



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JULY 9, 2018**

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 how applications are now open for the 2018 Citizens Academy, Walking Wednesday, Concerts in the Park events, and the upcoming event requesting input into the Lansing City Market location.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of Z-3-2018; 1030 & Part of 1048 Pierpont Street, Rezoning from "DM-4" Residential District to "G-2" Wholesale District
2. In consideration of Act-3-2018; Sale of Lansing Board of Water and Light Substation, 1609 N. Larch
3. In consideration of Act-12-2012; Red Cedar Development, Amended and Restated Real Estate Purchase and Development Agreement, Continental/Ferguson Lansing, LLC
4. In consideration of an Ordinance to eliminate the Cable Advisory Board and its duties and functions
5. In consideration of an Ordinance to eliminate the permanent location of the Lansing City Market
6. In consideration of an Ordinance to eliminate the Memorial Review Board, its duties and functions, and to cancel the process and procedure for naming or renaming public memorials

Council Member Hussain gave an overview of public hearings #1 and #2.

Bob Trezise of Lansing Economic Area Partnership gave an overview of public hearing #3.

Vice President Washington gave an overview of public hearings #4, #5, and #6.

• Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Deb Parrish spoke about the Lansing City Market.

Jennifer Grau spoke in support of the Red Cedar Development agreement.

Patrice Drainville spoke about the Lansing City Market and the Waterfront Bar and Grill.

Debi Simmons spoke about the Lansing City Market.

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by President Wood

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

ABSENT: Council Member Spadafore

Vice President Washington asked people to remember Robert "Rock" Hudson and Council Member Spitzley asked people to remember Jim Sygo, both of whom 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 June 11 and June 25, 2018

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

By Vice President Washington

To suspend City Council Rule #9 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion Carried

The following item was added to the agenda:

1. Letter from the Mayor re: Ballot Proposal; Sale of Lansing City Market

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

Council Member Garza announced the next constituent contact meeting and the "Team Up to Clean Up" event's rescheduled date.

Council Member Hussain announced that there will be no Third Ward constituent contact meetings in July.

Council Member Dunbar announced the South Lansing Farmers Market occurs every Thursday and that there are available coupons for seniors.

City Clerk Swope announced absentee ballots for the upcoming Primary Election are available at the South Washington location and explained how to update a new address online.

Joni Holmgren spoke about the Lansing City Market.

Jeff Bickert spoke about the Lansing City Market and the Waterfront Bar and Grill.

Joe Wright spoke about various legislative matters.

Elaine Womboldt spoke about various legislative matters.

Walt Sorg spoke about the Red Cedar Development agreement.

Terry Terry spoke about the Red Cedar River Project and announced the Jazz Festival dates.

Jon Gilmore spoke about rezoning on the South side of Lansing.

Kathy Miles spoke about various legislative matters.

Dali Giese spoke about the development of the Red Cedar Project.

Claude Beavers spoke about the Red Cedar development and the Lansing City Market.

Harold Leeman spoke about various legislative matters.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various legislative matters.

Daniel Black spoke about the Lansing Housing Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of Z-3-2018; 1030 & Part of 1048 Pierpont Street, Rezoning from "DM-4" Residential District to "G-2" Wholesale District

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

2. In consideration of Act-3-2018; Sale of Lansing Board of Water and Light Substation, 1609 N. Larch

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

3. In consideration of Act-12-2012; Red Cedar Development, Amended and Restated Real Estate Purchase and Development Agreement, Continental/Ferguson Lansing, LLC

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4. In consideration an Ordinance to eliminate the Cable Advisory Board and its duties and functions

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

5. In consideration an Ordinance to eliminate the permanent location of the Lansing City Market

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6. In consideration an Ordinance to eliminate the Memorial Review Board, its duties and functions, and to cancel the process and procedure for naming or renaming public memorials

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2018-185

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Jason R. Peek of 3529 Stabler St., Lansing, MI 48910 as a Second Ward Member of the Medical Marihuana Commission for a term to expire December 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Jason R. Peek of 3529 Stabler St., Lansing, MI 48910 as a Second Ward Member of the Medical Marihuana Commission for a term to expire December 11, 2019.

By Vice President Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2018-186

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, 18 to 29-year old's make up an estimated 31% of the electorate yet on average (in the United States) turnout to vote less than 50% of the time (lower than any other demographic); and

WHEREAS, young people across the United States and the state of Michigan are constantly feeling more out of touch with the political process; and

WHEREAS, Michigan was the 15th state to ratify the 26th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, activities young people can partake in to increase involvement in our nation's political processes include:

- 1.) Write a letter to a politician! Be it Governor, Senator, Representative, Mayor, or any other elected official, tell them about an issue you're passionate about.
- 2.) Call a politician who represents you and talk with them
- 3.) Join a campaign
- 5.) Talk with a friend about politics
- 6.) Learn who your representatives are
- 7.) Pledge to attend a town hall
- 8.) Talk about an issue you're passionate about
- 9.) Read a piece of political news
- 10.) Register to vote
- 11.) Apply to work for a Government Official in their office
- 12.) Work in a polling location on Election Day
- 13.) Work to get your neighbors more engaged in politics
- 14.) Run for office
- 15.) Sign or circulate a petition
- 16.) Learn about a political concept you're unfamiliar with
- 17.) Have a conversation with someone you ideologically disagree with on a topic

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lansing City Council hereby proclaim July 1st as Youth Voter Engagement Day in Lansing, and encourage the young people of Lansing to engage themselves in our nation's political processes on this day.

By Vice President Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2018-187

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Housing Commission manages five housing complexes totaling more than 600 units, as well as more than 200

scattered site housing units, for a total of 834 units in the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Housing Commission's stated mission is to "compassionately, deliver healthy, affordable, safe, quality housing options without discrimination with exceptional customer service while meeting high performance standards."

WHEREAS, the ultimate responsibility and oversight for delivering the provisions of the LHC's stated mission rests with the Lansing Housing Commission's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, the Lansing Housing Commission has failed on multiple occasions to submit financial information in a timely manner as required by City ordinance and State statute; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Housing Commission was required to enter into a Recovery Agreement in 2016 with the Department of Housing and Urban Development after being designated as a "troubled and/or substandard" Public Housing Agency for financial, physical, and/or management indicators; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing's Public Safety Committee has actively worked the past three years to address an abundance of complaints and concerns at Lansing Housing Commission properties pertaining to sanitation, bed bug infestations, and public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Housing Commission has failed to fulfill multiple promises made pertaining to the abatement of said issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has attempted repeatedly to interact with the Lansing Housing Commission with regards to their management of properties under their responsibility. The City Council has witnessed their lack of transparency; follow through in solving issues brought to them, their inability to provide information in a timely manner to the City of Lansing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council expresses and states that it has no confidence in the current composition of the Board of Lansing Housing Commission and management; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall forward this resolution of no confidence to the Mayor of City of Lansing and to the Lansing Housing Commission.

By Vice President Washington

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Garza, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood

Nays: Council Members Dunbar, Jackson

RESOLUTION #2018-188

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Chapter 830 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances regulates liquor licenses within the City of Lansing, and;

WHEREAS, Singh Pub and Grill, 820 W. Miller, Lansing, Michigan was issued a liquor license by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, Binni's Bar and Grill intended to purchase the property at 820 W. Miller, Lansing, Michigan, and acquire Singh Pub and Grill's Liquor License; and

WHEREAS, Binni's Bar and Grill, 820 W. Miller, Lansing, Michigan, was previously issued a conditional liquor license by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 830.07 provides that, "Council may recommend nonrenewal or revocation of a license, upon a determination by it that, based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented at hearing, either of the following exists: (1) A violation of any of the restrictions on licenses set forth in Section 830.06; or (2) Maintenance of a nuisance upon the premises."

WHEREAS, Section 830.07 further provides for a hearing by City Council or its designated hearing officer before recommending the revocation of an already existing license; and,

WHEREAS, it is alleged that Singh Pub and Grill/Binni's Bar and Grill, has been found in violation of Section 830.07 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by "maintenance of a nuisance upon the premises" and;

WHEREAS, Lansing Police Department Chief Michael Yankowski has indicated that Binni's Bar and Grill is an establishment generating a high number of calls for service and criminal investigations. As such, Chief Yankowski has requested that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and the Lansing City Council revoke Singh Pub and Grill/Binni's Bar and Grill's liquor license; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nicholas Tate, acting as Lansing City Council's designated Hearing Officer pursuant to Resolution #2018-115, conducted a hearing on Monday, June 4, 2018, as provided by Section 830.07(a); and

WHEREAS, the licensee for Singh Pub and Grill was provided notice of the June 4, 2018 hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee for Binni's Bar and Grill appeared at the revocation hearing on June 4, 2018 and was provided an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tate has provided a transcript of the hearing, findings of fact, and recommendations to City Council, in compliance with the requirements of Section 830.07 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing, has been fully informed of the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and proposed recommendation for revocation of Singh Pub and Grill/Binni's Bar and Grill's liquor license and/or conditional liquor license for violation of Section 830.06.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City Council of the City of Lansing, hereby affirms the Hearing Officer's proposed findings of fact and conclusion. The revocation is effective immediately.

By Vice President Washington

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

President Wood introduced:

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 664, Section 664.04, of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to add gambling, gambling operations and gaming as disorderly premises; to declare any such activity or premises as a public nuisance; to provide for the forfeiture of personal property used in the conduct of such prohibited activities.

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

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING
BY CITY COUNCIL

RESOLVED by the City Council, City of Lansing, that a public hearing be set for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th floor Lansing City hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan for the purpose of considering an ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 664, Section 664.04, of the Lansing codified ordinances to add gambling, gambling operations and gaming as disorderly premises; to declare any such activity or premises as a public nuisance; to provide for the forfeiture of personal property used in the conduct of such prohibited activities.

By Council Member Hussain

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. Appointment; Yanice Jackson-Long as a City of Lansing Member of the Potter Park Zoo Board for a term to expire June 30, 2021

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

- b. Reappointments; six individuals to various Boards and Commissions

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- c. Appointment; Jaclyn Lillis-Warwick as an At-Large Member of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2021

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- d. Budget Amendment; Offender Success Program

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

- e. Ballot Proposal; Sale of Lansing City Market

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Claim Appeal; Claim #1574, Anneli and Thang Mung for trash violation fees at 1939 Cumberland Rd for \$1374

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

Motion Carried

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR
OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Mayor Schor stated that the Ballot Proposal; Sale of Lansing City Market is intended for the General Election in November.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

Debbie Parrish spoke about various City matters.

Tasha Canty requested speedbumps on Martin Rd.

Elaine Womboldt spoke about various City matters.

Claude Beavers spoke about various City matters.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

Harold Leeman spoke about various City matters.

Ryan Smith spoke about the Lansing City Market.

Mary Reynolds spoke about various City matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:32 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK