



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JANUARY 8, 2018**

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 Wood

PRESENT: Council Members Dunbar, Garza, Jackson, Hussain, Spadafore, Spitzley, Washington, Wood

ABSENT: None

Council Member Spadafore asked people to remember Shirley Rodgers, 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 Wood

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Washington

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of November 27 and December 11 of 2017 and January 3, 2018

Motion Carried

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

1. Tribute; in recognition of Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon

President Wood spoke about the upcoming luncheon.

Mayor Schor made comments about the Commission and event.

Elaine Hardy spoke on behalf of Commission group and their event.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND THE CITY CLERK**

Council Member Hussain spoke about his constituent meeting, and the South West Action Group celebration

Council Member Jackson spoke about the Downtown Neighborhood Association annual meeting.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hugh McNichol spoke about the Represent Us event.

**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

Mayor Schor spoke about his office and the progression.

Executive Assistant to Mayor Schor, Samantha Harkins, announced the upcoming Mobile Food Pantry

President Wood announced the City of Lansing's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. In consideration of the issuance of Make-Safe or Demolish Orders to the owners of property located at 123 North Hayford

Council Member Hussain gave an overview of the hearing.

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

There were no speakers

REFERRAL OF SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. In consideration of the issuance of Make-Safe or Demolish Orders to the owners of property located at 123 North Hayford

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Elaine Womboldt spoke about Executive Order 2018-01.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 2018-002

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS DUNBAR, GARZA, JACKSON, HUSSAIN, SPADAFOR, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission will host its 33rd Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Luncheon on January 15, 2018, with the theme "We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope"; and

WHEREAS, humility, justice, freedom, and love measure the character of this year's Keynote Speaker, Dr. Diane Nash. She is widely recognized for her leadership in the Freedom Riders, a campaign to desegregate interstate travel. She worked tirelessly to recruit new Freedom Riders and gain the support of national movement leaders and the federal government. Because of this she is known as the mother of the Freedom Riders Movement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Diane Nash was very determined and committed to what she believed in. She was appointed to a national committee by President John F. Kennedy that promoted passage of the Civil Rights in 1964. She later became active in the peace movement working to

end the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lansing Holiday Commission is also proud to welcome the Grammy Award winning gospel music recording artist CeCe Winans as the 2018 special guest vocalist. CeCe Winans is a top-tier contemporary gospel artist and the winner of numerous Grammy and Dove Awards; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most anticipated events in the City of Lansing, the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration brings people together and reminds us to all be tolerant, kind, and accepting of one another for our similarities and our differences.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council commends the Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission for their continued dedication and service to our youth and residents of the City of Lansing and wishes them the best of luck on this uplifting celebration.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council commemorates the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward, justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

By Vice President Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2018-003

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS DUNBAR, GARZA, JACKSON, HUSSAIN, SPADAFOR, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing, through the Human Relations and Community Services Department, will be hosting the 38th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 12, 2018, entitled "We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope"; and

WHEREAS, this day should be a day of participation, wherein all citizens contribute something positive to their community in keeping with Dr. King's lifelong work toward peace, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day honors the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, the leader who not only dreamed of a color-blind society but who also led a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of non-violence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in history by using the power of words and acts of nonviolence to advocate for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King campaigned for unprecedented civil rights legislation, and was also the driving force behind the "March for Jobs" in 1963, also known as "March on Washington" where his famous "I Have a Dream" speech secured his status as a leader and led to inspire the nation to act on civil rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council commends the Human Relations and Community Services Department on their 38th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King being held on January 12, 2018 in the City of Lansing Council Chambers and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

By Vice President Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2018-004

BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, City Council will establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion to ensure and continue positive support of the continued efforts of the City of Lansing, Michigan as a welcoming Community for diverse population; and

WHEREAS, this Committee will work to communicate information to, and foster diversity within, various City Departments and organizations; also to create a template to review any ordinance or policy changes as to how these changes will affect our diverse populations and what accommodations may need to be made for a particular population; and

WHEREAS, the City Council over the next year will consider making the Ad Hoc Committee a standing committee within Council.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, this Ad-Hoc Committee will consist of three (3) members of City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Committee will meet through December 31, 2018.

By Vice President Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2018-005

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Lansing, MI has seen the loss of nearly 10,000 good-paying manufacturing jobs since the 1980s, resulting in a population decline of over 17,000 people as well as residential and commercial property deterioration and blight; and

WHEREAS, while Lansing's population began increasing again in 2016 along with investments in housing stock, which has led to discussions concerning housing options by various organizations and City government; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have been commissioned over the years and the information from these studies would be invaluable to expand upon for the purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing; and

WHEREAS, residents of Lansing and members of the Lansing City Council have expressed interest in forming an Ad Hoc Committee on Housing to further explore and facilitate potential solutions to the issues facing residents and potential residents in Lansing, MI; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee, working with the Administration, will develop recommendations and policies to improve housing options in Lansing and with our regional partners; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing will consist of the three (3) members of the Lansing City Council and the following stakeholders:

- Representative of the City of Lansing Department of Planning & Neighborhood Development
- Representative of Greater Lansing Association of Realtors
- Representative of the Greater Lansing Chamber of Commerce
- Representative of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority
- Residential Housing Builder
- Community Member

- Representative of the Rental Property Owners Association of Mid Michigan

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Ad Hoc Committee on Housing will meet through November 16, 2018 and will provide written recommendations to the full City Council and the Administration no later than November 26, 2018.

By Vice President Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2018-006

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing City Council received Executive Order 2018-01 and Reorganization Plan on January 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2018-01 recognizes the new name of the Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development as the Department of Economic Development and Planning, transfers Code Compliance from the Lansing Fire Department to the Department of Economic Development and Planning, and creates a new Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-301.7 of the Lansing City Charter, the City Council shall study and conduct public hearings on the plan; and

WHEREAS, ninety days after submission of a plan to the City Council, the plan shall become effective and shall become operational as stated in the plan, with such modifications as are accepted by the Mayor, unless disapproved by a resolution adopted by two-thirds of the City Council members serving.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on the January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., on the reorganization components of Executive Order 2018-01.

By Vice President Washington

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

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:
 1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:
 - a. City of Lansing Employees' Retirement System: Actuarial Valuation For Funding and Contributions
- REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND TO THE

INTERNAL AUDITOR

- b. City of Lansing Police and Fire Retirement System: Actuarial Valuation For Funding and Contributions
- REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Claim Appeal; Eastside Community Center for grass, weeds, and trash removal fees at property located at 4606 Ingham
- REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Clerk Swope read into the record the Council Committee appointments made by President Wood.

Committee of the Whole
Carol Wood; Chair
Jody Washington; Vice Chair

Committee on General Services
Patricia Spitzley; Chair
Adam Hussain; Vice Chair
Carol Wood; Member

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Kathie Dunbar; Chair
Brian Jackson; Vice Chair
Peter Spadafore; Member

Committee on Public Services
Peter Spadafore; Chair
Jeremy Garza; Vice Chair
Jody Washington; Member

Committee on Public Safety
Carol Wood; Chair
Adam Hussain; Vice Chair
Jeremy Garza; Member

Committee on Development and Planning
Adam Hussain; Chair
Patricia Spitzley; Vice Chair
Jody Washington; Member

Committee on Ways and Means
Jody Washington; Chair
Kathie Dunbar; Vice Chair
Carol Wood; Member

Committee on Personnel
Jody Washington; Chair
Carol Wood; Vice Chair
Kathie Dunbar; Member
Jeremy Garza; Member

Ad Hoc Committee on Housing
Jody Washington; Chair
Peter Spadafore; Vice Chair
Brian Jackson; Member

Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
Carol Wood; Chair
Brian Jackson; Vice Chair
Patricia Spitzley; Member

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

Hugh McNichol IV announced a forum for Represent Us.

Debbie Parrish spoke about City matters.

Greg Days spoke about City matters.

Kathleen Badgley spoke about the City Charter language on parks.

Samantha Wilber spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Nikki Monti spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Mara Zumberg spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Owen Handy spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Jake Torok spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Emily Wokowski spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Steve Monti spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Claude Beavers spoke about City matters.

Christopher Jerome spoke about City matters.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about City matters.

Elaine Womboldt spoke about City matters.

Jon Miles spoke about snow removal.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:21 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK