



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
DECEMBER 12, 2016**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brown Clarke

PRESENT: Council Members Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: Council Member Houghton

Council Member Wood asked people to remember Reverend Pastor Alan Kamens, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Brown Clarke.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Yorko

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of October 10, October 24, November 14, and November 28, 2016

Motion Carried

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

1. City Clerk Presentation; in recognition of City of Lansing Election Workers

City Clerk Swope spoke in support of the tribute.

Council President Brown Clarke spoke in support of the tribute.

RESOLUTION #2016-266

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the multiple elections held each year in the City of Lansing would not be possible without the help of our dedicated Election Inspectors who go above and beyond their civic duties by offering their time and hard work to ensure Election Day is fair and unbiased; and

WHEREAS, each election requires a different number of Election Inspectors, with only 250 inspectors working the smallest election and nearly 600 Election Inspectors working the largest; and

WHEREAS, for every election to ensure that elections are fair, unbiased, and comply with changing election law, twenty to forty hours per precinct are dedicated to training, so that all our Election Inspectors are knowledgeable, efficient, unbiased, and as helpful as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 alone, Lansing's diligent and energetic Election Inspectors worked a total of 24,430.11 hours in our forty-five precincts and our absent voter counting boards. In the 2016 elections held in March, May, August, and November, our Election Inspectors faithfully assisted the citizens of Lansing in casting 324,896 ballots; and

WHEREAS, our Election Inspectors range in age from sixteen to ninety; selflessly offer their time, effort, and spirit; and come from diverse generations, cultural backgrounds, and experiences; and

WHEREAS, all of the hard work and hours our Election Inspectors dedicate to make Election Day run as smoothly as possible are greatly appreciated by the City of Lansing and its voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council extends our gratitude to our Election Inspectors for their passion and their many hours of dedicated service to the voters of the City of Lansing.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan spoke in support of the tribute.

2. Tribute; in recognition of Jane Aldrich

Council President Brown Clarke spoke in support of the tribute

RESOLUTION #2016-267

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LANSING CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Jane Aldrich was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan and graduated from Alma College in 1978. Jane is married to Kip Bohne and together they have a daughter Emily; and

WHEREAS, Jane Aldrich worked at stations in Toledo, Ohio and in the Lansing area before establishing her life long career at 6 News; and

WHEREAS, Jane started as a reporter and an anchor for 6 News on October 14, 1985, and she has worked decades anchoring various shows, including 6 News at Noon, 5, 6, and 11 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Jane Aldrich has hosted hundreds of events over the years for a variety of causes. Jane has co-hosted the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association's Labor Day Telethon., has supported the Alzheimer's Association, Hospice of Lansing, Special Olympics, Greater Lansing Food Bank, and Lansing Community College; and

WHEREAS, Jane Aldrich has founded the franchise called "Tell Me Something Good" – where good news, as well as interesting and inspirational stories are highlighted; and

WHEREAS, Jane Aldrich has won numerous awards for her work including an Associated Press award for her two-part series on organ donations called "A Perfect Match" along with the Michigan Association of Broadcasters award for investigative reporting on a Lansing-made product called "Gunzilla."

BE IT RESOLVED, Lansing City Council hereby congratulates Jane Aldrich on her retirement and would like to thank her for everything she has done to better our community. The Lansing City Council also declares Monday, December 12, 2016 Jane Aldrich Day in the City of Lansing.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan spoke in support of the tribute.

3. Mayoral Presentation; in recognition of the Entrepreneur Institute of Mid-Michigan

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan spoke in support of the tribute.

Denise Peek shared details about the program.

Tony Albarez, Amanda Brown, Amanda Cena, Jan Del Rio-Tyler, Faye Milton, Amanda and Miguel Perez, graduates of the Entrepreneur Institute of Mid-Michigan, shared the name of their business or business plans.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

City 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

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, spoke about the Mobile Food Pantry, Winter Break Food Drive for Children, and shared details about the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan #66; Fluid Chiller Expansion and the resolution to require Land Contracts to be filed with the City Assessor.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of Z-7-2016; Rezoning from "F" & "DM-2" to "E-1"; Dunkel & Collins Road
2. In consideration of Brownfield Redevelopment Plan #66; Fluid Chiller Expansion

Council Member Washington gave an overview of the public hearings.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Tim Ayers spoke in support of Brownfield Redevelopment Plan #66; Fluid Chiller Expansion.

Elaine Wolmboldt spoke in support of the Home Occupancy Ordinance, Redevelopment Plan #66; Fluid Chiller Expansion, and the resolution to required Land Contracts to be filed with the City Assessor.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of Z-7-2016; Rezoning from "F" & "DM-2" to "E-1"; Dunkel & Collins Road
- REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

2. In consideration of Brownfield Redevelopment Plan #66; Fluid Chiller Expansion
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

CONSENT AGENDA

By Vice President Yorko

To approve item 1c on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-268

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LANSING CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the HIV/AIDS epidemic has been an ongoing crisis in the world and U.S. since it was first identified in 1981, and the World Health Organization reports at least 35 million people have died from the disease and at least 36.7 million are living with the HIV infection; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reports that in 2015 there were an estimated 519 people living with HIV in Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Area AIDS Network provides support services for 1,300 people living with HIV over the past 31 years; and

WHEREAS, scientists and doctors have determined that early diagnosis through testing and access to medical care and medications is in the best interest of a person living with HIV as well as public health; and

WHEREAS, that study found that lack of information feeds stigma and fear of people living with HIV, and that persons living with HIV who have achieved an undetectable viral load through the use of anti-HIV drugs are considered uninfected, and with the use of certain anti-HIV drugs by those who are at risk for HIV infection, but not infected, is at least 92 percent effective (and likely as high as 99 percent effective) in preventing HIV acquisition.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council recognizes and honors World Aids Day 2016 and December 1, 2016 as World AIDS Day in Lansing, Michigan; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council acknowledges that HIV continues to be a major public health concern, but one which can, with modern science, be addressed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Lansing City Council encourages those who are living with HIV to access medical care and encourages those at risk for HIV infection discuss pre-exposure prophylaxis with their medical care provider, and that medical providers throughout Lansing and Ingham county offer prescriptions for this necessary public health intervention.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council calls on all its citizens to work together to bring about an end to HIV in Lansing and the Capital region, and support ongoing efforts to combat the virus as well as the stigma and ignorance attached to it.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2016-269

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Marian Benjamin was born in 1926 and baptized at St. Casimir Parish; and

WHEREAS, Marian attended Moores Park Elementary School until moving to Holt, Michigan and began life on the farm; and

WHEREAS, Marian raised three children and cared for her own mother when she became ill; her book of life has had a series of challenges and hurdles to overcome; and

WHEREAS, Marian Benjamin has continuously served her family but also her community; over the years she has volunteered endless hours at:

- Holy Cross Church & School
- Served lunch during her lunch hour while working in downtown Lansing at the Rescue Mission on Michigan Avenue
- Volunteered for the Lansing Association for Human Rights
- Devoted 17 years to the Lansing Area AIDS Network
- Founding member and still volunteering for Pet Support Services, Inc.
- Supports & helps with various dinners for Lansing Police Department

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council wishes to thank Marian Benjamin for her countless hours of selfless giving to Lansing over the years. We also wish Marian a wonderful and blessed 90th Birthday and a special wish for an additional 90 years. The Lansing City Council also declares Saturday, December 3, 2016 Marian Benjamin Day in the City of Lansing.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-270

BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RENTAL AND LAND CONTRACT HOUSING CONDITIONS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lansing has determined that the filing of Principal Residence Exemption and/or Property Transfer Affidavits, by persons claiming homestead status or transfer of property through a land contract, are frequently not supported by an executed land contract between the applicants and the actual property owners; and

WHEREAS, this misleading and sometimes fraudulent activity serves to divest tax revenue from the City and schools in the City, creates obstacles for the Treasurer during tax foreclosure proceedings, and causes a hardship on consumers in the City because of the uncertain status of ownership which may be created by such practice; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lansing has adopted an ordinance to amend section 1460.44, subsection (e) of chapter 1460, to provide documentation required to be filed with the office of code compliance and city assessor for verification of ownership for rental registration purposes; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced ordinance requires that, if there is a transfer of ownership for any rental dwelling or unit required to be registered under the section, and the registered owner or agent sells or transfers the property on a land contract or similar real estate installment sale agreement, the registered owner or agent shall provide a copy of that entire land contract or agreement which has been recorded with the County Register of Deeds to the Office of Code Compliance and the City Assessor's office within 15 days of such sale or transfer; and

WHEREAS, MCL 211.7cc (6) provides, "if the assessor of the local tax collecting unit believes that the property for which an exemption is claimed is not the principal residence of the owner claiming the exemption, the assessor may deny a new or existing claim by notifying the owner and the department of treasury in writing of the reason for the denial and advising the owner that the denial may be appealed to the residential and small claims division of the Michigan tax tribunal within 35 days after the date of the notice;" and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lansing further desires to protect the public from unclear, unfair or deceptive methods, acts or practices in the conduct of business or commerce, including the misuse of land contracts as disguised rental agreements, and to prevent clouds on property title;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing advises and recommends that the City Assessor require that any person filing a Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit, and whose homestead status is claimed to be through a land contract, shall provide a copy of that entire land contract or agreement which has been recorded with the County Register of Deeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing advises and recommends that the City Assessor require that any person filing a Property Transfer Affidavit, and whose purported transfer involves a land contract or similar real estate installment sales agreement, shall provide a copy of that entire land contract or agreement which has been recorded with the County Register of Deeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is to be reviewed after one (1) year by the Ways and Means Committee of the City of Lansing; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution serves a public purpose intending to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-271

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolution to Establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District
204 East Grand River Avenue

WHEREAS, the owner of property located at 204 East Grand River Avenue in the City of Lansing, Michigan (the "Properties") has requested in writing that the City of Lansing establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District (the "District") as enabled by Public Act 146 of 2000, the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (the "Act"), and

WHEREAS, the owner is Looney Moon, LLC, hereinafter called the "Developer", and

WHEREAS, the Developer is the legal owner of greater than fifty percent (50%) of all taxable value of the property located within the proposed District, and

WHEREAS, the Developer has, in writing, requested the District for the Properties and for the City of Lansing to take all necessary steps and actions to establish the District on their behalf, and

WHEREAS, the properties in question and the proposed boundary of the District is legally described as:

COM 44.44 FT W OF NE COR LOT 2, TH W 20 FT, S 80 FT, E 20 FT,

N 80 FT TO BEG; SUB OF BLOCK 12, 33-01-01-09-402-081, and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that before establishing the District the Lansing City Council shall give written notice by certified mail to the owners of all real property within the proposed District and shall hold a public hearing in order to provide an opportunity for owners, residents or other taxpayers of the City of Lansing to appear and be heard regarding the establishment of the District and that such notice was given and said public hearing was held on November 28, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following properties are hereby approved and established as an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District as provided by Public Act 146 of 2000 legally described as:

COM 44.44 FT W OF NE COR LOT 2, TH W 20 FT, S 80 FT, E 20 FT, N 80 FT TO BEG; SUB OF BLOCK 12, 33-01-01-09-402-081.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall not be construed as the City Council's approval of any future application for an Obsolete Properties Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for the Developer or any other applicant.

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-272

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolution to Approve an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act
Certificate
204 East Grand River Avenue

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Michigan Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, being Public Act 146 of 2000 (PA 146 of 2000), Looney Moon, LLC has filed an application for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate (OPRA Certificate) with the Lansing City Clerk, for a proposed obsolete facility at 204 East Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan (Obsolete Property); and

WHEREAS, Looney Moon, LLC (the Developer) owns the proposed Obsolete Property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Obsolete Property is located within an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District legally established by resolution adopted December 12, 2016, after a public hearing was held on November 28, 2016, as provided by section 3 of PA 146 of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the taxable value of the property proposed to be exempt plus the aggregate taxable value of property already exempt under Public Act 146 of 2000 and under Public Act 198 of 1974 (IFT's) does not exceed 5% of the total taxable value of the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 28, 2016 in order to provide an opportunity for the applicant, the City Assessor, a representative of the affected taxing units, the residents, and other taxpayers of the City of Lansing general public appear and be heard regarding the approval of the OPRA Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the Looney Moon, LLC has been certified in writing by the City of Lansing Treasurer to be not delinquent in any taxes related to the facility; and

WHEREAS, the application is for 7 years and under no circumstances or criteria will an extension of the exemption be considered; and

WHEREAS, the application is for obsolete property as defined in section 2(h) of Public Act 146 of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the applicant Looney Moon, LLC has provided answers to all required questions under the application instructions to the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing requires that rehabilitation of the facility shall be completed by December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the commencement of the rehabilitation of the facility did not occur before the establishment of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District; and

WHEREAS, the application relates to a rehabilitation program that when completed constitutes a rehabilitated facility within the meaning of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that is situated within an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District established in the City of Lansing eligible under Public Act 146 of 2000 to establish such a district; and

WHEREAS, completion of the rehabilitated facility is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to, increase commercial activity, create employment, revitalize an urban area, and increase the number of residents in the community in which the facility is situated; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation includes improvements aggregating 10% or more of the true cash value of the property at commencement of the rehabilitation as provided by section 2(l) of Public Act 146 of 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby grants an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption for the real property, excluding land, located in an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District at 204 East Grand River Avenue legally described as LOT 8 & N 1 R LOT 7 BLOCK 63 ORIG PLAT, 33-01-01-16-127-001; for a period of 7 years, beginning December 31, 2016, and ending December 30, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of PA 146 of 2000, as amended.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall cause the Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate to be completed, including the "Clerk Certification" and shall file the completed application, together with a certified copy of this resolution with the State Tax Commission.

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-273

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING
RESOLUTION APPROVING BROWNFIELD PLAN #66
FLUID CHILLERS EXPANSION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the 'Authority') of the City of Lansing, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, (the 'Act') has prepared a Brownfield Plan, submitted to Council and placed on file in the office of City Clerk, LBRA Brownfield Plan #66 – Fluid Chillers Expansion Redevelopment Project (the 'Plan'); and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Lansing City Council on December 12, 2016 and at least 10 days before the public hearing the taxing jurisdictions were provided notice to be fully informed about the fiscal and economic implications of the proposed Plan and given a reasonable opportunity to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan in accordance with Section 13 (10) and 14(1) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council, before and during its public hearing on the December 12, 2016, reviewed testimony and evidence regarding the Plan, and found that:

1. the Plan provides for the reimbursement of costs attributable to eligible activities to the developer and the Authority,
2. the Project includes, in addition to the eligible activities identified in the Plan, the redevelopment of the property,
3. the Project may result in new private investment of approximately \$1,000,000,
4. the Plan provides for the capture of property tax increment revenues due to the private investment on the site, and devotes them to repaying the Authority for its costs associated with eligible activities it performs, and to repaying the developer for their costs associated with eligible activities they perform, in accordance with the Plan,

WHEREAS, the Authority Board of Directors, at its meeting on November 4, 2016, unanimously recommended approval of the Plan, for this Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, after having duly considered the Plan, finds it is in compliance with the provisions of the Act and further finds:

- The Plan constitutes a public purpose under the Act;
- The Plan meets all of the requirements for a Brownfield Plan set forth in Section 13 of the Act;
- The proposed method of financing the costs of the eligible activities, as described in the Plan, is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing;
- The costs of the eligible activities proposed in the Plan are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act; and
- The amount of the captured taxable value estimated to result from the adoption of the Plan is reasonable.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the LBRA 'Brownfield Plan #66 – Fluid Chillers Expansion Redevelopment Project'.

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-274

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Domonic Korzecke sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$484.00 for trash and debris removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 525 N. Hayford Avenue (Tax ID #33-01-01-14-104-321); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$84.00 was granted, and the remaining claim amount of \$400 was denied on December 5, 2016.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Domonic Korzecke in the amount of \$400.00 for trash and debris removal fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 525 N. Hayford Avenue (Tax ID #33-01-01-14-104-321).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-275

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Dan and Nancy Wallace sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$6000.00 for trash and debris removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 3101 West Jolly Road (Tax ID #33-01-05-06-126-149); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$6,000.00 was denied on December 5, 2016.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Dan and Nancy Wallace in the amount of \$6,000.00 for trash and debris removal fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 3101 W. Jolly Road (Tax ID #33-01-05-06-126-149).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-276

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

City Council 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule

NOTE: this resolution was reconsidered, amended, and readopted later in this Council Meeting

By Vice President Yorko to place an affirmative roll on the Resolution City Council 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule

By Vice President Yorko to adopt a substitute for the Resolution City Council 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule

Motion Carried

The question being the motion to place an affirmative roll on the Resolution (as substituted)

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-277

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

Establishment of Central United Methodist Church Historic District Study Committee

WHEREAS, Larry Beckon, Chair of the Central United Methodist Church (CUMC) Board of Trustees, by letter dated October 16, 2016, requests designation as a single resource historic district for the Central United Methodist Church building at 215 N. Capitol Ave. in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the church consists of Romanesque style original building

built in 1889-1890 and designed by Elijah E. Myers, and the Scott Temple House addition, donated by Richard and Gertrude Scott, and built in 1922-1923; and

WHEREAS, CUMC was listed on both the National and State Registers in 1980, and received a state historical marker in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the applicants have indicated their commitment to improving the property in accordance with the federal standards for its rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Penny Zago, of CUMC, has been designated as the applicants' representative on the historic district study committee; and

WHEREAS, Historic District Commission (HDC) members Cassandra Nelson, Carol Skillings, and Tom Truscott have also volunteered to serve on the historic district study committee, and would satisfy the study committee membership requirements under the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning has reviewed the request by the CUMC Board of Trustees within the proposed district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby waives the optional public hearing on this proposal, which would have been held prior to the establishment of the historic district study committee, due to the fact that the proposed district is a single property district proposed by the property owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council hereby establishes the Central United Methodist Church Historic District Study Committee pursuant to Chapter 1220 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances with the powers and duties thereunder to conduct studies and make reports and recommendations regarding the Central United Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor's appointments of Penny Zago and HDC members Cassandra Nelson, Carol Skillings, and Tom Truscott to the Study Committee are hereby confirmed.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the CUMC Historic District Study Committee make its reports and recommendations to the Council within 180 days after all its members have been appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.

By Vice President Yorko

Motion Carried

By Vice President Yorko to reconsider the vote by which Resolution 2016-276 was adopted

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-276

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, City Clerk Chris Swope submitted a recommended list of dates for the Lansing City Council meetings for 2017 to the Lansing City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole will meet at 5:30 p.m. before all Monday Council meetings listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Charter requires the City Council to meet at least 26 times each year; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole has reviewed the City Clerk's recommendations and concurs with the list of recommended meeting dates for 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council hereby approves the recommendations of City Clerk Chris Swope for Lansing City Council meeting dates for 2017 as follows:

Monday, January 09, 2017 – Annual Organizational – 1st meeting of the year
 Monday, January 30, 2017
 Monday, February 13, 2017
 Monday, February 27, 2017 Board List-prior to first meeting in March
 Monday, March 13, 2017
 Monday, March 27, 2017 Mayor's Budget-on or before 4th Monday in March
 Monday, April 10, 2017
 Monday, April 24, 2017 Mayor's Board Appointments-prior to first meeting in May
 Monday, May 08, 2017 Budget Public Hearing;
 Monday, May 15th, 2017 Adopt Budget- no later than 3rd Monday in May
 Monday, May 22, 2017
 Monday, June 12, 2017 Council Act on Appointments - at or before 1st meeting in June
 Monday, June 26, 2017
 Monday, July 10, 2017
 Monday, July 24, 2017
 Monday, July 31, 2017
 Monday, August 14, 2017
 Monday, August 28, 2017
 Monday, September 11, 2017
 Monday, September 25, 2017 Budget Priorities – no later than October 1st
 Monday, October 09, 2017
 Monday, October 23, 2017
 Monday, October 30, 2017
 Monday, November 13, 2017
 Monday, November 27, 2017
 Monday, December 11, 2017

Except as otherwise noted, all meetings will be on a Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor City Hall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall meet as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

By Vice President Yorko to amend the resolution in the final resolved clause by striking "Tuesday, January 3" and inserting "Monday, January 9".

Motion Carried

The question being the motion to place an affirmative roll on the Resolution (as amended)

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Council Member Wood introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to add Section 1460.04, Home Occupation Registration And Inspection, to Chapter 1460 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to provide for the registration and inspection of any building or structure in a residentially-zoned district where the operation of a home occupation within such building or structure utilizes electricity that exceeds 3500 kwh (kilowatt hours) per month or where the operation emits gases, fumes, smoke, or odors outside of the

building or structure and across the building or structure's property line; and to provide civil infraction penalties for noncompliance with Section 1460.04

The Ordinance was read by its title for a first time and referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

RESOLUTION #2016-278

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

By Council Member Wood

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LANSING, that a public hearing be set for Monday, January 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering an amendment to Chapter 1460 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances in its entirety; to add Section 1460.04 Home Occupation Registration and inspection to provide for the registration and inspection of any building or structure in a residentially zoned district where the operation of a home occupation within such building or structure utilizes electricity that exceeds 3,500 kwh (kilowatt hours) per month, and to provide penalties for violations of this Chapter

Interested Persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing.

By Council Member Wood to place an affirmative roll on the resolution

By Council Member Wood to amend the resolution by striking "January 23" and inserting "January 30"

Motion Carried

The question being the motion to place an affirmative roll on the resolution (as amended)

Motion Carried

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

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

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

By Vice President Yorko that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Brown Clarke make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:
 1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:
 - a. Elected Officers Compensation Commission (EOCC), setting first meeting for 2017 session
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
 2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 - a. Act-11-2016, 637 E. Michigan Avenue, Vacate North East Street Easements
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

b. Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District, 500 S. Hosmer Street
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

c. Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) Certificate, 506 S. Hosmer Street
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
 1. Affidavit of Disclosure from Robert Backus, Lansing Police Department
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS
 2. Affidavit of Disclosure from Jeromy Churchill, Lansing Police Department
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS
 3. Affidavit of Disclosure from Sean Mills, Lansing Police Department
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS
 4. Affidavit of Disclosure from Joel L. Mires, Lansing Police Department
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Council Member Yorko to excuse Council Member Houghton from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice-President Yorko thanked the snow plow drivers of Lansing who have been clearing snow since Saturday, December 10.

President Brown Clarke thanked the Council, the Council Staff, the City Attorney's Office, the City Clerk's Office, and the Administration for their work this year.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, provided an update on snow plowing efforts, and reminded the public to keep cars off the street to avoid being plowed in.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Elaine Wolmboldt spoke about various City matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:33 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK