



**Official Proceedings of the City Council  
City of Lansing  
February 13, 2023**

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 7:12 p.m. by President Wood

PRESENT: Council Members Brown, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Kost, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Council Member Spitzley asked people to remember First Lieutenant Jean Bearup 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 Garza

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of January 9 and January 23, 2023

Motion Carried

**Special Ceremonies**

SLU-2-2022; Special Land Use Permit, 340. Edgewood Blvd for a self-storage rental facility

Mike Olson representing Devon Self Storage gave a presentation about SLU-2-2022.

**Resolution #2023-024**

By the Committee on Development and Planning  
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Chaz Carrillo as an At-Large member of the Economic Development Corporation / Tax Increment Finance Authority / Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire February 28, 2028; 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 Development and Planning met on February 1, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Chaz Carrillo as an At-Large member of the Economic Development Corporation / Tax Increment Finance Authority / Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire February 28, 2028.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Chaz Carrillo as an At-Large member of the Economic Development Corporation / Tax Increment Finance Authority / Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors.

**Resolution #2023-025**

By the Committee on Development and Planning  
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Sandra Lupien as an At-Large member of the Economic Development Corporation / Tax Increment Finance Authority / Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire February 28, 2029; 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 Development and Planning met on February 1, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Sandra Lupien as an At-Large member of the Economic Development Corporation / Tax Increment Finance Authority / Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire February 28, 2029.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Sandra Lupien as an At-Large member of the Economic Development Corporation / Tax Increment Finance Authority / Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors.

### **Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk**

Council Member Jackson announced the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Constituent Contact Meeting.

Council Member Hussain thanked those who came to his 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward constituent meeting; he gave special thanks to Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox and the Land Bank Executive Director Roxanne Case and announced the next meeting. He also thanked those who came to the Logan Square conversation, especially to Aurelius Christian who helped organize the event. Finally, He announced the upcoming Colonial Village Neighborhood Association, Lewton-Rich Neighborhood Association, and Rejuvenating South Lansing meetings.

City Clerk Swope recognized City Council intern Lauren Welch. He also announced the window for accepting marijuana retail sales applications and the deadline to apply to run for City Council.

### **Community Event Announcements**

Rebecca Kasen from the Women's Center of Greater Lansing spoke about the upcoming "We Laugh" fundraiser and announced the renaming of the Professional Clothing Closet to Career Boutique.

### **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 the Daddy-Daughter/Mother-Son dance. He asked for thoughts and prayers to the family of Philip Celentino after his sudden death. He congratulated the winners at the Old Town Strong Award, Linda Sanchez-Gazella on her retirement, and Brian McGrain on his new position running a statewide association. He thanked those who came to the Logan Square conversation, attend the Lansing Shuffle Grand Opening, and recognized Chaz Carrillo and Sandra Lupien for their appointments this evening. Finally, he discussed the collaboration with Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and other mayors for a state budget proposal to increase funding for public safety in urban communities.

### **Public Comment on Legislative Matters**

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

SLU-2-2022; Special Land Use Permit, 340. Edgewood Blvd for a self-storage rental facility

#### Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

City Clerk Swope acknowledged written communications.

Loretta Stanaway spoke against SLU-2-2022.

Todd Kosta spoke in support of SLU-2-2022.

Linda Appling spoke against SLU-2-2022.

Doug Fura spoke in support of SLU-2-2022.

### **Legislative Matters**

#### **Referral of Public Hearings**

SLU-2-2022; Special Land Use Permit, 340. Edgewood Blvd for a self-storage rental facility

Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

**Resolution #2023-026**

By the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion  
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Florenso Hernandez as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 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 Equity Diversity and Inclusion met on February 1, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Florenso Hernandez as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

By Vice President Garza

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to of Florenso Hernandez as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

**Consent Agenda**

By Vice President Garza

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

**Resolution #2023-027**

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

WHEREAS, Linda Sanchez-Gazella started at the City of Lansing on January 31, 1994 separated in 2005 and retired from the Deferred Compensation Plan in 2010 with 11 years and 11 months of service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanchez-Gazella was rehired on January 1, 2018 and began her term on the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) as an ex-officio trustee on January 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a Trustee Ms. Sanchez-Gazella was an active member of the Disability subcommittee and very well informed and an active participant in various education conferences, and earned certification from MAPERS (Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement System); and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Disability subcommittee, she reviewed medical reports, made recommendations to the Board regarding applicants for duty and nonduty retirements, and selected retirees for medical re-evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanchez-Gazella also served on the Defined Contribution System Governing Committee, Deferred Compensation Plan, and oversaw the annual Employee Appreciation event for the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, a few of Trustee Sanchez-Gazella's Board accomplishments include approving annual expense budget, assisted in updating the Employees' Retirement System Ordinance, selection of Board legal Counsel, Medical Director, and Investment Managers, lowering the rate of interest and updating the Employees' Retirement System Election rules to allow electronic voting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council and City of Lansing Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees extends their appreciation and acknowledges Trustee Linda Sanchez-Gazella for her 17 years of distinguished service.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**Resolution #2023-028**

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

WHEREAS, Ryan Wilcox began his term as Police Trustee on the Police & Fire Retirement Board at the January 23, 2018 meeting. Trustee Wilcox became Vice Chairperson after the retirement of Thomas Fabus in February 2020; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Wilcox was an active member of the Special Projects subcommittee, Education subcommittee, and the Disability subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Disability subcommittee, he reviewed medical reports, made recommendations to the Board regarding applicants for duty and nonduty retirements, and selected retirees for medical re-evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Wilcox was very well-informed and was an active participant in various educational conferences including, NCPERS, IFEBP, ABS, and earned certification from MAPERS (Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement System); and

WHEREAS, a few of Trustee Wilcox's Board accomplishments include creating and updating Board policies, assisted in updating the Police & Fire Retirement Ordinance, selection of Board Legal Counsel, Medical Director, and Investment Managers, lowering the interest rate of the Police & Fire Retirement Plan, and Trustee elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council and City of Lansing Police & Fire Retirement System Board of Trustees extends their appreciation and acknowledges Trustee Ryan Wilcox for his years of distinguished service.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**Resolution #2023-029**

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT to the  
Fiscal Year 2020 (7/1/2020-6/30/2021) & Fiscal Year 2021 (7/1/2021-6/30/2022)  
ANNUAL ACTION PLANS

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for February 27, 2023, 7:00 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 receiving comments on the proposed substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plans for FY20 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) FY21 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**Resolution #2023-030**

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, American Airlines has offered one daily nonstop service between the Capital Region Airport (LAN) in Lansing, Michigan to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, American Airlines is the LAN's number one airline, and these flights are the only daily flight between Michigan's capital and the nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, Michigan travelers have utilized this service since 2011 when DCA-LAN was launched under Sun Country using the exemption. When Sun Country, under no fault of Michigan, ended this service in 2015 American Airlines applied in 2016 and were granted the exemption until 2018. The FAA granted American Airlines an extension of the exemption in 2018 until October 28, 2023 finding that extending it is in the public interest and would not adversely affect safety; and

WHEREAS, Lansing's regional businesses, elected officials, community leaders and residents rely on this service to reach our nation's capital. Retaining this service will have a long-lasting positive impact on LAN, on future services and our entire region; and

WHEREAS, as LAN is the nearest airport providing service to Michigan's state capital and seat of state government, the home of Michigan State University, the insurance capital of Michigan and the center of more than 400 state associations, the Lansing City Council views convenient air service to DCA essential; and

WHEREAS, American Airlines on February 3, 2023 filed a petition for Extension of Exemption 15867 until October 28, 2028 to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to extend their exemption authorizing nonstop daily service between LAN and DCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council supports American Airlines Slot Exemption – Docket Number FAA-2015-3491-0424 request to continue Capital Region Airport (LAN) to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) and continue the daily nonstop service.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**Resolutions**

**Resolution #2023-031**

By Council Members Spadafore, Kost, Wood, Hussain, Garza

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the inescapable reality of human diversity and the foundational principle of self-determination allows for a range of self-identifications, and demands the respect, honor and protection from a democracy that is based on the collective agreement of a diverse population; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council enacted the Human Rights Ordinance, protecting Lansing residents against discrimination based on race, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, familial status, mental or physical limitation, political affiliation, source of income, and sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Michigan have recognized the inherent value and dignity of its citizens and the need to protect the diversity of our citizenry through adoption of Article I, Section 2 and Article V, Section 29 of the Michigan Constitution and enactment of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Right Act;

and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission issued Interpretive Statement 2018-1, finding that the language, “discrimination because of ...sex...” as used within the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act includes discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation and this Interpretive Statement was affirmed by the Michigan Supreme Court in *Rouche World, LLC v. Department of Civil Rights*; and

WHEREAS, in *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, the United States Supreme Court found that “[a]n employer who fires an individual merely for being gay or transgender defies the law,” specifically Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, the great weight of public sentiment and legal authority recognizes that a person's sexual orientation and gender identity should never be the basis for affording or denying basic civil rights and public accommodations and services; and

WHEREAS, while the courts serve as the final arbiters on the interpretation of laws, it is incumbent on our legislature to recognize and incorporate into current legislation legal rulings that safeguard the civil rights of Michigan citizens; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Senate Bill 0004 introduced by President Pro Tempore Jeremy Moss, and House Bill 4003 introduced by Representative Jason Hoskins, would codify the Michigan Civil Rights Commission's interpretive statement, and the Michigan Supreme Court's affirmation of the principle protections stated therein regarding the civil rights of LGBTQ+ Michiganders by amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include language explicitly prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, the lives of LGBTQ+ Michiganders have value, and are deserving of support and continued protection from discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, public service and educational facilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council supports the Michigan legislature's adoption of the aforementioned bills, without any amendments that would seek to reduce their scope or impact, and further supports Governor Gretchen Whitmer signing the enrolled bill into law.

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

## **Ordinances for Introduction**

### **Introduction of Ordinance**

The Committee on Development & Planning introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Chapter 1212, to add Section 1212.01 that provides for the renaming of the City Planning Board to the “Planning Commission” pursuant to Section 11 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, being MCL 125.3811.

The Ordinance is referred to the Committee on Development & Planning

### **Resolution #2023-032**

By the Committee on Development and Planning  
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, March 13, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing Michigan, for the purpose of:

Approving or opposing the amendment to Chapter 1212, to add Section 1212.01 that provides for the renaming of the City Planning Board to the “Planning Commission” pursuant to Section 11 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, being MCL 125.3811.

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 Garza 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:

Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:

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

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Park Board 2022 Annual Report  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 651 E. Jolly Rd.  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 651 E. Jolly Rd.  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Setting a Public Hearing on Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Grant Acceptance; Community Economic Association of Michigan (CEDAM) Children's Savings Account Innovation Projects  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Appointment; Amber Denney as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2023  
Referred to the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion

Appointment; Sean Gehle as an At-Large member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department requests Systems Specialties as the vendor for two Rotork valve actuators  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Appointment of Danielle Grubaugh as a Workforce Development member of the Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term to expire September 17, 2023  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Communication from Rico and Ayanna Neal about road conditions on the south side of Lansing  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations and Place on File

Communication from Bill Keller objecting to killing deer parks and Fenner Arboretum  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Claim Appeal; Claim #1939, Delton Warren for \$2,750.00 in trash removal fees at 1811 Maplewood Ave.  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Claim Appeal; Claim #1933, Juanita Castillo of the Small Folks Development Center, Inc. for \$4,538.00 in trash removal fees at 3140 S. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

### **Public Comment on City Government Related Matters**

Linda Appling spoke about homelessness in Lansing.

David Ellis spoke about the Michigan Ave. redevelopment.

Carter Brown spoke about Warming Shelters.

Nicklas Zande spoke about various City matters.

Belinda Fitzpatrick spoke about safe homes being red tagged.

Jody Washington spoke about various City matters.

Michael Mercer spoke about Make Safe or Demolish process.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

**Adjourned Time 8:56 P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Swope". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a solid black horizontal line.

**Chris Swope, City Clerk**