



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

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 Spitzley

PRESENT: Council Members Brown Clarke, Houghton, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood

ABSENT: Council Members Yorko, Dunbar

Council Member Washington asked people to remember Delma Lopez, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation.

Vice President Wood asked people to remember all the first responders and their families who responded to the September 11 attacks.

Council Member Brown Clarke asked people to remember the entire state of Florida as they are dealing with a hurricane.

President Spitzley asked to remember her family in the remembrance of the passing of her nephew, as well as to remember that the Board and Water and Light is responding to those in Florida and helping as much as they can.

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

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

RESOLUTION #2017-220

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

WHEREAS, On June 17, 2017 the Lansing Christian High School Girls Soccer Team played Kalamazoo Christian High School in the Division 4 Championship Soccer game at Williamston High School; and

WHEREAS, Lansing Christian Pilgrims approached the penalty marker in the penalty-kick shootout against Kalamazoo Christian. Eliza Lewis kicked the game-winning shot in the shootout which handed number one ranked Lansing Christian a victory over the number eight ranked Kalamazoo Christian Comets.

WHEREAS, the Lansing Christian Pilgrims gave the City of Lansing a reason to come together and show their support of several very deserving high school students.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council wishes to congratulate the Lansing Christian High School Girls Soccer Team for their monumental accomplishment of winning the 2017 Division 4 State Title. We admire the coaches, players, and supporters for all of your hard work and dedication. Council Member Brown Clarke spoke in support of the tribute.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

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

Coach Jeff Stool thanked the Council and the City for the recognition, and spoke about the perseverance that the team showed during the season, and thanked the parents of the team members.

Captain Casey Jamison spoke about her gratefulness and her honor for being on the team, thanked her coaches and the City for the recognition.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Hussain share details about his Third Ward constituent community meeting.

Council Member Brown Clarke shared details about the Michigan Works! Annual Meeting that she recently attended.

Council Member Houghton shared details about upcoming neighborhood community meeting.

Council Member Washington shared details about upcoming Eastside Neighborhood Association events.

City Clerk Swope shared details about upcoming events; AARP Grandparents Day and LCC voter registration.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loretta Stanaway shared details about the upcoming 11th Annual Friends of Lansing cemeteries Walking Tour.

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, thanked the public safety officials and those who were a part of the 9/11 ceremony that took place earlier that day and asked to remember those who were victims of the attack.

Mr. Hannan spoke of the "Lansing Strong for Texas" Campaign and thanked those who have been a part of the efforts to aid those in Texas impacted by the hurricane. He mentioned donations are being taken on the City's website to help. He also spoke of the Willard K. Walker Dedication Ceremony at Risdale Park and gave details on why Mr. Walker obtained this honor.

He shared details about the upcoming Mobile Food Pantry event, Jazz on the Grand, Blues Fest. One Love Grant Initiative with MSU, the

LansingSave fundraiser, and a new publication coming from the City called Metro Lansing Living.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of Z-5-2017, 1024 Lake Lansing Road, Rezoning from "B" Residential District to "F-1" Commercial District

Council Member Brown Clarke gave an overview of the public hearing.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Elaine Womboldt spoke about various city matters.

Michael Brogan spoke in support of the NEZ Certificates.

Deb Parrish spoke in opposition to Z-5-2017.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various city matters.

Kathy Miles spoke about various city matters.

James McGilley spoke of details on Z-5-2017 and support of rezoning

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of Z-5-2017, 1024 Lake Lansing Road, Rezoning from "B" Residential District to "F-1" Commercial District
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2017-221

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

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2012, President Obama created a policy calling for Deferred Action for Certain Undocumented young people who came to the U.S. as children. To be eligible, applicants cannot have serious criminal histories, and must have arrived in the U.S. before 2007, when they were under the age of 16 and could not have been older than 30 years of age. DACA recipients can live and work legally in the U.S. for renewable two-year periods; and

WHEREAS, applications under the program are called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA") began on August 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, as many as 800,000 "Dreamers" have applied to join the initiative since its inception. Those signing up for DACA must show that they have clean criminal records. They have to be enrolled in high school or college, or serve in the military. Their status is renewable every two years; and

WHEREAS, President Trump announced September 5, 2017, that his administration would end the DACA program that allows young undocumented immigrants to live in the country without fear of deportation, calling the program unconstitutional and challenging Congress to address the issue; and

WHEREAS, there is pressure on Congress from more than 400 business executives — from Apple, Facebook, Microsoft, Amazon and other companies urging Trump and Congress to protect the "Dreamers"— 97 percent of whom are in school or in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, estimates have been compiled that without DACA recipients in the workforce, the economy would lose \$460.3 billion from the national gross domestic product and \$24.6 billion in Social Security and Medicare tax contributions; and

WHEREAS, if Congress does not pass a measure protecting DACA recipients, nearly 300,000 people could begin to lose their status and be at risk for deportation in 2018. And more than 320,000 would lose their status from January to August 2019; and

WHEREAS, President Trump's decision has sparked fears that nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrants who have lived in the United States since they were children would be subject to removal once their government-issued work permits expire under the DACA program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council recognizes the recipients of the DACA program who have called the United States of America their home for most of their lives. They were brought or sent here by adults through no fault of their own; many have no memory of their country of origin. The policy of the Trump administration is a detriment to our nation and erodes our core values.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council joins DACA advocates in calling for Congress to pass a measure protecting DACA recipients.

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

By Council Member Hussain to amend the first resolved clause following "recognizes" by striking "that" and inserting "the".

Motion Carried by unanimous consent

By Council Member Houghton that all Council Members be listed as sponsors of the resolution.

Motion Carried by unanimous consent

The question being the motion to place an affirmative roll on the resolution

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-222

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Daniel Barclay of 1117 Lorraine Avenue in Lansing, MI, 48910, as an Electrical Contractor representative on the Electrical Board for a term to expire June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted with the Mayor's Office and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Public Safety took affirmative action on September 6, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Daniel Barclay of 1117 Lorraine Avenue in Lansing, MI, 48910, as an Electrical Contractor representative on the Electrical Board for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope swore in Daniel Barclay to the Electrical Board.

RESOLUTION #2017-223

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Craig Calkins of 2511 Clifton Avenue in Lansing, MI, 48910, as an Electrical Journeyman representative on the Electrical Board for a term to expire June 30, 2019; and

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By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-224

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

WHEREAS, the residential property owner Capital Properties Group, LLC was granted a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Exemption Certificate for the property located at 222 S. Washington Square, Units #3 & #5, City of Lansing, on March 13, 2006 with Resolution 2006-095; and

WHEREAS, this Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Exemption Certificate is effective December 31, 2006 and ending December 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, PA 147 of 1992 was amended effective January 3, 2006, allowing for an extension of Neighborhood Enterprise Zones for a duration of 15 years from the effective date, for all certificates granted after December 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council established a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone for this property on March 13, 2006 as required under PA 147 of 1992; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the property owner, Capital Properties Group, LLC and successors paid property taxes for property located at 222 S. Washington Square, Units #4 & #6, City of Lansing in the amount of 5/8 mills, as described in 207.779 Sec. 9(6) of PA 147 of 1992; and

WHEREAS, in years 2017, 2018 and 2019 the assessed valuation for property located at 222 S. Washington Square, Units #3 & #5 shall be and remain frozen as that established in the Certificate; and

WHEREAS, property owner Capital Properties Group LLC and successors will resume tax assessments as described in 207.779 Sec. 9(7) and (8) of PA 147 of 1992 beginning in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the applicant Capital Properties Group LLC and successors are not delinquent on any taxes related to the facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Lansing City Council hereby approves amending the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Exemption Certificate No.N2007-0093 & N2007-0095 granting to Capital Properties Groups LLC for the residential property located at 222 S. Washington Square Units #4 & #6 City of Lansing, from a period of 12 years to a period of 15 years from effective date,

beginning December 31, 2006 and ending December 31, 2021 pursuant to the provisions of PA 147 as amended;

BE IT FINALLY RESLOVED, that the City Clerk provide three certified copies of this resolution to the Lansing Economic Development Corporation for submission of this action to the State Tax Commission.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-225

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

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By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-226

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made reappointments to various Boards as stated below:

Board of Fire Commissioners:

Yvonne McConnell-Young as a Third Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2019; and

Capital Area Transportation Authority:

Anne Wilson as a City of Lansing representative for a term to expire September 30, 2020

Robert Swanson as a City of Lansing representative for a term to expire September 30, 2020; and

Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority:

Cynthia Bowen as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2019,

Charles Janssen as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2018; and

Memorial Review Board:

Maria Starr VanCore as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has verified that the nominees have been vetted and meet the qualifications as required by the City Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council confirms the reappointments to various Boards as stated below:

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Memorial Review Board:

Maria Starr VanCore as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2018

By Vice President Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2017-227

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, October 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chamber, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving or opposing the:

Renaming portions of East and West Grand River; specifically commencing at Oakland Avenue and ending at Washington Avenue, to Cesar E. Chavez Avenue

By Vice President Wood

Motion Carried

By Council Member Washington

RESOLUTION 2017-228

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, appropriates the following donation amounts received for the Human Relations and Community Services Connect 4 Kids program:

General Fund Revenues

From Fund Balance (FY 2017 Donations)	\$26,510.00
Donations (FY 2018 Donations)	<u>1,355.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$27,865.00</u>

General Fund Expenditures

Human Service Agency Operating - Kids Connect	<u>\$27,865.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$27,865.00</u>

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR PASSAGE

ORDINANCE FAILED

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, Providing for the Rezoning of a parcel of real property located in the City of Lansing, Michigan and for the revision of the district maps adopted by section 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances.

Z-8-2016; Rezoning 3001 S. Washington Avenue; "D-1" Professional Office and "J" Parking Districts to "F" Commercial District

The Ordinance was reported from the Committee on Development & Planning and is on the order of immediate passage.

Was read a second time by its title and was not adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: None

Nays: Council Members Brown Clarke, Hussain, Houghton, Wood, Washington

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

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

By Vice President Wood that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spitzley make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

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1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:
 - a. Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities placed on file in the Clerk's Office

PLACED ON FILE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 - a. Special Land Use; SLU-3-2017, Del Vista, LLC., Residential Use in the "H" Light Industrial District, Vacant Property South of 322 Pere Marquette

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- b. Budget Appropriation, National League of Cities/MetLife Foundation Grant for Financial Empowerment Center

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

- c. Grant Appropriation, 54-A District Court's Sobriety Court
- REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; New Brewpub License, Lansing Ale, Inc., 2101 E. Michigan Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

2. Claim Appeal; Claim #1427, Victor Stalmashenko, 4928 Hughes Rd., \$280 for Grass and Weeds Assessment

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

3. Claim Appeal; Claim #1428, Victor Stalmashenko, 4928 Hughes Rd., \$670 for Trash Assessment

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

4. Claim Appeal; Eastside Community Action Center, 4606 Ingham St., \$1961.71 for Grass and Weeds, Trash Removal, and Recycle Fee Assessments

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

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Loretta Stanaway spoke about various city matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:41 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK