



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
March 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 7:00 p.m. by President Wood.

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

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Mayor Andy Schor asked people to remember Earvin Johnson Sr., 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 February 13 and February 27, 2023

Motion Carried

Special Ceremonies

Tribute; in Recognition of Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Observance

Guillermo Lopez spoke about the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Observance.

Resolution #2023-041

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

WHEREAS, César Chávez was born on March 31, 1927, in the North Gila River Valley in Arizona, on the small family farm his grandfather homesteaded. César Chávez's father lost the farm during the Great Depression, forcing the family to join some 30,000 farmworkers who followed the crops throughout California and lived in tents and makeshift housing that often lacked a bathroom, electricity, or running water. He was 10 years old when he began working in the fields and was forced to leave school after the 8th grade to help support his family; and

WHEREAS, César Chávez became an organizer for the Community Service Organization (CSO), a barrio based group, where he coordinated voter registration drives, fought racial and economic discrimination, organized new CSO chapters across California and Arizona, and rose to become the CSO's national director from 1958 to 1962. After leaving the CSO, Chavez co-founded the United Farm Workers (UFW) and, under his leadership, the UFW organized strikes and boycotts to protest for, and later win, higher wages for those farm workers in the grape and vegetable industries. The UFW was instrumental in the passage of the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, which became the first law governing farm labor in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, César Chávez led the first successful farm workers union in American history, achieving dignity, respect, fair wages, medical coverage, and pension benefits. His motto in life "Si se puede" (It can be done) embodies the uncommon and invaluable legacy he left for the world's benefit; and

WHEREAS, March 31st is now Cesar Chavez Day in the United States, a national holiday honoring the life and memory of this great labor leader, role model and hero of our United States of America and should be greatly recognized by all for his unwavering efforts of assuring fair wages, good living and humane working conditions, health care, education, and respect for American farm workers continuing to this very day; and

WHEREAS, Friday, March 31, 2023, marks the 14th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Observance "We have looked into the future and the future is ours" and

WHEREAS, the keynote speaker for the event is Felix E. Rodriguez, Ingham County Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council encourages the residents of Lansing to attend the 14th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Observance "We have looked into the future and the future is ours." held on Friday, March 31, 2023 at noon.

By Vice President Garza

Motion Carried

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council Member Kost discussed emails sent to the Mayor's Office about code and housing issues.

Council Member Jackson announced his 4th ward Constituent Contact meeting.

President Wood discussed the acknowledgement of the emails sent between Council Member Kost and the Mayor.

Council Member Hussain thanked those who came to his 3rd Ward constituent meeting; Finally, He announced the upcoming Colonial Village Neighborhood Association, Lewton-Rich Neighborhood Association, and Rejuvenating South Lansing meetings.

Community Event Announcements

Michael Lynn spoke about the Merica 20 to Life State of the People address.

Erica Lynn spoke about the Village Lansing's upcoming financial literacy workshops hosted by MSU Federal Credit Union.

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:

An Ordinance to rename the Planning Board to the Planning Commission to comply with State Law

Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement

Council Member Hussain gave an overview of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Mike Lynn spoke about the appointment of Amber Denney.

Legislative Matters Referral of Public Hearings

An Ordinance to rename the Planning Board to the Planning Commission to comply with State Law (PEND-3131)
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement (PEND-3159)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Garza

To approve items 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

Resolution #2023-042

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 30, 2023 to receive a US Conference of Mayors "Childhood Obesity Prevention and Environmental Health and Sustainability Grant" for \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing's Public Service Department applied for a grant to administer a community garden mini grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Childhood Obesity Prevention and Environmental Health and Sustainability Grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and the proposal was submitted by the Public Service Department on September 27, 2022, approved on January 30, 2023, and will be received upon approval by Council and signed agreement; and

WHEREAS, the award for \$175,000.00 does not require a local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the grant in the total amount of \$175,000.00 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

Resolution #2023-043

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 February 9, 2023 to receive a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Grant for \$490,917; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing's Public Service Department applied for a grant to construct a public recycling drop off site; and

WHEREAS, the Recycling and Organics infrastructure grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and the proposal was submitted by the Public Service Department on September 9, 2022, approved on February 9, 2023, and will be received upon approval by Council and signed agreement; and

WHEREAS, the award for \$ 490,917 requires a local match of \$127,730.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the grant in the total amount of \$490,917 for the grant period beginning on the date of council approval for the City of Lansing and ending on September 30, 2024.

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 #2023-044

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

WHEREAS, the Licensing and Enforcement Division of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission received a request from Liquor License; GG LL, LLC request for a Class C License and a Sunday Sales (PM), Outdoor Service, Entertainment Permit at 507 E. Shiawassee Street; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations reviewed the request with affirmative action taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the request from GG LL, LLC request for a Class C License and a Sunday Sales (PM), Outdoor Service, Entertainment Permit at 507 E. Shiawassee Street.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-045

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

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2021-093, the City of Lansing established three Social Districts within the City, the Downtown Social District, the REO Town Social District, and the Old Town Social District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing wishes to extend the social district boundary and commons area of the Downtown Social District to include Michigan Ave, on both sides of the street, ending at Hosmer Ave, as depicted in the attached Lansing Social Districts Updated Package; and

WHEREAS, Lansing Shuffleboard LL, LLC and Batter Up, LLC hold liquor licenses issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; and

WHEREAS Lansing Shuffleboard LL, LLC and Batter Up, LLC each intend to apply for a Social District Permit issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, which requires the approval of the local governmental unit; and

WHEREAS, both Lansing Shuffleboard LL, LLC and Batter Up, LLC are located within the City of Lansing's Downtown Social District (as expanded by this resolution), and each location is contiguous to its commons area; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on March 13, 2023 to review the request to approve Lansing Shuffleboard LL, LLC and Batter Up, LLC as qualified entities for social district permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the expansion of the Downtown Social District and commons area to the limits shown on the attached Lansing Social Districts Updated Package.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Lansing City Council approves Lansing Shuffleboard LL, LLC and Batter Up, LLC as qualified entities for Social District Permits and have added their names and locations in the commons area on the Lansing Social Districts Updated Package.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the City Clerk is requested to notify the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the action taken

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-046

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

WHEREAS, Delton Warren sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$2,750 for trash removal fees, associated penalties, and interest, on the property tax bill for 1811 Maplewood Avenue (ID #33-01-01-21-461-046); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on City Operations, the Committee met on February 27, 2023, and denied the claim in the amount of \$2,750.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby denies the claim in the amount of \$2,750 for trash removal fees, associated penalties, and interest on the property tax bill for 1811 Maplewood Avenue (Tax ID #33-01-01-21-461-046).

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

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2023-047

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

Authorizing Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Funding

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is applying for grant funding through Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF); and

WHEREAS, MNRTF will be accepting grant applications for the next grant cycle no later than April 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, MNRTF requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant supporting the applications, acknowledging the required match and committing to the amount and source of match that are specified in the applications; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Director is recommending the City apply for grant funding for the following projects:

Land acquisition of 1624 E. Cavanaugh	\$300,000
Land Acquisition of Parcel 23-50-80-01-282-004	\$500,000
Development Grant for Pickle Ball Courts at St. Joseph Park	\$300,000
Recreation Passport for fitness facility at Davis Park	\$150,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund for Tennis at Letts	\$500,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the submission of grant applications to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the above projects; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Lansing, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and that the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide funding with a maximum 26% match on the \$300,000 grants and 50% on the \$500,000 grants authorized by the department.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the department for auditing at reasonable times in perpetuity.
3. To regulate the use of the property acquired and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
4. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement included all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

By Council Member Spadafore to adopt a substitute

Motion Carried

By Council Member Spadafore to adopt the resolution as substitutes

Motion Carried

Abdoulaye Ndiaye spoke about his Claim #1906.

Resolution #2023-048

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

WHEREAS, Abdoulaye Ndiaye sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$2,304 for trash removal fees, associated penalties, and interest, on the property tax bill for 4630 Christiansen Road (ID #33-01-01-32-353-521); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on City Operations, the Committee met on February 27, 2023, and granted the claim in the amount of \$1,108.00 and denied the balance of \$1,116.00 for the trash removal claim.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby granted the claim in the amount of \$1,108.00 and denied the balance of \$1,116.00 for the claim for trash removal fees, associated penalties, and interest on the property tax bill for 4360 Christiansen (Tax ID #33-01-01-32-353-521).

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

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried with Council Member Kost voting nay

Resolution #2023-049

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 Amber Denney as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 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 Equity Diversity and Inclusion met on March 1, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Amber Denney as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

By Vice President Garza

Motion Carried

Resolution #2023-050

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 651 East Jolly Road, Parcel # 33-01-01-33-484-021, legally described as: COM 33 FT N OF SE COR SEC 33, TH N 200 FT, W 71.5 FT, S 84.75 FT, W 2.5 FT, S'LY 18.25 FT TO A POINT 73.5 FT W OF E LINE SEC 33, E 2 FT, S 97 FT, E 71.5 FT TO BEG; SEC 33 T4N R2WBLOCK 2 HUDSONS ADD, 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 December 11, 2019, and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, 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 November 22, 2022; 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, March 27, 2023 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 651 East Jolly Road, Lansing, 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 Hussain

Motion Carried

Resolution #2023-051

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council receives concerns from constituents regarding speeding and other reckless driving on City roads, including state trunk lines within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, speed limits of state trunk lines, such as Martin Luther King Blvd. and Cedar St. are set pursuant to MCL 257.628; and

WHEREAS, the speed of traffic on Lansing roadways is a concern for the public safety of the community;

WHEREAS, currently, speed limits are set based on the 85th percentile speed of free-flowing traffic under ideal conditions of a section of the roadway, rounded to the nearest multiple of 5 mph; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2023 Rep. Bradley Slagh introduced House Bill 4012, which would amend MCL 257.628 and update the way in which speed limits are set on many roadways, including trunk line highways;

WHEREAS, House Bill 4012 would allow the speed limit be established in accordance with traffic engineering practices that provide an objective analysis of the characteristics of the roadway and the 85th percentile speed of free-flowing traffic under ideal conditions on the fastest portion of the highway rounded to a multiple of 5 mph that is within 5mph of the 85th percentile speed; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4012 would further permit a speed limit to be set below the 85th percentile if an engineering and safety study showed a situation with hazards to public safety that is not reflected by the 85th percentile speed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby supports House Bill 4012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this Resolution, the City Clerk shall forward same to Representative Slagh and the members of the House Committee on Transportation, Mobility, and Infrastructure.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

Resolution #2023-052

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

WHEREAS, Small Folks Development Center sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$4,538 for trash removal fees, associated penalties, and interest, on the property tax bill for 3140 S Pennsylvania Avenue (ID #33-01-01-27-354-191); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on City Operations, the Committee met on February 27, 2023, and denied the claim in the amount of \$4,538.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby denied the claim in the amount of \$4,538 for trash removal fees, associated penalties, and interest on the property tax bill for 3140 S Pennsylvania Avenue (Tax ID #33-01-01-27-354-191).

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

By President Wood to recuse herself from voting due to her work relationship with the claimant

Motion Carried

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried with Council Member Wood not voting

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

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Lansing-based bidders; set percentage difference to 10%
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Ordinance to increase the maximum contract amount for which a Lansing-based bidder has an opportunity to match the lowest bid
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Setting a Public Hearing on an Ordinance to increase the maximum contract amount for which a Lansing-based bidder has an opportunity to match the lowest bid
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Assignment of Stadium License, Lease, and Service Agreement rights and obligation from Take Me Out to the Ballgame, LLC to Diamond Baseball Holdings, LLC
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Grant Acceptance; Michigan State Housing and Development Authority Emergency Solutions Match Grant (ESM), October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Grant Acceptance; Michigan State Housing and Development Authority Emergency Solutions Federal Grant, October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

IDD-01-2023; Industrial Development District for Consumers Energy Company for 7000 N. Canal Rd., Dimondale
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on IDD-01-2023; Industrial Development District for Consumers Energy Company, 7000 N. Canal Rd. Dimondale
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

PPE-01-2023; Personal Property Tax Exemption filed by Consumers Energy Company for 7000 N. Canal Rd., Dimondale
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on PPE-01-2023; Personal Property Tax Exemption filed by Consumers Energy Company for 7000 N. Canal Rd., Dimondale
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Appointment; Muhammad Qawwee II as an At-Large member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term set to expire June 30, 2024
Referred to the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion

Ordinance to increase the number of members of the Principal Shopping District Board dba Downtown Lansing Inc
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on an Ordinance to increase the number of members of the Principal Shopping District Board dba Downtown Lansing Inc.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Act-2-2023; Purchase of real property at the northeast corner of S. Washington Ave, and Lenawee St. to facilitate the construction of the Public Media Center and Ovation Convert Venue
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Grant Acceptance; Michigan Department of Transportation Local Transportation Alternatives Program
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Grant Application; Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Item from Council Member Spadafore re:

Claims Review Committee; expanded to claims authority to \$5,000
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; East Lansing Food Co-Operative, Inc. request for a New SMD license issued under MCL 436.1533(5) for 1605 East Kalamazoo Street (RID #RQ-2212-15501)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Communication from Michael Lynn Jr. regarding City employment
Placed on File

Remarks by the Mayor Or the Executive Assistant

Mayor Schor spoke congratulated Pablo's restaurant with their opening on the East Side. He also thanked MSU women's basketball coach Susie Merchant who announced she was stepping down from her position.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Mark and Lois Pullano provided written comment in support of a Fair Chance Housing Ordinance.

Daniel Arnold spoke about various City matters.

William Walker spoke about housing and mental health.

Tony Gant spoke about a Fair Chance Housing Ordinance.

Ashia Wilson spoke about a Fair Chance Housing Ordinance.

Nick Zande spoke about the various City matters.

Mike Lynn spoke about racism and the Mayor.

Mitch Rice spoke about Fair Chance Housing Ordinance.

Norma Bauer spoke about Lansing Police Department and Lansing Fire Department Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.

Erica Lynn spoke about racism in the City of Lansing.

Adjourned Time 8:20 P.M.



Chris Swope, City Clerk