

AGENDA

Committee of the Whole AGENDA FOR MAY 22, 2023 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 Wood, Chairperson
Council Member Garza, Vice Chairperson

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes**
 - A. May 11, 2023
 - B. May 15, 2023
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
- 5. Discussion/Action:**
 - C. RESOLUTION - Set a Public Hearing; Re-Adopting the Codified Ordinances
 - D. RESOLUTION - Annual Training Requirement; all City Boards and Commissions training on the Ethics Ordinance, conflicts of interest, and the Open Meetings Act
 - E. DISCUSSION/Action- Fiscal Year Budget 2023/2024 Veto Override
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**

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MINUTES **Committee of the Whole** **Thursday, May 11, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.** **Foster Community Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Carol Wood
Council Member Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Peter Spadafore excused
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley - excused
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson
Councilmember Jeffrey Brown
Councilmember Ryan Kost

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Joseph Abood, OCA
Emily Linden, Internal Auditor
Diseree Kirkland, Finance Director
Jackson Mills, Finance
Jody Washington
Jane DiSessa, Deputy Mayor
Lucianna Solis, Mayor's Office
Jason Wilkes
Michael Lynn
Erica Lynn
Todd Haywood, City Pulse
Donald Beam
Leslie Arnell
Jodie Washington
Nancy Mahlow
Erika Lynn
Dr. Manu
Robin King-Anderson

Council President Wood outlined the budget process for the meeting. She then noted that budgets are not easy, and the goal of City Council is to answer the questions they hear from the public and do the fiduciary for the public. The meetings are not personal, it is their task to look at the material that is given to them, and make the decisions. The budget will be up for discussion and adoption on May 15,

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2023, and City Council is responsible by Charter and state statute to approve budget on May 15th, 2023.

Presentations

Budget Presentations

Ms. Kirkland introduced Mr. Mills to go over the budget presentation. Mr. Mills spoke briefly on the budget process which were due to the Administration by December 2022 and on March 27th a budget presentation was given to Council. As far as City wide budget, a 13% increase due to increasing EDP, higher capital expenditures and the public safety millage. The GF revenues have a main sources of property taxes and income taxes. Regarding the expenditures, they include fringe which includes a 8% increase from the current. Mr. Mills continued outlining the budget as presented to Council outlining capital improvement.

Public Comment

Mr. Beam asked if the ongoing pink tag issue has caused an increase to allocate to the budget allowing the City to put leverage onto the property owners that are not doing the due diligence to fix the properties.

department is doing a top to bottom look at their procedures and fees. There is hopes in the next fiscal year there will be visible changes.

Ms. Arnell spoke on the LEPFA funds the City has provided to them. She provided examples of her neighborhood near the Groesbeck golf course and again asked Council to discontinue providing funds to LEPFA.

Ms. Washington acknowledged the Council for asking the hard questions and asking them to focus on the infrastructure, asking them for serious amendments. Ms. Washington concluded by stating her frustration on the spending on multiple deputy mayors.

Council President Wood stated that there is a Deputy Mayor DiSessa, Deputy Mayor Frayer, and Deputy Chief of Staff Lawrence.

Mr. Lynn stated his concerns on what he considered non-essential staffing referencing HRCS and the Mayor's office. He asked Council to re-evaluate the HRCS budget and the duties in the Mayor's office. Mr. Lynn asked Council to consider budget cuts but not budget cuts for LPD or LFD. Suggestions Mr. Lynn made suggestions for purchases including vehicles, boats and warming stations.

Council President Wood asked for point of order and explained that if the public wanted to acknowledged Mr. Lynn after the meeting, but this is still a public meeting and there is decorum.

Mr. Lynn continued acknowledged the Council.

Ms. Mahlow voiced her concern on the image of wasteful spending in the budget, and frustration with the staffing in the Mayor's office, expecting no deputy mayor but when the mayor is not available the City will be run by the Council President. Ms. Mahlow then spoke on the lack of property equipment for the departments to run their departments. She continued outlining LEPFA projects she asked them to reconsider and the miscellaneous expenses each department has.

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Ms. Lynn acknowledged Council for their efforts into looking into all lines of the budget. She then urged them to not just ask the questions but have an outcome with specific action amendments.

Dr. Manu referenced the budget, and suggested outlining the budget with transparency on how the funds are being spent. He voiced his concern that the residents paying more taxes but not seeing the results for what they pay for, providing examples of dilapidated parks, trip hazards on sidewalks and bad streets. Dr. Manu concluded asking in the future the budgets should show what the funds go for and what revenue is coming in.

Council President Wood explained in the past they have asked for outcomes in the past, but not something the administration has provided in their budget presentation.

Council Member Brown acknowledged the public that are present.

Council Member Jackson acknowledged the public that are present and voiced his interest in any amendments that Council brings to a discussion. Concerned that the deficit was not addressed or there is no plan.

Council Member Kost acknowledged the public for making inquiries. He voiced his concerns with the proposed spending vs revenue, as many of the public are staying to him.

Council Member Hussain acknowledged the public and his interest in accountability and transparency.

Council Member Garza acknowledged the public for attending and those that are not present for contacting the Council members with their concerns. He assured the public that the Council is working together, speaking to departments, and proposing to reduce the Council budget by 10%. He noted that the proposal they are looking at would not reduce LPD or LFD, and when looking at the budget they need to taken into account the responsibilities.

Council President Wood noted for the public that Council Member Spitzley is out of town for business and Council Member Spadafore is out for an illness.

Council President Wood then continued by explaining that Council is taking everything into consideration. She then explained that Council can pass a budget and the Mayor can veto that, but then there would need to be 6 members of Council override that veto. The goal is to come up with a budget that they can all be proud of, and moving in the right direction.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee

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MINUTES **Committee of the Whole** **Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.** **Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Council Member Carol Wood
Council Member Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson
Councilmember Jeffrey Brown
Councilmember Ryan Kost

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, City Attorney
Desiree Kirkland, Finance Director
Jackson Mills, Finance
Mark Lawrence, Mayor's office
Lucianna Solis, Mayor's office
DeLisa Fountain, DNCE
Cathleen Edgerly, DLI
Jody Washington
Kim Coleman, HRCS
Greg Venker, OCA
Mayor Schor – arrived at 5:03 p.m.

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 8, 2023.
MOTOIN CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment

Mr. Lynn spoke on the budget and the budget process.

Ms. Washington spoke on the budget and statements made throughout the process.

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Presentations

Budget Presentations- General Fund Status Report – 3rd Quarter FY2022-2023

Mr. Mills and Ms. Kirkland outlined the report of expenditures.

Council Member Spitzley stepped away from the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Mr. Mills outlined the GF revenue collection of 77%, 33.2% of property taxes, \$46.1 million at end of the 3rd quarter.

Council Member Spitzley returned to the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Mr. Mills then went through the collection of income taxes, return on equity, and fines and forfeitures. He then expanded on department expenditures explaining the differences over the first three quarters and year to date.

Council President Wood referenced the BWL return on equity, which Mr. Mills stated was \$14 million and we would be getting another \$6 million. This comes in at \$18 million, but the projection is \$25 million. Mr. Mills said the balance will be reported at the end of the fiscal year, which is the final payment.

Employment Vacancy Factor Report - 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Mr. Mills summarized the funding for the vacancy factor.

No questions from Council.

Discussion/Action

Discussion – Budget Review

Budget Session April 10th, Q & A; Budget Session April 24th Q & A; Budget Session May 1st Q & A; Budget Session May 8th Q & A

Council President Wood noted to the public and Committee that the questions and answers are in the packet.

RESOLUTION – Fiscal Year Budget FY 2023/2024

Council President Wood first outlined that the intent of the discussions by Council was not personal but was to obtain information to make decisions during the budget. Secondly, she assured the public Council has heard their concerns. She then expanded that after speaking to the Administration she worked with the Internal Auditor on amendments and those would allow the City to live within their means and allow the City not to use any of the rainy-day fund, along with putting funds into the rainy day fund. The mayor original budget would use \$2.6 million of the rainy day fund. The budget that was worked on and in front of Council now is a \$4,621,700 savings. This would save \$2 million in the rainy day funds. Per a conversation she had with the Mayor he concurred he could work with that, and both parties agreed they would support and work on carry forwards from this Fiscal Year. There are still vacant positions, and there is the potential in December the Mayor could bring forward operational funds. Council President Wood concluded that she worked with the internal auditor on this and not look at personnel expenses because there are 81 vacancies in the GF and 47 non GF positions. These are positions that need to be filled and if the positions are eliminated, and there is the potential that if eliminated there is no need to post for them in the future.

Council Member Hussain stepped away from the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BUDGET AS PRESENTED TONIGHT.

Council Member Spadafore asked how the amended budget was formulated.

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Council Member Hussain returned to the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

He also asked how the percentages differences were determined.

Ms. Linden explained they took the projected for FY2023 that was provided by Finance, subtracted the FY 2023 adopted Personnel, then added the proposed FY 2024 proposed Operating budget. Council Member Spadafore asked for clarification on if they used the total department budget as the projection and backed out the personnel. Ms. Linden confirmed noting the Finance document projected savings in the FY Personnel. Council Member Spadafore asked if it would be more structurally sound to eliminate the positions that are not filled then take the funds out of operating; speaking in support of the employees currently employed. Council President Wood added to the explanation that there is a vacancy factor at almost \$4 million, and the annual FY2023 Carryforward could help the operating as well. Council Member Spadafore asked if they can consider increasing the vacancy factor. Council President Wood confirmed there was one option to consider increasing the vacancy to \$4.5 million, but with that, there is potential to keep those positions vacant to fill the void. Council Member Spadafore again noted that they are aware of the spending will occur in operations, but not that much in personnel with the vacancies. He noted he does support making strong changes in the budget but was question the proposal. Council President Wood stated this proposal will demonstrate the City living within their means, but also acknowledging the positions need to be filled. Council President Wood stated she first proposed an option on May 8th, and acknowledged Council Member Spadafore was out last week, but she worked with the Administration, Internal Auditor and reached out to each Council Member individually. Council President Wood concluded her statement by reminding Council that per the Charter the budget has to be adopted tonight, but if Council comes to the point, they can also put everything into a control account and do nothing.

Mayor Schor emphasized his concern because under the current proposal there are five (5) departments with \$0 in operations.

Council Member Brown stepped away from the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Schor confirmed also there will be carry forwards but some of those five (5) departments by law need to have operations. He assured Council he will be sending a resolution with carry forwards utilizing funds from the FY 2023 to the FY 2024 and appealed to Council for their support.

Council Member Brown returned to the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Council Member Jackson asked what if any effect passing the document in front of them now, would impact future amendments. Ms. Linden confirmed there would be an impact, and any additional amendments to the operating budget would decrease that amount further. Council President Wood explained if he wished to amend the budget taking funds from operating, if he did not want the impact in some areas, he can use another operating budget. Council Member Spitzley reminded Council Member Jackson that Council only acts on Personnel and Operating, they do not do a line item. Council Member Jackson asked for the Council to consider any budget amendments first.

Council Member Kost distributed an amendment to decrease the City of Lansing's Mayor's salary by \$150,000 and Mayor's promotions by \$1,500 and adding those funds of \$151,000 to the Local Street Fund. This would decrease the mayor's operating budget by \$1,500 and the Mayor's personnel by \$150,000.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO PUT IN \$151,500 INTO THE LOCAL STREET FUND.

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Council member Jackson voiced concerns on if the funds would impact for what is needed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO AMEND THAT MOTION TO PUT THE FUNDS INTO THE HRCS BUDGET FOR WARMING AND COOLING CENTERS. COUNCIL MEMBER KOST ACCEPTED THAT AMENDMENT TO HIS MOTION.

Council President Wood reminded the Council if they have anything to recuse themselves from, they should be mindful of that during discussions and voting.

Mr. Smiertka referred the Council to the Charter, 5-505 Conflict of Interest: A city officer or employee who may derive any income or benefit, directly or indirectly, from a contract with the City or from any City action; an officer or employee who has any conflict between a personal interest and the public interest as defined by State law, this Charter, or ordinance shall fully disclose the nature of the conflict and no elective officer, appointee or employee of the City may participate in, vote upon or act upon any matter if a conflict exists. Any member can raise a conflict of themselves or other members, then it goes to a vote, the member of conflict does not vote, and there must be a 2/3 vote to recuse.

Council Member Spitzley asked Council Member Jackson if he was looking at one warming center or regional warming centers. Council Member Jackson explained his intent was for four (4) community centers outfitted for warming center. Council Member Spitzley briefly referenced the budget policies that will be adopted as part of the budget resolution where she is asking for a study to be done by 9/1/2023 on the cost for warming and cooling centers. Council Member Brown asked Council Member Jackson if his intent is cooling centers also, and Council Member Jackson confirmed. Council Member Hussain asked why this wouldn't come out of the Parks and Recreation department since they are at their facilities, and Council Member Jackson said he would consider that option, but he was thinking HRCS because they do the work. Mayor Schor spoke in support of the idea, was disappointed it would come from his Personnel budget because he would have to lay people off. In conclusion he asked Council to also consider the feasibility of using the community centers. Council Member Brown supported the funds for Parks and Recreation because it is the facility. Council President Wood reminded the group of the time of COVID where the community centers were used but facilitated by HRCS and was concerned the Park and Recreation might not be equipped to take on the task of running a warming and cooling center. Mayor Schor added that there is a need for staff, security, and operations to run warming and cooling centers. Council Member Spitzley concurred with the budget work on this amendment, however, will still pursue adding the study to the budget policies.

Due to a conflict with her job, Council Member Wood asked to be recused from all items effecting the HRCS budget.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO RECUSE COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD FROM THIS AMENDMENT DUE TO CONFLICT WITH HRCS. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO AMENDMENT THE BUDGET FOR \$150,000 FROM MAYORAL PERSONNEL AND \$1,500 FROM MAYORAL OPERATING AND PUT INTO THE HRCS OPERATING FOR COMMUNITY CENTER WARMING AND COOLING CENTERS. MOTION CARRIED 6-1. 1 RECUSAL.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO AMEND THE BUDGET \$118,000 FROM MAYORAL PERSONNEL AND PUT \$59,000 INTO THE LOCAL STREET FUND AND \$59,000 INTO THE PUBLIC SERVICE OPERATING.

Council Member Kost distributed the breakdown outlining the request from the Mayor's Temporary Help line item for \$118,000. Council Member Jackson asked if the \$118,000 also impacted the same

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lines that were just amended in the previous motion. Council President Wood reiterated an earlier statement that Council does not pass a line-item budget, they only pass Personnel and Operating. This would come from the Mayoral Personnel line. Council Member Spadafore noted \$1,500 in the last motion came from the Mayoral Operating.

Council President Wood explained to the Council and public that she has worked with Mayor and after speaking with Council Members, gave her commitment. She concluded her statement by making it clear there may be amendments forthcoming that she personally would agree to, but again she had given her word to the mayor.

MOTION CARRIED 5-3.

Council Member Jackson passed out the proposed amendment for ZOOM meetings with two options. The first taking funds from the HRCS Personnel item; HMIS Performance Analyst position, the second option taking funds from City Council Operating; Miscellaneous.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO ACCOMMODATE ZOOM CAPABILITIES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BY ADDING \$34,456 INTO COMMUNITY MEDIA PERSONNEL AND \$3,900 INTO COMMUNITY MEDIA OPERATING AND TAKING \$38,356 FROM HRCS PERSONNEL.

Council President Wood asked to recuse herself again from anything to do with HRCS. Mr. Smiertka stated she had already requested a recusal from HRCS items, and it was voted on and granted, she would not have to recuse herself again.

MOTION CARRIED 5-2. 1 RECUSAL. Council Member Spadafore asked for a roll call vote.

Council Member Hussain stated that in the Committee on Public Safety they have heard that the HMIS Performance Analyst position in HRCS is making progress so he would support the second option.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON WITHDREW HIS MOTION FOR OPTION 1.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO ACCOMMODATE ZOOM CAPABILITIES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BY ADDING \$34,456 INTO COMMUNITY MEDIA PERSONNEL AND \$3,900 INTO COMMUNITY MEDIA OPERATING AND TAKING \$38,356 FROM CITY COUNCIL OPERATING.

Council Member Brown said he was made aware that the city was no longer staffing a HMIS Performance Analyst.

Ms. Linden asked what this \$38,356 would take the Council operating to and she stated \$115,609.

Council Member Spitzley concurred also with option 2, but her understanding was that the HMIS position has been vacant for a while, and if they are being told it is a priority then it should be filled.

Council Member Spadafore asked if this \$38,356 would impact the community support funds in the Council budget, and it was stated the breakdown could be provide to him after the meeting.

Council Member Garza asked for verification that the Community Media budget falls under the mayor, and so in turn he could take those funds and use them in his Personnel line and Council President Wood confirmed that statement. Council Member Brown asked for clarification on that statement, and Council President Wood reiterated earlier statements that Council only approves the Personnel and

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Operating budgets, they do not approve a line-by-line budget, so they departments can decide how positions to hire and not hire. Council Member Spadafore added this is an appropriation to spend not a mandate to spend.

Council Member Hussain made a statement that with the budget it will reflect Council's priorities, and how the mayor spends it reflects his priorities.

MOTION CARRIED 6-2. 1 RECUSAL

Council Member Jackson distributed a proposed amendment to support more funds for sustainability.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO TAKE \$100,000 PUBLIC SERVICE OPERATING AND PUT IT INTO PUBLIC SERVICE OPERATING SUSTAINABILITY.

Council President Wood pointed out what he was proposing was not a legal amendment, but he was proposing taking funds from Public Service Operating and putting them into Public Service Operating, which is the same thing. She stated again that Council approves two lines the budget; Personnel and Operation, they do not approve a line-item budget. This could be a policy for public service to use the \$100,000 towards the items he was addressed.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

Council President Wood divided the question and asked that HRCS budget be pulled and voted on separately.

Council Member Spitzley divided the question and asked the EDP budget be pulled and voted on separately.

Council Member Jackson divided the question and asked the District Court budget and fees be pulled and voted on separately.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZELY TO BE RECUSED FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING (EDP) BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 6-1. 1 RECUSAL.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO BE RECUSED FROM THE DISTRICT COURT BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT COURT BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 6-1. 1 RECUSAL.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO BE RECUSED FROM THE HRCS BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE HRCS BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 6-1. 1 RECUSAL.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO BE RECUSED FROM THE FEES IN THE BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE FEES IN THE BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 6-1. 1 RECUSAL.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THE BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED 7-1.

Budget Policies

Council Member Kost stepped away from the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Council President Wood referred to page 4 where “annually” was changed to “bi-annually” in the reporting of the 311 programs.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY SPOKE ON THE ADDITION TO THE DOCUMENT FOR A STUDY ON DETERMINING THE COSTS FOR WARMING AND COOLING CENTERS FOR APPROXIMATELY 60 A YEAR, 24/DAY.

Council Member Kost returned to the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Council Member Spitzley explained her interest in four community center locations with staff and security and hoping the study determines this along with potential for an EMS on site as well.

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO ADD A FORESTY REMOVAL STUDY TO THE DOCUMENT. THE STUDY WILL INCLUDE PURPOSE, EMPLOYEES, EQUIPMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Council Member Garza asked if the intention is to contract employees or hire full time City employees. Council Member Kost stated he would hope the study would determine the number of employees to hire as City full time employees.

MOTION 8-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL BROWN TO ADD DETAILS ON A SOCIAL WORKER PROJECT WITH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH – HOUSING OUTREACH SPECIALIST THROUGH A FEASIBILITY STUDY. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council President Wood referred to page 5 of the “expungement clinic” which has been accomplished and asked for a motion to remove from the document.

COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO AMEND PAGE 2 UNDER CARRYFORWARDS TO “2023” AND “FY 2023/2024”. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Council President Wood asked Committee to bring forth month reports when they are talking about issues or projects the administration have been asked to report on. The Committee on Ways and Means Chairperson has been asked to meet on the deficit plan and report back to the full Council with monthly reports. Council President Wood then asked the mayor for consideration to have Ms. Frayer, the Chief Strategy Officer at the June 12, 2023 Committee meeting, per the reporting listed in the Ordinance.

Council Member Spitzley referred to page 2 of the policies which spoke to the HRCS department submit a quarterly report to Council on the status of the Human Services and Community Supported Agencies funding but has not happened. Council President Wood stated she would work with staff

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and look at assigning some of the policies to Committees, and those Committees can invite the appropriate administrative staff and then report back to the full Council.

Council Member Spitzley spoke in support of Lansing Home Ownership Program (L-Hope) and asked the Administration to use this as a recruiting tool. Mayor Schor assured the Committee that they do use it in all their hiring, and 100% support the program.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE BUDGET POLICIES AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee

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

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing Michigan, for the purpose of:

Approving or opposing the readoption of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing

ORDINANCE No. _____

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, Re-Adopting the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, as amended and republished by municipal code corporation through Supplement 58, and all general and permanent legislation of the City from the date of entry through December 31, 2022, except any ordinance repealed as provided by law, as revised, codified, arranged, numbered, edited, and consolidated into component codes, titles, chapters, and sections are hereby approved and readopted as the Codified Ordinances of Lansing, Michigan 2022, complete to December 31, 2022.

SECTION 2. The readoption of Codified Ordinances shall not be construed to affect a right or liability accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of such readoption or an action or proceeding for the enforcement of such right or liability. Such readoption shall not be construed to relieve any person from punishment for an act committed in violation of any such legislative provision, nor to affect an indictment or prosecution thereof. For such purposes, any such legislative provision shall continue in full force notwithstanding its repeal for the purpose of revision and codification.

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 other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

24 Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment unless given
25 immediate effect by City Council and shall expire December 31, 2032.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has numerous boards and commissions that are either advisory or have decision making authority and are subject to the City of Lansing Ethics Ordinance, Conflict of Interest policies, and hold meetings that may be subject to the Open Meetings Act, 15.261 *et seq*; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2020-190 Lansing City Council established a requirement that all members of boards and commissions receive training regarding the ethics ordinance, conflicts of interest, and the Open Meetings Act;

WHEREAS, that each year, at the time the budget is passed, a resolution reaffirming this annual training requirement shall be presented to Lansing City Council for it's consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, on an annual basis, every member of a board or commission authorized by city ordinance or the city charter shall obtain training on the ethics ordinance, conflicts of interest, and the Open Meetings Act.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a new appointee to a board or commission must complete the above training within sixty (60) days of their appointment.



CITY OF LANSING

INTERNAL AUDITOR

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Date: May 19th, 2023
To: Lansing City Council
From: Emily Linden, Internal Auditor
Re: FY24 Budget
Subject: Mayor's Veto to Approved FY24 Budget

Council Amendments

Both of Councilmember Kost's amendments affecting the Mayor's personnel and operating budgets have been reversed in the veto.

- \$268,000 was moved back to the Mayor's personnel budget.
- \$1,500 was moved back to the Mayor's operating budget.
- \$151,500 was removed from HRCS's operating budget.
- \$59,000 was removed as a transfer to the Local Streets Fund.
- \$59,000 was removed from Public Service's operating budget.

Councilmember Jackson's amendment to move \$38,356 from City Council's operating budget to personnel and operating line items in the Office of Community Media Center for Zoom capabilities was untouched.

Unallocated Funds

The budget passed by City Council on Monday, May 15th reflects revenues exceeding expenditures by \$1,916,667. After adding back in the \$59,000 from the Local Streets Fund that amount is \$1,857,667. The Mayor's veto includes reappropriating those funds back to Departments that took large operational cuts in Council's adopted budget.

The Administration's goal with reappropriating these funds was to have every department in the General Fund have enough in their operating budgets to function through at least the first two quarters of fiscal year FY24.

Departments that were kept at what Council approved:

- City Council
- Courts
- City Clerk

- Parks and Recreation

Departments that were restored to what was originally proposed by the Mayor:

- Internal Audit
- Office of Community Media
- Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement
- Economic Development and Planning
- Finance
- Office of the City Attorney
- Human Relations and Community Service

Departments that were partially restored:

- Assessing
- Treasury
- Human Resources

Other Notes

- The Mayor's office kept the \$154,092 operating cut passed by Council in their budget, their only operating change was reversing Councilmember Kost's amendment.
- The \$300,000 moved to Police, Fire, and Public Service personnel line items was untouched.
- The administration's plan is to do a first quarter budget amendment for the departments that still have significant cuts to their operating budgets.

Andy Schor
Mayor



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

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May 18, 2023

Lansing City Council
Carol Wood, President
124 W. Michigan Ave, 10th Floor
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear President Wood and Councilmembers:

I am writing to inform you that I have taken several executive actions regarding the budget passed by the City Council on Monday, May 15, 2023.

The City of Lansing Charter 4-101 asserts that the Mayor shall act as Chief Executive Officer of the City of Lansing. In addition, Charter 3-305 of the City of Lansing Charter provides the Mayor the ability to veto any ordinance or resolution passed by the City Council, and Charter 7-106 states that the Mayor may veto any item which has the effect of appropriating money contained in any action of the City Council. As listed in detail on the attached Notice of Veto, I hereby veto several of the Council-passed items to my proposed budget. Attached you will also find a spreadsheet showing the effect of these changes.

As noted, I have vetoed and suspended the items adopted by Council that reduced the Mayor's office personnel budget, which were the only personnel budget cuts passed by Council out of the twenty departmental budgets. While I strongly support funding for warming and cooling centers, I'm disappointed in the way this was passed. I have indicated repeatedly that I am willing to work with Councilmembers on this issue, and I am supportive of the language passed in the budget priorities authored by Councilmember Spitzley. I reached out to many members of Council about the budget; unfortunately, the Council-passed items unilaterally reduced only my office budget by \$270,000 to fund warming centers and for roads/sidewalk repairs.

As you know and I have said publicly, my administration has made requests to the state and federal governments for warming center dollars. I have worked closely with State Senator Sarah Anthony who has championed this effort and included \$800,000 for Lansing warming centers in the MDHHS budget, which has already passed the Michigan Senate. I have the utmost faith and confidence in Senator Anthony that she will bring this across the finish line. In addition, we have approximately \$300 million in needs for our roads in the City of Lansing. Cutting my office budget to add only \$59,000 each to the roads and sidewalks funds will have minimal impact on the roads and sidewalks in the city.

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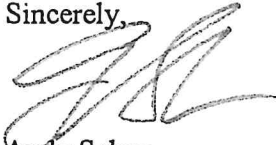
The Lansing City Charter empowers the Mayor to structure their executive office staff as they see fit. I have staff similar in number and function to previous Mayors going back to David Hollister. While I may use different titles (i.e. Deputy Mayor, Community Relations and Faith Based Initiatives Manager, Citizen Advocate, etc), the work of the staff remains the same and necessary for the citizens of Lansing. Removing positions from my budget negatively affects the services that the people of the City of Lansing expect when they contact my office. My staff work hard for the City of Lansing. They answer thousands of emails, field hundreds of phone calls, respond to letters, assist with community events, produce important information for the public through communications and Lansing Living, respond to questions from the media, ensure that board appointments are made and provided to Council and so much more. I am deeply disappointed that a majority of City Council chose to reduce staff in my office as the only option for these cuts.

After a thorough review of the Council-passed budget, it was discovered that \$1,857,667 was left unallocated by Council. We must have a balanced budget, so I have added these funds to mitigate some of the reductions in operations made to our departments and bring the budget back into balance. While these operational vetoes equal \$1,857,667 departments still have \$2,762,033 million less than needed as included in my proposed budget. We will continue to evaluate the usage of operational funds and department needs, and provide updates to the Ways and Means Committee as we prepare for quarterly budget amendments.

It is also important to note that this budget results in the City of Lansing having a 14% fund balance. Best practices and city policy recommend between 12% and 15%, and this means we have a very healthy fund balance in our adopted budget.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your work on city budget matters as we continue to work together to grow the City of Lansing.

Sincerely,



Andy Schor
Mayor

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NOTICE OF VETO

Pursuant to my authority under the Charter of the City of Lansing, I hereby veto and suspend the following items contained in Resolution #2023-114, the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget resolution, which was adopted by the Lansing City Council on May 15, 2023.

The below items are vetoed as follows:

Appropriations

Internal Audit

Operating \$(12,514)

Mayor's Office

Personnel (268,000)

Operating (1,500)

Office of Community Media

Personnel 2,000

Operating (78,538)

Neighborhood and Citizen Engagement

Operating (64,738)

Economic Development and Planning

Operating (548,665)

Assessing

Operating (265,735)

Finance Operating

Operating (86,316)

Treasury / Income Tax

Operating (86,738)

Human Resources

Operating (264,560)

City Attorney

Operating (275,851)

Public Service

Operating 59,000

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Human Relations and Community Service

Operating (24,512)

Total Appropriations (1,857,667)

Local Streets Fund

Estimated Revenues

Transfers from Other Funds 59,000

The reasons for my veto are set forth fully in the cover letter to this Notice of Veto.

Accordingly, I exercise my authority under the City Charter and issue this veto, which maintains balance in the budget as required by state law and our Charter.

Dated: 5-18-23

Signed: 
Andy Schor, Mayor

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the following appropriations and revenue projections are adopted as the City's budget for the FY 2023/2024 fiscal year:

	FY 2024 Proposed	Council Changes	FY Council 2024 Adopted	FY24 Mayor Veto	Veto Net Change
Estimated Revenues					
Property Taxes	50,606,500		50,606,500	50,606,500	
Income Taxes	39,350,000		39,350,000	39,350,000	
Return on Equity	26,800,000		26,800,000	26,800,000	
State Revenues	22,424,475		22,424,475	22,424,475	
Charges for Services	9,295,300		9,295,300	9,295,300	
Fines & Forfeitures	1,505,200		1,505,200	1,505,200	
Licenses & Permits	1,824,800		1,824,800	1,824,800	
Other Revenue	412,000		412,000	412,000	
Transfers from Other Funds	100,000		100,000	100,000	
Interest & Rent	621,195		621,195	621,195	
Use of (Contribution to) Fund Balance	2,762,033	(2,762,033)	-	-	
Total Revenue	155,701,503	-	152,939,470	152,939,470	
Appropriations					
City Council					
Personnel	541,898		541,898	541,898	-
Operating	250,910	(135,301)	115,609	115,609	-
Total	792,808	(135,301)	657,507	657,507	-
Internal Audit					
Personnel	219,000		219,000	219,000	-
Operating	12,514	(12,514)	-	12,514	12,514.00
Total	231,514	(12,514)	219,000	231,514	12,514
Courts					
Personnel	5,088,290		5,088,290	5,088,290	-
Operating	1,536,070	(563,169)	972,901	972,901	-
Total	6,624,360	(563,169)	6,061,191	6,061,191	-
Mayor's Office					
Personnel	1,577,579	(268,000)	1,309,579	1,577,579	268,000.00
Operating	273,438	(155,592)	117,846	119,346	1,500.00
Total	1,851,017	(423,592)	1,427,425	1,696,925	269,500
Office of Community Media					
Personnel	588,100	36,456	624,556	622,556	(2,000.00)
Operating	82,438	(78,538)	3,900	82,438	78,538.00
Total	670,538	(42,082)	628,456	704,994	76,538
City Clerk's Office					
Personnel	1,183,378		1,183,378	1,183,378	-
Operating	597,287	(178,292)	418,995	418,995	-
Total	1,780,665	(178,292)	1,602,373	1,602,373	-
Neighborhood and Citizen Engagement					
Personnel	1,018,426		1,018,426	1,018,426	-
Operating	537,981	(64,738)	473,243	537,981	64,738.00
Total	1,556,407	(64,738)	1,491,669	1,556,407	64,738
Economic Development and Planning					
Personnel	3,451,387		3,451,387	3,451,387	-
Operating	3,369,382	(548,665)	2,820,717	3,369,382	548,665.00
Total	6,820,769	(548,665)	6,272,104	6,820,769	548,665
Assessing					
Personnel	1,707,829		1,707,829	1,707,829	-
Operating	279,721	(279,721)	-	265,735	265,735.00
Total	1,987,550	(279,721)	1,707,829	1,973,564	265,735
Finance Operating					
Personnel	1,770,206		1,770,206	1,770,206	-
Operating	554,720	(86,316)	468,404	554,720	86,316.00
Total	2,324,926	(86,316)	2,238,610	2,324,926	86,316
Treasury/Income Tax					
Personnel	1,749,356		1,749,356	1,749,356	-
Operating	583,003	(295,974)	287,029	373,767	86,738.00
Total	2,332,359	(295,974)	2,036,385	2,123,123	86,738
Human Resources					
Personnel	1,968,618		1,968,618	1,968,618	-
Operating	1,130,947	(864,777)	266,170	530,730	264,560.00
Total	3,099,565	(864,777)	2,234,788	2,499,348	264,560
City Attorney					
Personnel	2,364,324		2,364,324	2,364,324	-
Operating	275,851	(275,851)	-	275,851	275,851.00

Total		2,640,175	(275,851)	2,364,324	2,640,175	275,851	
Police						-	
Personnel		45,756,734	120,000	45,876,734	45,876,734	-	
Operating		8,709,861		8,709,861	8,709,861	-	
Total		54,466,595	120,000	54,586,595	54,586,595	-	
Fire						-	
Personnel		35,171,150	120,000	35,291,150	35,291,150	-	
Operating		6,157,067	-	6,157,067	6,157,067	-	
Total		41,328,217	120,000	41,448,217	41,448,217	-	
Public Service						-	
Personnel		3,635,596	60,000	3,695,596	3,695,596	-	
Operating		9,752,393	59,000	9,811,393	9,752,393	(59,000.00)	
Total		13,387,989	119,000	13,506,989	13,447,989	(59,000)	
Human Relations and Community Service						-	
Personnel		1,894,264		1,894,264	1,894,264	-	
Operating		176,012	(24,512)	151,500	176,012	24,512.00	
Total		2,070,276	(24,512)	2,045,764	2,070,276	24,512	
Parks and Recreation						-	
Personnel		5,299,345		5,299,345	5,299,345	-	
Operating		4,035,790	(1,242,196)	2,793,594	2,793,594	-	
Total		9,335,135	(1,242,196)	8,092,939	8,092,939	-	
Human Services and Racial Equity						-	
Operating		2,084,932		2,084,932	2,084,932	-	
Total		2,084,932	-	2,084,932	2,084,932	-	
City Supported Agencies						-	
Operating		549,500		549,500	549,500	-	
Total		549,500	-	549,500	549,500	-	
City Recognitions						-	
Operating		10,000		10,000	10,000	-	
Total		10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-	
Non-Departmental						-	
Vacancy Factor		(1,500,000)		(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	-	
Library Lease		136,500		136,500	136,500	-	
Debt Service		1,341,410		1,341,410	1,341,410	-	
Net Transfers		8,065,796		8,065,796	8,065,796	-	
Total		8,043,706	-	8,043,706	8,043,706	-	
ARPA Revenue Loss		(8,287,500)		(8,287,500)	(8,287,500)	-	
Total Appropriations		155,701,503	(4,678,700)	151,022,803	152,939,470	1,916,667.00	
II. Special Revenue Funds							
Local Streets Fund							
Estimated Revenues							
Gas and Weight Tax Receipts		3,752,628		3,752,628	3,752,628	-	
Miscellaneous Revenue		150,000		150,000	150,000	-	
Transfers from Other Funds		6,933,565	59,000	6,992,565	6,933,565	(59,000.00)	
Use of/(Contribution to) Fund Balance		2,498,500	-	2,498,500	2,498,500	-	
Total Revenue		13,334,693	-	13,393,693	13,334,693	(59,000)	
Appropriations						-	
Personnel		2,976,056		2,976,056	2,976,056	-	
Operating		3,264,707		3,264,707	3,264,707	-	
Capital		6,475,000		6,475,000	6,475,000	-	
Debt Service		618,930		618,930	618,930	-	
Total Appropriations		13,334,693	-	13,334,693	13,334,693	-	

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council has reviewed the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, held various public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comment, and with much deliberation adopted Resolution 2023-114 for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget on May 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on May 18th, 2023 the City Clerk received the Mayor's Notice of Veto and placed it for referral on the City Council agenda for May 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk on May 18th, 2023 presented to the Lansing City Council for its review the Mayor's Notice of Veto, along with attachments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby overrides the Mayor's Veto for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

submittal @mty

Boak, Sherrie

From: Wood, Carol
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 8:15 AM
To: Boak, Sherrie
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Overriding the mayors Veto

FYI

From: Tamara Arend <t.arend64@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 3:23 AM
To: Wood, Carol <Carol.Wood@lansingmi.gov>; Hussain, Adam <Adam.Hussain@lansingmi.gov>; Kost, Ryan <Ryan.C.Kost@lansingmi.gov>; Spitzley, Patricia <Patricia.Spitzley@lansingmi.gov>; Jackson, Brian T. <BrianT.Jackson@lansingmi.gov>; Garza, Jeremy <Jeremy.Garza@lansingmi.gov>; Brown, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Brown@lansingmi.gov>; Spadafore, Peter <Peter.Spadafore@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Overriding the mayors Veto

Good Morning Council Members

I want to thank you for all the work you done on the budget, The citizens who can't be there in person are very proud of you of the ones who put in so much time and effort to get this done. You've shown that you care about the citizens and are listening, if we can keep this up we can have a strong and healthy city once again.

I support you all overriding the mayors Veto, and ask for you to follow through with what you already voted for, please stand on your principals as you did when you voted for the budget.

You listened to the people with the budget and we all felt heard and this is the type of council we need.

Stay strong and know the citizens believe and trust in you. Thank you

Tamara Arend
Ward 1

Boak, Sherrie

From: Elaine M. Womboldt <emwomboldt@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2023 7:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Override the line item veto Mayor Schor put in the proposed budget .

My husband and I were very disappointed that Mayor Schor put forth several line item vetos on many of the changes the Council approved for the 2023-2024 Budget.

We must live within our means and protect our "rainy day fund" for when emergency(s) occur. I do not believe there was ever any intent to pay for yearly salaries in the Mayor's Office. The administration has OVER \$737,000 proposed salaries for his 8 staff + \$118,000 for interns. This is a ridiculous amount for 8 staff employees. The city charter does not mention anything about deputy mayors or assistant deputy chiefs.

We have serious problems in the City of Lansing. According to Scott Bean, administration spokesperson, he was able to identify 131 vacancies. We must focus on and address filling the vacant positions so there are people available to take care of the City of Lansing's problems and needs.

My husband and I are hopeful that all 8 Council members listen to the residents of Lansing. My husband and I are requesting all 8 of the City of Lansing Council members will vote for an override on the veto Mayor Schor put forth on the budget.

Thank you for your time and consideration to our request.

Elaine and David Womboldt
4815 Tressa Drive
Lansing, MI
517/393-0317

Boak, Sherrie

From: Leslie A. <kitchenwitch64@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 9:33 AM
To: Nmahlow2012
Cc: City Council; Lansing Mayor
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] City Budget

Mark Lawrence what exactly do you do anyhow other than ignoring constituents?

Sent from my iPad

On May 20, 2023, at 12:12 AM, Nancy Mahlow <nmahlow2012@gmail.com> wrote:

I apologize I hit send before I attached the file.

Thank you

On Fri, May 19, 2023 at 11:45 PM Nancy Mahlow <nmahlow2012@gmail.com> wrote:

All 8 of you have an obligation to the citizens who voted for you to do the right thing and to override the veto of the mayor's budget.

We can't even provide the basic services and you heard from all the unions just how bad things are. Our city bills exceed the amount of dollars coming in.

Council members asked for funds to pay for warming/cooling centers within our four community centers. They called for a study however we all know this is a top priority. I sure hope they stand by their word. The mayor said last year he would look into it. I guess we should have asked when.

The administration has OVER \$770,000 in wages for their office. (see attachment). This doesn't include the \$118,000 for interns.

The city charter does not mention anything about deputy mayors or assistant deputy chiefs. HRCS definitely does not need additional funding to increase any salaries.

Two of you are leaving at the end of this year. I would think you would want to leave with a great legacy and show the citizens you have represented and who supported you all these years how much you seriously care.

You have heard from everyone from citizens, to unions and others how bad things really are within our city.

I ask that you keep your word and provide 8 votes to veto this but we will be happy with 6.

I love this city and will continue to fight for everyone and the best that we deserve.

I am asking everyone blind copied on this email to please email, call and/or attend city council and voice their concerns.

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Nancy Mahlow
nmahlow2012@gmail.com
517-372-3249

NAME	2023 pay	Mayor
Smierkta	\$177,757.98	
Sturdivant	\$149,350.00	
Sosebee	\$149,350.00	
Frayar	\$145,003.81	145
Disessa	\$144,200.00	144
Frischman	\$131,000.00	
Kilpatrick	\$125,903.64	
Mumby	\$124,925.12	
Kaschinske	\$124,908.28	
McGrain	\$123,600.00	
Fountain	\$123,600.00	
Kirkland	\$123,600.00	
Coleman	\$123,600.00	
Sanchez-Gazella	\$123,600.00	
O'Leary	\$123,600.00	
Jackson	\$92,158.63	
Lawrence	\$90,000.00	90
Scott Bean	\$90,000.00	90
Dominic Cochran	\$74,263.00	74
Lucianna Solis	\$70,040.00	70
Dawn Carowitz	\$61,800.00	61
Veronica Hertke	\$61,800.00	61
	\$2,554,060.46	737

Boak, Sherrie

From: Dot Johnson <dotjohnson3112@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 9:05 AM
To: City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Veto Over-ride

Dear Lansing City Council,

I urge you to override the mayor's veto of your budget changes.

Dot Johnson

Boak, Sherrie

From: Cheryl Iree <Cheryllree@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 3:41 PM
To: City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Budget

I support you overriding shors vetoes. Please. Every single one.
Thank you for your efforts.

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