager.

DISCUSSION – City Attorney Overview of Status of Lansing Township Annexation Ballot Issue

Mr. Smiertka noted he has asked the Council not to hold a Closed Session because there is no longer any information on this matter to discuss. In the future there will be a document in writing on what has occurred with this litigation. Mr. Smiertka briefly spoke on the litigation process on the recent Council action for ballot language on township annexation. He spoke briefly on the Township Act, and the provision for the ballot language for a portion in the township considered "an island". The City was not forcing an annexation, it was a request from the residents. The Township lawsuit stated it was not under the right section of the Township Act since the properties are not surrounded on all 4 sides. Mr. Smiertka provided the information on the decision by the Judge and the timeline of the process with the courts so far. There was a hearing today, 9/12/2022, and the deadline for the temporary restraining order was not filed and the order was dissolved. The discussion included if the Township or City has invested right in residents or boundaries, and at the end of the hearing today, and Judge Canady stated his decision was made permanent for this upcoming election. Therefore the case is closed and the matter will not be on the ballot for residents this November.

Other

CLOSED SESSION

Council President Hussain amended the agenda and removed the Closed Session based on the statements by the City Attorney.

Mr. Smiertka briefly introduced a new City Attorney, Matt Staples.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee

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This Agreement is made as of the date set forth below by and between **Salvatore Prescott Porter & Porter, PLLC** (“Attorneys”) and **City of Lansing** (“Client”):

1. Scope of representation. The Client is seeking pro bono representation before the Court of Appeals and or Supreme Court of Michigan regarding the pending matter styled Planned Parenthood et al v. Attorney General et al. The Client retains the Attorneys to prepare amicus briefing and associated motions for leave to file in this regard. No other advice, counsel, or representation is contemplated by this retainer whatsoever.

2. Advancing costs, client obligation. Any out-of-pocket costs expended in this matter are to be paid by the Client. Costs are anticipated to be limited to court filing fees, courier/delivery and/or copying costs.

3. Right to withdraw. The Attorneys may, in their sole discretion, withdraw at any time from the case if the Attorneys believe there has been a breakdown in the attorney-client relationship, or if continued representation violates a law or ethical obligation.

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SALVATORE PRESCOTT PORTER & PORTER, PLLC

By _____
Sarah S Prescott **Date**

Andy Schor, for the City of Lansing **Date**

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has requested and recommended the appointment of Salvatore Prescott Porter & Porter, PLLC as special outside legal counsel to represent the City in connection with the matter of Planned Parenthood, et al. v. Attorney General, et al.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Salvatore Prescott Porter & Porter, PLLC is hereby approved as legal counsel to represent the City in the matter of Planned Parenthood, et al. v. Attorney General, et al.

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Lansing requires the Council to adopt an annual statement of Budget Policies and Priorities serving to guide the Administration in developing and presenting the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established the following Mission;

The City of Lansing's mission is to ensure quality of life by:

- I. Promoting a vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive community that provides opportunity for personal and economic growth for residents, businesses and visitors,
- II. Securing short- and long-term financial stability through prudent management of city resources,
- III. Providing reliable, efficient and quality services that are responsive to the needs of residents and businesses,
- IV. Adopting sustainable practices that protect and enhance our cultural, natural and historical resources,
- V. Facilitating regional collaboration and connecting communities; and

WHEREAS, the standing committees of the City Council have met to evaluate the budget and recommend an annual statement of budget policies and priorities to guide the Administration in developing and presenting the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council has established the following as its Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Policies and Priorities and requests that the Administration review them and encourages that they, to the extent practical, be included in the Administration's budget presented due to the City Council by the fourth Monday in March 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Committee of the Whole** has established the following priorities:

1. \$100,000: (1) FTE focus specifically on housing legal assistance for tenants and homeowners in the City.
2. Fund sidewalk repair by \$200,000 for a total of \$500,000, with a priority placed on underserved areas.
3. Fund local street repair funding by \$1.7 million for a total of \$5 million, with a priority placed on underserved areas.
4. Funding for GED prep and passage program.
5. Funding to disseminate information on how to file a Complaint against the police.
 - a. Printing costs to add text to reverse side of LDP business cards.

6. \$250,000 for the creation of a cold case unit in the Lansing Police Department. This unit would consist of 2 detectives, 1 administrative assistant, 1 data technician, 1 investigator, and 1 attorney.
7. The creation of a Business Analyst position in the Office of Financial Empowerment to assist small business in the City of Lansing.
8. Sustainability Manager Assistant: This full time position would assist the Sustainability Manager with her important work load, grant writing and City sustainability efforts.
9. Increasing Transparency: In recognizing the need for further access to all meetings held by Council this can be achieved by recording, televising and/or streaming all City Council, Committee of the Whole and all other regular Committee and Ad Hoc Meetings. Equipment has been purchased by CityTV and is being installed in Council conference room and there is ongoing cost for this platform and should be incorporated in the City TV budget to maintain this service. Council should continue to look at ways to increase transparency.
10. 200,000: Expansion of the current City annual funding for the Lansing Economic Development Corporation from \$300,000 to \$500,000; would allow the Lansing EDC to hire new positions to increase capacity to provide a more complete level of services and programs to the businesses and citizens of Lansing. Desired positions to be funded would be as follows: Marketing and Communications Director; Small Business Development Specialist; Director of Equitable Economic Development.
11. \$400,000: Funding for additional staff arborists and equipment in forestry to more efficiently survey and maintain tree inventory consisting of hundreds of thousands of trees in what is known as a USA City of Trees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Committee on Development and Planning** has established the following priorities:

1. \$80,000: (1) FTE Financial Empowerment Employee; RE: Focus on Small Business, Minority Businesses; Female Owned Businesses
2. \$215,000: Reactivation of the Façade Improvement Grant Program
3. \$50,000: Analysis of Facade Improvement Grant Program to include Return on Equity Report on Previous Façade Grants provided to small businesses
4. \$40,000: Initiate an RFP for Engagement of Stakeholders and Completion of Community Facilities Plan, including school and county buildings, complete with inventory of assets and goals/objectives for facilities, that will serve as the basis for community facility decisions into the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion** has established the following priorities:

1. The City of Lansing will include in their FY2023/2024 Budget public safety planning, a commitment, support and a partnership with Advance Peace which will help 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. Council asks the Administration to focus the budget allocations to fully fund the City portion for FY2023/2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Committee on City Operations** has established the following priorities:

1. \$10,000: Printing Costs to Provide Written Materials to Residents who do not have access to computers, internet or cell phones with document capability
2. A review done by the Chief Strategy Officer to determine if there would be a savings to the public by having the City Department on Public Services be charged with the duties of bulk item and trash cleanup which is currently contracted out. This review would also determine the cost to set up a City managed system for these services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Committee on Public Safety** has established the following priorities:

1. Code Compliance Personnel Staff for Administrative tasks relating to Code Violation tracking and follow-up.
2. Portable Speed Bumps (Public Service Department)
3. Reinstate the LFD apprenticeship/intern program (Lansing Fire Department)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Committee on Ways and Means** has established the following priorities: **(Meeting 9/26/2022 4:30 p.m. to finalize)**

1. Explore new municipal incentives under the Inflation Recovery Act to invest in solar energy for City facilities.
2. Encourage the Chief Strategy Officer to perform an audit report on short and long term resolutions for the current forecast of the City's revenues and expenditures within all departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **Ad Hoc on Housing and Resident Safety** has established the following priorities: **(Meeting 9/26/2022 4:00 p.m. to finalize)**

1. Economic Development and Planning
 - a. Prepare a report of red tag statistics annually to Council during budget discussions to determine if there are fees that need to be added or updated in the upcoming budget cycle.
 - b. Dedicate resources to searching appropriate databases for non-homestead ownership.
 - c. Conduct a study of existing rental fees to ensure they are sufficient and consistent to meet the rigorous needs for safety housing with communities of similar size.
2. HRCS
 - a. Through the Housing Ombudsman prepare education materials for renters.

- i. Rights as a renter
 - ii. Know before you sign a lease
 - iii. Eviction Court information
 - iv. Conduct at least two housing fairs in City with MSU Law each year
 - v. Creation of a brochure by the Administration on where tenants can go for assistance if they are forced to relocate due to red tags or violations by the landlord.
 - b. Implement a pilot program to incentivize landlords to accept Section 8 vouchers
3. Law/Courts
- a. Support the creation of a Community Court with 54-A District Court.
 - b. Implement policy where Nuisance Actions filed against recalcitrant landlords enabling City Attorney to enter into voluntary compliance agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council would like to continue its commitment, if funding is available, to:

- Maintain and improve the City's infrastructure;
- Preserve and ensure clean, safe, well-maintained housing and neighborhoods;
- Provide comprehensive and affordable recreational programs and youth and family services;
- Explore alternatives for improved efficiency in service and delivery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council has accepted the following report of recommendations and ordinances from the Ad Hoc on Housing and Resident Safety: **(Meeting 9/26/2022 4:00 p.m. to finalized)**

Resolution 2022-010 created the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Resident Safety. The resolution directed the Committee to meet with stakeholders, community members and city staff, and to address and assist residents in housing safety and tenant issues. The resolution directed the committee to provide a report of their findings and recommendations by September 1, 2022 and will be dissolved December 31, 2022.

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Resident Safety are:

- Councilmember At-Large Patricia Spitzley, Chair
- Councilmember At-Large Carol Wood, Vice-Chair
- Councilmember At-Large Jeffrey Brown, Member

The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee was February 4, 2022. On the onset, the Ad Hoc Committee committed to meeting with as many stakeholders as possible to gather information regarding the housing safety and tenant issues: Those stakeholders included:

- Members of the public
- Greater Lansing Realtors Association

- 517 Can't Wait
- City of Lansing Code Enforcement
- Ingham County Land Bank
- Nation Outside
- Rental Property Owners Association of Mid Michigan
- City of Lansing Housing Ombudsman
- The Honorable Kristen Simmons, Judge 54-A District Court
- The City of Lansing Departments – Economic Development and Planning, Human Resources and Community Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations contained in this report represent recommendations from the Committee based on the beforementioned participants as well as input from the Lansing City Attorney's Office.

The Committee asked the City Attorney's office to review the ordinance adopted by Jackson City Council requiring relocation payments to assist tenants who are forced to leave a red tagged dwelling. Other communities that have adopted such an ordinance were Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor. Based upon the recommendation suggested by the City Attorney and the Committee immediately purposed the adoption of a resolution to encourage the State Legislature to enact Tenant Relocation Assistance Legislation. The resolution was forwarded to the entire City Council for approval and adoption.

Recommendations represent both policy recommendations and budget priorities. These are denoted by an asterisk (**) for Policy Recommendations and a plus (++) for Budget Priorities.

1. Economic Development and Planning
 - a. Prioritize rental inspections to be completed in a timely manner**
 - b. Prepare a report of red tag statistics annually to Council during budget discussions to determine if there are fees that need to be added or updated in the upcoming budget cycle. ++
 - c. Require that rental properties must have both a rental license and a complete inspection before occupancy. **
 - d. Dedicate resources to searching appropriate databases for non-homestead ownership. ++
 - e. Conduct a study of existing rental fees to ensure they are sufficient and consistent to meet the rigorous needs for safety housing with communities of similar size. ++
 - f. Create a landlord registry either through the BS & A portal or other platform that is publicly accessible that shows housing inspections and the status (i.e. in compliance, red tags, compliance). **
2. HRCS

- a. Establish consistent coordination between code enforcement and Housing Ombudsman when homes are pink and/or red tagged **
 - b. Housing Ombudsman update Council annually **
 - c. Through the Housing Ombudsman prepare education materials for renters. ++
 - i. Rights as a renter
 - ii. Know before you sign a lease
 - iii. Eviction Court information
 - iv. Conduct at least two housing fairs in City with MSU Law each year
 - v. Creation of a brochure by the Administration on where tenants can go for assistance if they are forced to relocate due to red tags or violations by the landlord.
 - d. Implement a pilot program to incentivize landlords to accept Section 8 vouchers ++
3. City Council
- a. Continue the discussion to address concerns on tenant applications considering criminal backgrounds of incarcerations; to address the request for a “Fair Chance Housing Ordinance” by Nation Outside. **
 - b. Continue to work with Legislature to adopt legislation that either authorizes tenant relocation payments state-wide or authorizes local governments the authority to establish a procedure for tenant relocation payments
4. Law/Courts
- a. Amend Chapter 203 Municipal Civil Infraction and Section 297.15 Civil Infractions with the Specialty Court options of Eviction Court and Community Court **
 - b. Support the creation of a Community Court with 54-A District Court. ++
 - c. Update annually on the statistics of enforcement and penalties for unsafe conditions in homes, per the administrative code of civil infractions. **
 - d. Implement policy where Nuisance Actions filed against recalcitrant landlords enabling City Attorney to enter into voluntary compliance agreements. ++

Ordinances

During the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Spitzley asked the City Attorney to investigate ordinances that would require a landlord to pay for a tenants housing if an when the resident was reg-tagged by the Administration. Chair Spitzley asked the City Attorney to at other communities such as Jackson, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids who have enacted similar ordinances. Based on the review of said ordinances by the City Attorney issued to the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing a memorandum that outlined three recommendations:

- 1. Draft a resolution to the State Legislature requesting a state statute either authorizing tenant relocation payments or authorizing local governments to

establish a procedure for tenant relocation payments. A resolution was drafted and adopted by the City Council.

2. Amend the international property maintenance code to specifically tiered red tagging to the general civil infraction penalties contained in the Code of Ordinance or to specifically create a sliding scale of penalties and adjust the civil infraction penalty for properties that are red tagged with corrections for periods of time longer than 90 days.
3. For properties that incur multiple red tags per calendar year, change the penalty to a misdemeanor offense. For multi-family locations there would need to be clarification whether the misdemeanor would relate to a per unit penalty or for the property as a whole.

The recommendations and ordinances included in this Committee Report shall be included in the FY2023/2024 Budget Priorities.

This Ad Hoc Committee also recommends continued meeting until December 31, 2022, to work on incorporating portions of tenants' rights recommendations received during the meetings into either the Human Rights Ordinance or as a standalone ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council has accepted the following recommendations from the Board of Public Service:

1. Increase general fund support for implementation of the City's Street System Asset Management Plan, with a priority placed on reconstructing and preserving neighborhood streets, especially in those areas of the city which have been historically underserved. We encourage the Department to continue utilizing new and innovative ways to extend the life of our existing streets;
2. Maintain and expand funding for sidewalk repairs and right-of-way maintenance and improvement, with a priority placed on underserved areas; this should all be done while keeping safety a priority for Lansing residents and visitors, and meeting or exceeding the compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act;
3. Maintain and expand funding to update and improve the fleet of city vehicles, with specific priority for the Department;
4. Establish Lansing as a leader in water quality, including PFAS regulation, testing, monitoring, enforcement and reducing other forms of water pollution in the city, through maintaining and increasing funding for educational and training purposes, and working relevant federal, state, county and local governments and non-government organizations;
5. Expand opportunities for multi-family residential and business recycling;
6. Follow recommendations (to the greatest extent feasible) of the energy audit of all facilities and properties to save on energy and cut costs by replacing wasteful devices with ones that are energy efficient and reduce the carbon footprint of the City of Lansing.