



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
May 23, 2022**

Tony Benavides Lansing 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 Vice President Wood

PRESENT: Council Members Brown, Daniels, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

ABSENT: Council Members Garza, Hussain

A quorum was present.

Vice President Wood introduced Captain Anderson who asked people to remember Kathryn Hunnicutt, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Wood.

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

By Council Member Spadafore

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of May 9, 2022

Motion Carried

Tabled Items

By Council Member Spadafore

To remove the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendment from the table

Motion Carried

By Council Member Spadafore

To recommit Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendment to the Committee on Ways and Means

Motion Carried

Special Ceremonies

Lansing Police Department; Introduction of New Officers and New Social Worker

Vice President Wood welcomed Chief Anderson who introduced new officers.

Tribute; in recognition of the Cristo Rey Fiesta

Resolution #2022-138

By Council Members Brown, Daniels, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, 2022, for the first time in three years, marks the return of the Cristo Rey Fiesta; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Cristo Rey Fiesta is to bring the community together in friendship, faith, and cultural celebration; and

WHEREAS, this event continues to present the best in traditional music, the most dazzling folkloric performances, the best in authentic traditional food, and a great Mercado (Market Place); and

WHEREAS, the Cristo Rey Fiesta has become the largest Latino Cultural Event in Mid-Michigan, attracting more than 20,000 people to this three-day event traditionally held each year during the Memorial Weekend; and

WHEREAS, this Annual Fiesta serves as a primary fundraiser for Cristo Rey which helps to provide programs and services to help entire Lansing community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, supports and thanks the organizers of the Cristo Rey Fiesta. We hereby encourage the Lansing community to enjoy this celebration.

By Council Member Daniels

Motion Carried

Council Member Daniels spoke in support of the Fiesta and Introduced Fiesta Chairperson Guillermo Lopez who spoke about the Festival and introduced members of the planning committee.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council Member Daniels spoke about his constituent coffee hour, Allen's Farmer's Market, East Side Neighborhood Organization Meeting, and the East Side Summer Fest.

Council Member Brown congratulated Endeavor House Ministries on their Mortgage Burning Ceremony.

Council Member Jackson congratulated Lansing Parks and Recreation on a successful Spring sports season and announced that they need volunteers, coaches, and referees

Council Member Spitzley encouraged people to apply for paid summer work with Lansing Parks and Recreation

City Clerk Swope announced that there will be elections in August and November and that the online absentee ballot application is available and that there will be new voter information cards sent out with new polling places and voting districts for the upcoming elections.

Community Event Announcements

Loretta Stanaway spoke about the Friends of Lansing's Historic Cemeteries' Memorial Day ceremony.

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.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

In consideration of a Special Assessment; Principal Shopping District roll for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

In consideration of Noise Special Permit Michigan Department of Transportation request to allow construction of the Horsebrook Creek Culvert Replacement Project on Grand River Ave. east of Delta River Dr. from 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM on the following day on weekdays and anytime on weekends or holidays from June 17, 2022 through June 30, 2022

Council Members Spitzley gave an overview of the Special Assessment public hearing.

Vice President Wood gave an overview of the Noise Special Permit public hearing.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Trevor Block and Chris Gembel from the Michigan Department of Transportation spoke about the purpose for the Noise Waiver request.

Shawn Dyer spoke on the Noise Ordinance Waiver.

Chuck Schofield spoke on the Principal Shopping District.

Legislative Matters

Referral of Public Hearings

In consideration of a Special Assessment; Principal Shopping District roll for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

In consideration of Noise Special Permit Michigan Department of Transportation request to allow construction of the Horsebrook Creek Culvert Replacement Project on Grand River Ave. east of Delta River Dr. from 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM on the following day on weekdays and anytime on weekends or holidays from June 17, 2022 through June 30, 2022
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Consent Agenda

By Council Member Spadafore

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda except item 7

Motion Carried

Resolution #2022-139

By Council Members Brown, Daniels, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Claude Browne was born in Columbia, Tennessee on May 27, 1922, and married to Woodia on January 2, 1947; and

WHEREAS, Claude and Woodia were married for 67 years until her passing in 2014, during this time they had two children, daughter Thresa Browne and son Paul Browne, and is blessed with four grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, joining Trinity AME Church in 1955, Claude is their oldest male member, and served as a Trustee, Custodian, Women's' Missionary Society (1st male member), Steward Board Emeritus and Ussher Board Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Claude is still doing his daily (150) push-ups and is excited and thankful to still be able to go where he wants to go and to be around.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council, along with family and friends wish a very Happy 100th Birthday to Claude Browne!

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2022-140

By Council Members Brown, Daniels, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, every day more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries, Michigan has 1,270-gun deaths every year, with a rate of 12.7 deaths per 100,000 people. Michigan has the 29th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities, cities across the nation, including Lansing, are working to end the violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15. In recognition of her birthday in June, people across the United States have annually recognized the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolized the value of human life; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Lansing declares June 3, 2022, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2022-141

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Michigan Election Law provides that the Election Commission of any city that has been divided into 2 or more election precincts, may by resolution, alter or rearrange the city into election precincts as said election commission may deem necessary and convenient for conducting primaries or elections in said city; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Election Commission has approved revised precinct descriptions to be in effect beginning with the August 2, 2022 Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, the adopted realignment of precincts reflects the reapportionment of the City Wards, County Commissioner Districts, State House Districts, State Senate Districts, and US Congressional Districts that have been adopted following the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise Lansing's Polling Places to match the new Election Precincts; and

WHEREAS, City Clerk Chris Swope has recommended a list of Polling Places which best meet the required criterion under Michigan Election Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following list of Polling Places is adopted for the City of Lansing:

Ward 1

Precinct 01	Gier Community Center, 2400 Hall St.
Precinct 02	Don Johnson Fieldhouse, 400 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
Precinct 03	Post Oak School, 2320 Post Oak Ln.
Precinct 04	Grand River Head Start, 1107 E. Cesar Chavez Ave.
Precinct 05	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave.
Precinct 06	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave.
Precinct 07	Don Johnson Fieldhouse, 400 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
Precinct 08	Don Johnson Fieldhouse, 400 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
Precinct 09	Board of Water & Light, 1232 Haco Dr.
Precinct 10	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 549 E. Mt Hope Ave.

Ward 2

Precinct 11	South Washington Office Complex, 2500 S. Washington Ave.
Precinct 12	Lyons School, 2901 Lyons Ave.
Precinct 13	Cavanaugh School, 300 W. Cavanaugh Rd.
Precinct 14	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 549 E. Mt Hope Ave.
Precinct 15	Parker Memorial Baptist Church, 1902 E. Cavanaugh Rd.
Precinct 16	Parker Memorial Baptist Church, 1902 E. Cavanaugh Rd.
Precinct 17	Forest View School, 3119 Stoneleigh Dr.
Precinct 18	Gardner School, 333 Dahlia Dr.
Precinct 19	North School, 333 E. Miller Rd.
Precinct 20	Gardner School, 333 Dahlia Dr.

Ward 3

Precinct 21	Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Rd.
Precinct 22	Woodcreek School, 4000 Woodcreek Ln
Precinct 23	Dwight Rich School, 2600 Hampden Dr.
Precinct 24	Dwight Rich School, 2600 Hampden Dr.
Precinct 25	Tabernacle of David Church, 2645 W. Holmes Rd.
Precinct 26	Tabernacle of David Church, 2645 W. Holmes Rd.
Precinct 27	Dr. Richard Halik Professional Development Center (formerly Wainwright School), 4200 Wainwright Ave.
Precinct 28	Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Rd.
Precinct 29	Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Rd.
Precinct 30	Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Rd.

Ward 4

Precinct 31	South Washington Office Complex, 2500 S. Washington Ave.
Precinct 32	Dr. Eva Evans Welcome Center (formerly Elmhurst), 2400 Pattengill Ave
Precinct 33	Lewton School, 2000 Lewton Pl.
Precinct 34	Bread House (Bethlehem Temple Church), 1518 S. Washington Ave.
Precinct 35	Letts Community Center, 1220 W. Kalamazoo St.
Precinct 36	Shirley Rodgers Administration Building, 519 W. Kalamazoo St.
Precinct 37	Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St.
Precinct 38	Willow School, 1012 W. Willow St.
Precinct 39	Cumberland School, 2801 Cumberland Rd.
Precinct 40	Hope Ministries Church, 3827 Delta River Dr.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2022-142

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Progressive Empowerment Education Resource Services Inc (PEERS) requested \$500 to defray costs for fees on rental facility, set up, and showmobile associated with their event, "Annual Lansing Juneteenth Celebration" to be held June 11, and June 16-18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is \$500; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on May 17, 2022, reviewed the request, and approved \$1,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to PEERS Inc in the amount of \$1,000 defray costs associated with the cost for fees on rental facility, set up, and showmobile associated with event "Annual Lansing Juneteenth Celebration" to be held on June 11, and 16-18, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$1,000 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.741289.0.

BE IT RESOLVED that PEERS Inc shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account

as to contributors, funds received, expended and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2022-143

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, The Village Lansing requested \$2,600 to defray costs for rentals, and application fees associated with their event, "Father's Day Peace Picnic" to be held June 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is \$500; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on May 17, 2022, reviewed the request and approved \$1,500.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to The Village Lansing in the amount of \$1,500 defray costs associated with the cost of rentals, and application fees associated with event "Father's Day Peace Picnic" to be held on June 19, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$1,500 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.741289.0.

BE IT RESOLVED that The Village Lansing shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account as to contributors, funds received, expended and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2022-144

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has forwarded an application for a City License, which has been routinely processed without objection, and is ready for final action by this Council; and

WHEREAS, all required signatures have been obtained supporting the application for a fireworks display license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the application for a City License as follows:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE:

Stephan Vitale of Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. for a public display of fireworks in the City of Lansing at Jackson Field to be held on the following dates: June 3rd, June 4th, June 17th, June 18th, June 24th, June 25th, July 4th, July 8th, July 9th, July 22nd, July 23rd, August 5th, August 16th, August 19th, August 20th, September 8th, September 9th, and September 10th, 2022.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2022-145

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has forwarded an application for a City License, which has been routinely processed without objection, and is ready for final action by this Council; and

WHEREAS, all required signatures have been obtained supporting the application for a fireworks display license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the application for a City License as follows:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE:

Stephan Vitale of Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. for a public display of fireworks in the City of Lansing at Oak Park to be held on July 4th, 2022 with a rain date of July 5th, 2022.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2022-146

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the reappointment of Jody Washington as the 1st Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2025; and

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

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on May 17, 2022 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Jody Washington as the 1st Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2022-147

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 grant award amounts for the following purpose:

\$81,120 Eviction Diversion Facilitator
\$2,340 Overtime
\$37,500 Fringe Benefits
\$6,000 Supplies
\$3,750 Training
\$2,100 Parking
\$1,500 Mileage

To assist in the funding of 54A District Court in participating in the National Center for State Courts Eviction Diversion Initiative Grant where funds will be used to hire an eviction diversion facilitator who will work to prevent evictions through expanding the court's eviction diversion program and court reform. The grant period is June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2024.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2022-148

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Emily Linden as a City of Lansing member of the Potter Park Zoo Board for a term to expire December 31, 2024; and

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

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on May 17, 2022 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Emily Linden as a City of Lansing member of the Potter Park Zoo Board for a term to expire December 31, 2024.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

Resolution #2022-149

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Paul Dripchak as the 4th Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024; and

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

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on May 17, 2022 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Paul Dripchak as the 4th Ward member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

Resolution #2022-150

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Frank Lee as an At-Large member of the Human Relations and Community Serviced Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2023; and

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

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on May 17, 2022 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Frank Lee as an At-Large member of the Human Relations and Community Serviced Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

Resolution #2022-151

By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure at 3337 VIKING RD., Parcel # 33-01-01-30-478-041, legally described as: LOT 438 PLEASANT GROVE SUB NO 1, to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on May 10, 2019 and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2021, the Lansing Demolition Board held a meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Property Maintenance Code (Ord. 1460.01, et seq.), and ordered the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure by June 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Lansing Codified Ordinances require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a show cause hearing for Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 3337 Viking Road, as legally described above, to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Code Compliance Officer notify the owner(s) of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

By Council Member Daniels

Motion Carried

Ordinances for Introduction

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Council Member Wood introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing codified ordinances by amending Chapter 1460, Section 1, and the International Property Maintenance Code, adopted by reference, to provide for issuance of trash, weed, and grass violation notices and compliance orders, and that uncorrected violations are nuisances; and to provide an appeals process, and to permit the City to abate uncorrected violations and recover costs.

This Ordinance is read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

Resolution #2022-152

By the Committee on Public Safety
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 13, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving or opposing amendments to amend the City of Lansing codified ordinances by amending Chapter 1460, Section 1, and the International Property Maintenance Code, adopted by reference, to provide for the issuance of trash, weed, and grass violation notices and compliance orders, declare uncorrected violations nuisances, provide for an appeals process and permit the City to abate uncorrected violations and recover costs.

By Council Member Wood

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 Council Member Spadafore that all items be considered as being read in full and that Vice President Wood make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:

Minutes of Boards and Commissions placed on file in the Clerk's Office
Placed on File

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Ballot Proposal; City Charter Amendment to modify the requirements to serve on a Board, Commission, or Committee by making those with felony convictions eligible for appointment
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Motion of Excused Absence

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

Motion Carried

Remarks by Council Members

Vice President Wood announced that on Memorial Day most City Offices would be closed.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Michael Mercer spoke about various City matters.

Adjourned Time 7:46 P.M.



Chris Swope, City Clerk