



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JANUARY 22, 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, Jackson, Hussain, Spadafore, Spitzley, Washington, Wood

ABSENT: Council Member Garza

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 January 8, 2018

Motion Carried

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

1. Tribute: In recognition of the Lansing School District Board of Education
2. Mayoral Presentation; Mayor's proclamation for School Board Recognition Month

Council Member Spadafore thanked School Board members for their attendance and proceeded to recognize them for their service to the Lansing area.

Mayor Schor thanked School Board members for their service and presented them with the proclamation.

Rachel Lewis, President of the Lansing Board of Education, thanked the Mayor and Council. She spoke about their continued partnership with the City.

RESOLUTION # 2018-007

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

WHEREAS, Lansing is fortunate to have a strong city school system with a Board of Education of dedicated members that work tirelessly to enrich the lives of Lansing's more than 10,000 school aged children and directly influence instruction in our schools; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 states that providing for the education of our children is a fundamental duty of government; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing School District has a board full of exceptional men and women who have committed themselves to this duty by governing our schools and working toward advancing student

achievement in the schools and community they serve; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we join the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Department of Education, local school districts, and community organizations across our state to recognize and raise awareness of the countless efforts and contributions of school board members.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council in honor of School Board Recognition Month, January, 2018, honors the members of the Lansing School District Board of Education for their immeasurable hours of service to the children of our community.

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

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

Council President Wood announced the Rejuvenating South Lansing meeting and that Council Members will no longer be using cell phones at the dais during Council meetings, although they may be using laptops for the purpose of accessing Council materials.

Council Member Washington announced her First Contact meeting.

Council Member Hussain thanked those that attended his Constituent Contact Meeting and announced the next one. He announced the Lansing-Eaton Neighborhood Meeting.

Council Member Spadafore announced his community Coffee Hours.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hugh McNichol IV announced the Represent Us meeting.

**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 announced his Neighborhood roundtable meetings, Cardboard Classic Sled Tournament, Neighborhoods in Bloom application availability, Eden Glen Condos Open House, Baker neighborhood meeting, Downtown Neighborhood Association meeting, Old Town Commercial Association annual meeting, the Financial Empowerment Center housing event, and the State of the City address.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of Executive Order 2018-01; Executive Reorganization of the Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development

Vice President Washington gave an overview of the public hearing.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Jerry Heathcote spoke about Claim #1481.

John McCarthy spoke in favor of Executive Order 2018-01.

Egypt Krohn spoke in favor of Executive Order 2018-01.

John Krohn spoke in favor of Executive Order 2018-01.

Rick Kibbey spoke in favor of Executive Order 2018-01.

Art Ostaszewski spoke about Claim #1453 and Claim #1454.

Jennifer Grau spoke in favor of Executive Order 2018-01.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of Executive Order 2018-01; Executive Reorganization of the Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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RESOLUTION # 2018-008

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

WHEREAS, Shirley Rodgers was born December 29, 1948 and grew up in Saginaw, Michigan and passed away on January 3, 2018. The Lansing community mourns the loss of a fierce advocate for fairness and a dedicated public servant; and

WHEREAS, Shirley came to Lansing by way of Michigan State University where she joined the sisterhood of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and developed a fondness for Spartan sports and a passion for education; and

WHEREAS, Shirley spent more than three decades working for the Lansing School District forging lifetime friendships and gaining immeasurable knowledge of our City's educational system; and

WHEREAS, Shirley was a trailblazer in every sense of the word, running for the Lansing Community College Board of Trustees in 1981 and becoming that body's first African American member, serving for twelve years. Shirley also gave to our community in various roles including on the Ingham County Road Commission, the City of Lansing Public Service Advisory Board, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, education and children were near to Shirley's heart, she sought a seat on the Lansing School District Board of Education in 2007 and served our schools until her recent passing; and

WHEREAS, Shirley's ability to make the difficult decisions when faced with financial hardship are what we entrust our elected officials to do, and her significant ability to do this are, in large part, what made her such an effective and highly respected public servant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Lansing City Council hereby celebrates the life of Shirley Rodgers for her hard work and dedication to innumerable causes in our community. We, as a City are better off for Shirley's dedication and compassion to leave the world a better place than she found it. Lansing City Council extends its condolences and sympathy to Shirley's family, friends and colleagues during this time of sorrow.

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2018-009

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

WHEREAS, Jerome (Jerry) Heathcote sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$395.00 for tall grass removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for a vacant parcel on Glenburne Blvd. (Tax ID #23-50-40-36-329-031); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$395.00 was denied on January 16, 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Jerome (Jerry) Heathcote in the amount of \$395.00 for tall grass removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for a vacant parcel on Glenburne Blvd. (Tax ID #23-50-40-36-329-031).

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

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried with Council Member Jackson voting "nay"

RESOLUTION # 2018-010

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

WHEREAS, Eastside Community Action Center sought to eliminate a claim for tall grass removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for the property at 4606 Ingham Street; (Tax ID# 33-01-01-31-405-232) and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$1,961.71 was granted on January 16, 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, grants the claim in the amount of \$1,961.71 filed by Eastside Community Action Center for the tall grass removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for the property at 4606 Ingham Street (Tax ID# 33-01-01-31-405-232); and

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

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2018-011

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

WHEREAS, Arthur Ostaszewski sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$3,652.00 for trash and debris removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 114 West Willow Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-09-183-121); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$3,652.00 was denied on January 16, 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denied the claim of Arthur Ostaszewski in the amount of \$3,652.00 for trash and debris removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 114 West Willow Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-09-183-121).

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

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2018-012

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

WHEREAS, Arthur Ostaszewski sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$362.50 for tall grass removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 114 West Willow Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-09-183-121); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$362.50 was denied on January 16, 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Arthur Ostaszewski in the amount of \$362.50 for tall grass removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 114 West Willow Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-09-183-121).

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

By Council Member Spitzley

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. 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. State of the City Annual Report

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- b. Sole Source Purchase: Police Department request for MobilePD INC as the vendor for the purchase of MobilePD Software

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

- c. Transfer of Funds; Department of Economic Development and Planning, and Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

- d. Withdrawal of all Board and Commission appointments from the previous administration

PLACED ON FILE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Affidavit of Disclosure from Jon LaCross, City of Lansing Police Officer.

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Council Member Spadafore to excuse Council Member Garza from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Spitzley spoke about encouraging the public to apply to serve on a City Board or Commission.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Mayor Schor spoke about serving on a City Board or Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Rose Wallace spoke about housing.

Michael Mercer spoke about various City matters.

David Spinx spoke about the "voice of the unheard".

William Hubbell spoke about ice skating rinks.

Claude Beavers spoke about various City matters.

Mary Reynolds spoke about various City matters.

Samantha Wilber spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Nikki Monti spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Mara Zumberg spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Jarren Osmar spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Emily Kaye Wokowski spoke about Medical Marihuana.

Steve Monti spoke about Medical Marihuana.

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Gillian Dawson spoke about Medical Marihuana.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:32 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK