



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
February 27, 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 7:10 p.m. by President Wood.

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

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

President Wood asked people to remember Brian Fraser, Alexandra Verner, and Arielle Anderson who were murdered at the MSU mass shooting tragedy and to recognize the first responders impacted. She also asked people to remember Joe Miles, who recently passed away. Council Member Brown asked people to remember Dorothy Jenkins, who recently passed away. Mayor Schor asked the people to remember David Lee Patrick Sr., who recently passed away. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Wood

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Vice President Garza announced his next constituent contact meeting.

Council Member Kost announced the Eastside Neighborhood Organization meeting, as well as his 1st Ward constituent meeting. He also commented on red tag houses.

Council Member Jackson announced the next meeting for the 4th Ward constituent contact meeting.

Council Member Hussain announced the next meeting for the 3rd Ward Constituent contact meeting, as well as the Rejuvenating South Lansing meeting. He discussed progress with live streaming and archiving Council committee meetings; he congratulated Council Member Spadafore on his wedding anniversary which is tonight.

Council Member Spitzley thanked first responders that were present during the MSU tragedy.

President Wood discussed progress with live streaming and archiving committee meetings and announced that if the project fails, all committee meetings will be moved into the Chambers so that they will be recorded and posted on YouTube.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson spoke about passport appointments and announced the deadline to apply for Summer and Fall paid internships with the City Clerk's Office.

Community Event Announcements

Nicklas Zande spoke about an upcoming 5K run hosted by Impression 5 Science Center.

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson 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 congratulated UAW Local 652 on their Black History Program, the Juneteenth Interfaith Virtual Prayer Program, and the Gala fundraiser hosted by Sparrow. Mayor Schor congratulated Linda Vale on her retirement from the Ingham County Health Department, and congratulated the Middle Village first cohort on their graduation. Mayor Schor announced the Suits and the City reception at the Wharton Center, the Homeless No More event, and the State of the City. Mayor Schor discussed the issues and actions surrounding red tagged homes. Mayor Schor recognized the first responders and Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin for their actions during the MSU tragedy.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Amendment to FY 2020-2021 and FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan

Council Member Garza gave an overview of the public hearing.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson acknowledged written communications that will be made part of the permanent record.

Nicklas Zande spoke against SLU-2-2022.

Loretta Stanaway spoke against SLU-2-2022.

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

Legislative Matters**Resolutions****Resolution #2023-033**

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Sean Gehle as an At-Large 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 February 27, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Sean Gehle as an At-Large member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson administered the Oath of Office to Sean Gehle, as an At-Large member of the Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board.

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Garza

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried.

Resolution #2023-034

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

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners made the appointment of Danielle Grubaugh as the Workforce Development Member to the Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term to expire September 17, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on February 27, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby affirms the appointment of Danielle Grubaugh as the Workforce Development Member to the Ingham Council/City of Lansing Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term to expire September 17, 2025.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-035

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has reviewed the proposed special assessment boundaries set by Resolutions 2016-202 and 2017-047; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has reviewed the services provided within those boundaries and the cost incurred between April 25, 2022 and November 6, 2022, by the City totals \$22,230.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glenburne Commons special assessment district is hereby confirmed by City Council to include all of the parcels within these subdivisions, excluding unoccupied units:

Glenburne Subdivision
Glenburne Subdivision No. 2
Glenburne Subdivision No. 3
Glenburne Subdivision No. 4
Glenburne Subdivision No. 5
Part of the North ½ and South East ¼ of Section 36, T4N, R3W
City of Lansing, Eaton County, Michigan

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Glenburne Commons improvement be supported by a special assessment of improvement costs against the properties which are especially benefitted as follows: \$48.75 per occupied parcel for the 2022 maintenance costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost and expense of plans and assessments incidental to this preparation of the assessment and the roll, and for providing notices shall be included in the expense of the assessment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Glenburne Commons assessment roll No. GB-2022, compiled by the City Assessor is attached and incorporated herein, and, presented and accepted by City Council with this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, to consider the establishment of the Glenburne Commons District Special Assessment Roll GB-2022;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that notice to the affected owners of the properties in said district be given in accordance with Chapter 1026 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-036

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing was selected on January 25, 2023 to receive a Children's Savings Account (CSA) Innovation Projects grant from the Community Economic Association of Michigan for \$50,000;

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing's Office of Financial Empowerment, which is part of the Department of Neighborhoods & Citizen Engagement applied for a grant to plan and launch a Major Gifts Campaign for the Lansing SAVE program, which opens a certificate of deposit for every Lansing School District student upon kindergarten enrollment which is earmarked for post-secondary education;

WHEREAS, the CSA Innovation Projects Grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and the proposal was submitted by the Office of Financial Empowerment on December 29, 2022, approved on January 25, 2023, and will be received upon approval by Council and signed agreement;

WHEREAS, the award for \$50,000.00 does not require a local match;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the CEDAM CSA Innovation Projects grant in the total amount of \$50,000.00 for the grant period beginning on the date of council approval for the City of Lansing and ending on July 31, 2023.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-037

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the 54-A District Court was awarded a grant from the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program administered by the State Court Administrative Office. The award for the grant period is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 is \$33,000; and

WHEREAS, the award allows financial support to the sobriety court specialty program for felony offenders; and

WHEREAS, the award supports intensive supervision, testing as well as counseling for OWI participants; and

WHEREAS, the award for \$33,000 does not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the proposed allocation of grant funds is as follows:

\$32,246 Contractual Services
\$144.00 Supplies

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\$610.00 Training

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Michigan Drug Court Program grant in the total amount of \$33,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-038

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing was selected on January 6, 2023 to receive a US Conference of Mayors "Dollarwise Innovation Grant" for Economic Mobility for \$10,000;

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing's Office of Financial Empowerment, which is part of the Department of Neighborhoods & Citizen Engagement applied for a grant to deliver academic assessments and customized tutoring to program participants in the Offender Success program, which serves moderate to high risk returning citizens and is funded by the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS, the Dollarwise Innovation Grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and the proposal was submitted by the Office of Financial Empowerment on December 13, 2022, approved on January 6, 2023, and will be received upon approval by Council and signed agreement;

WHEREAS, the award for \$10,000.00 does not require a local match;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund grant in the total amount of \$10,000.00 for the grant period beginning on the date of council approval for the City of Lansing and ending on Dec 31, 2023.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2023-039

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the City of Lansing submit a substantial amendment to its FY20 Annual Action Plan (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) and its FY21 Annual Action Plan (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) when it intends to undertake a new activity and a substantial increase of 15% to an existing activity that is not included in the approved plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing wishes to address the unmet need of affordable housing and prioritize the need for the for the creation of non-congregate shelter; and

WHEREAS, these proposed changes constitute a substantial amendment because a new eligible activity is being added that is not consistent with the approved goals and objectives in the Annual Action Plans and there will be a substantial change in the use of its CDBG funds of an existing activity, Rental Assistance, of more than 15%

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing desires to reprogram \$540,958.69 of unspent Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from FY20 and \$274,365.31 of unspent CDBG funds from FY21 to fill a funding gap for an eligible activity, Rental Rehabilitation for the Walter French project which includes 76 units of affordable housing, of which 19 units will be reserved for permanent supportive housing (PSH) for homeless persons of the highest need in the area; and

WHEREAS the City of Lansing desires to reprogram \$891,236.89 of unspent CDBG funds from FY21 to fund the eligible activity of Public Facilities to develop non-congregate shelter for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to program requirements, the City has published a notice of the proposed change to its FY20 Annual Action Plan and FY21 Annual Action Plan in the Lansing State Journal on January 30, 2023 and posted a copy of the proposed amendment on its website; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Lansing City Council on February 27, 2023 to again receive citizen comments and recommendations and to give final review to the proposed amendments to the CSPS; and

WHEREAS, Federal regulations require the City to make certain certifications and assurances to HUD regarding the use of CDBG funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing adopts the amendment to its FY2020 Annual Action Plans and FY2021

Annual Action Plan to include the development of non-congregate shelter and affordable housing as part of its housing and community development goals, objectives and strategies for as proposed by the Committee on Development and Planning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, as the City's Chief Executive Officer, is hereby authorized to sign the amendment to the FY 20 and FY21 Action Plans, including all understandings, assurances and certifications contained therein, and to submit the amendment to HUD; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized, as the official representative of the City of Lansing, to provide any and all information, to act in connection with the amendment to the FY20 and FY21 Action Plan amendment and to execute all agreements, contracts and legal documents to implement the FY20 and FY21 Action Plan amendments.

By Vice President Garza

Motion Carried

Resolution #2023-040

BY THE COMMITTEE ON CITY OPERATIONS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Fox Land Holdings LLC sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$5,118 for trash removal fees, associated penalties, and interest, on the property tax bill for 1714 Olds Avenue, Lansing, MI 48915 (ID #33-01-01-20-133-071); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on City Operations, the Committee met on February 13, 2023, and denied the claim in the amount of \$5,118.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby denies the claim in the amount of \$5,118 for trash removal fees, associated penalties, and interest on the property tax bill for 1714 Olds Avenue (Tax ID #33-01-01-20-133-071).

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

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

FAILED

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

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

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Failed with all Council Members voting "nay"

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson 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

Boards and Commissions Term Expirations
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Liquor License; GG LL, LLC request for Class C License and a Sunday Sales (PM), Outdoor Service, Entertainment Permit at 507 E. Shiawassee Street
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Grant Acceptance; U.S. Conference of Mayors Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Grant Acceptance; Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Sole Source Purchase; Office of Community Media request for Tempest Lighting Inc. as the vendor for Outdoor Projector Enclosures
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Grant Acceptance; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Reappointment; Calvin Jones as an At-Large member of the Economic Development Corporation / Tax Increment Finance Authority / Lansing
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors for a term set to expire February 28,2029
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Nicklas Zande spoke about various City matters.

Daniel Arnold spoke about various city matters.

Michael Mercer spoke about various city matters.

Adjourned Time 8:12 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