



**Official Proceedings of the City Council  
City of Lansing  
June 12, 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.

President Wood asked people to remember Harold Leeman, who is currently in the hospital, 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 May 15, 2023

Motion Carried

**Special Ceremonies**

Tribute; in recognition of the Lansing Juneteenth Celebration and the State of Michigan Juneteenth Holiday

**Resolution #2023-134**

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

WHEREAS, the oldest African American Holiday was first recognized on June 19, 1865 and is now an official state holiday in 15 states across the country. It was on June 19, 1865, that news of the Emancipation Proclamation, which President Lincoln signed on January 1, 1863, reached the slaves of Texas; and

WHEREAS, learning of their freedom, June 19, 1865, became the true Independence Day for African Americans in the United States. The slaves immediately left the plantations, congregated in the cities, and began celebrating their freedom by praying, feasting, dancing, and singing; and

WHEREAS, this day was named "Juneteenth Day", representing the joys of freedom and new beginnings, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States by celebration of liberty, educating the community about the heritage, and promoting positive cultural interaction; and

WHEREAS, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lansing Celebration of Juneteenth and the 19<sup>th</sup> year recognition of "Juneteenth Day" as a State of Michigan holiday will kickoff on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Lansing Community College with keynote speaker the Honorable Supreme Court Justice Kyra Harris Bolden; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the memory of its founder, the late Rev. Dr. Michael C. Murphy, the 2023 Juneteenth African American Parade will take place on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at J.W. Sexton High School with this year's Grand Marshals, Mr. Alan Haller and Mr. James E. Bibbs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lansing Celebration of Juneteenth and the 19<sup>th</sup> year recognition of the State of Michigan Juneteenth holiday. We extend our appreciation to the Juneteenth Committee for all of their work in continuing the founding theme, "Juneteenth, Where the Reunion Begins." We wish you much success!

By Vice President Garza

Motion Carried

Tribute; in recognition of Jamie Ashby as 2023 Miss Trans Michigan

**Resolution #2023-135**

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

WHEREAS, Jamie Ashby competed and won the Miss Trans Michigan for 2023 and in November 2023 will compete for the national title as Miss Trans USA; and

WHEREAS, Jamie was involved in pageants and won eight times during her showgirl career, including Miss Michigan Pride; and

WHEREAS, Jamie grew up in Lansing and by the age of four recognized that she knew she was a girl and had the strong support from her mother, who allowed Jamie to be who she was and dressed her to match her gender identity, even in the face of school officials who did not know how to address this; and

WHEREAS, Jamie lost her mother at a young age and continued to struggle with understanding from family members and experienced bouts of homelessness but was able to find a support system with her best friend. Jamie uses her platform to be a resource connecting with trans youth and the trans community at large. Passionate about sustainable housing for trans youth, Jamie volunteers & partners with AYA youth collective in Grand Rapids, MI which serves as a drop-in shelter and safe space for LGBTQ+ youth experiencing hardships and housing instability; and

WHEREAS, Jamie has had to bear a struggle most people could not comprehend as an adult, let alone a youth, and into adulthood has risen above all of it to be a model for younger people who struggle with their identity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council recognizes and applauds Jamie Ashby as Miss Trans Michigan 2023 and proudly recognizes her as a favorite daughter of Lansing.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council recognizes Jamie Ashby for resolving her struggles allowing her to show others it gets better, and Jamie is a role model for the LGBTQ+ community not only in the month of Pride but year-round.

By Council Member Kost

Motion Carried

Appointment; Jon Scott as an At Large Member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2024

**Resolution #2023-136**

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Jon Scott as an At-Large member of the Board of Public Service 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 June 12, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Jon Scott as an At-Large member of the Board of Public Service 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 Jon Scott as an At Large Member of the Board of Public Service

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

Vice President Garza thanked those who attended the recent town hall meeting.

Council Member Jackson invited the public to the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Constituent contact meeting.

Council Member Hussain thanked those who came to the recent Southwest Action Group cleanup. Additionally he announced the upcoming Churchill Downs Neighborhood picnic, and thanked the Parks Director, LPD, and LFD for their work and help. Finally he thanked those who attended and participated in the recent Lansing Eaton Neighborhood Organization meeting.

Council Member Spitzley remarked on events that occurred at the recent Development and Planning Committee meeting.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson spoke on behalf of City Clerk Swope, who apologized for his absence due to his participation at the Michigan Clerks Association Conference as an instructor. Additionally he gave information regarding the upcoming election. Finally he recognized Anna Stouffer-Hopkins who recently joined the full-time staff at the City Clerk's Office.

**Community Event Announcements**

Loretta Stanaway spoke about the upcoming Boys Training School Site cleanup at Mt. Hope Cemetery, hosted by the Friends of Lansing's Historic Cemeteries.

**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 reminded the public that the City of Lansing will be closed on June 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Juneteenth. He spoke about the upcoming Black History conversation and celebration, which will include speakers and awards. He spoke on upcoming mobile food distribution, along with reminders about the upcoming free Wednesday Concerts. He congratulated those who participated in the Juneteenth softball game. Additionally, he thanked those who attended the recent Grand River cleanup. He thanked the Solace Center for their recent resource fair, along with Higher Ground for their "Schools Out" event. He thanked those who attended the Mayors River Walk and Run. He congratulated and thanked the Lansing school district teachers and staff, and spoke on the recent Lansing Promise Event where he was able to honor them, and congratulated the graduating class. He congratulated Jackson House, which recently opened as a family and children's shelter. He congratulated the City's legal staff for their work on the Simtob Management settlement. Finally, Schor announced the upcoming Lansing Celebration of Diversity event.

**Show Cause Hearings**

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 3421 N. Cedar St.

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 131 Jackson St.

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1722 Donora St.

Council Member Hussain provided an overview on the show cause hearings.

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

No one from the public spoke in regards to the Show Cause hearings.

**Referral of Show Cause Hearings**

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 3421 N. Cedar St.  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

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**Public Comment on Legislative Matters**

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

Re-Adopting the Codified Ordinances

Z-4-2023; 6 vacant lots along the west side of the 3300 block of the unimproved N. Larch Street right-of-way from "R-3" Suburban Detached Residential to "S-C" Suburban Commercial

Z-5-2023; 1906 E. Miller Road and the vacant parcel at the southwest corner of E. Miller Road and Aurelius Road from "R-3" Suburban Detached Residential to "R-MX" Residential Mix

Z-6-2023; 1326 N. Chestnut Street & vacant lot to its south from "R-6A" Urban Detached Residential to "R-MX" Residential Mix

Noise Special Permit; E.T. MacKenzie Co. request for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 034E Project

Vice President Garza, Council Member Spitzley, and Council Member Spadafore gave overviews of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson acknowledged written communication from Shannon Garrett in opposition of the Noise Special Permit and Gary and Regina Cousins in support of the Noise Special Permit.

Darren Tews spoke on item Z-4-2023.

Michael Zwolensky spoke on item Z-4-2023.

Kristopher Graham spoke on item Z-4-2023.

Robert Sweet spoke on item Z-5-2023.

Thelma Henderson spoke on item Z-6-2023.

Samba Saidy spoke on item Z-6-2023.

Phil Parker spoke on the Noise Special Permit.

Mike West spoke on item Z-5-2023.

Crystal Robicheaux spoke on item Z-6-2023.

James Pollack spoke on item Z-6-2023.

Kelly Austin spoke on item Z-6-2023.

Mike Lynn spoke on the Budget Amendment.

Stan Shuck spoke on the Budget Amendment.

Loretta Stanaway spoke on the Budget Amendment.

Erica Lynn spoke on the Budget Amendment.

Nicklas Zande spoke on the Budget Amendment.

### **Legislative Matters**

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

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Referred to the Committee of the Whole

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Referred to the Committee on City Operations

### **Resolutions**

#### **Resolution #2023-137**

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 Julie Durham as a Business Representative member of the Downtown Lansing, Inc. Board for a term to expire June 30, 2026; 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 & Planning met on June 7, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Julie Durham as a Business Representative member of the Downtown Lansing, Inc. Board for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

**Resolution #2023-138**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing recognizes the importance of equality, diversity, and inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community is an integral part of Lansing, contributing to its cultural, social, and economic fabric; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where all individuals can live, work, and thrive without fear of discrimination or prejudice. Lansing embraces the principles of love, respect, and equality for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, June is celebrated nationally and worldwide as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in commemoration of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion in New York City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus (LGBTQ+) community which strengthen our social welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing encourages residents to celebrate and recognize the achievements and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community and to participate in Pride Month events, activities, and initiatives that promote equality, raise awareness, and foster understanding and acceptance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council proclaims the month of June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and proclaims June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Lansing Pride day in the City of Lansing and supports the principles of inclusivity, equality, and respect for all individuals.

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

**Resolution #2023-139**

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

WHEREAS, R.E. Olds Transportation Museum requested \$250 to defray costs for rental facility associated with their event, "Car Capital Auto Show" to be held July 29, 2023; 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 June 12, 2023, reviewed the request, and approved \$250.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in the amount of \$250 to defray costs associated with a rental facility for their event "Car Capital Auto Show" to be held on July 29, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$250 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.741289.0.

BE IT RESOLVED that R.E. Olds Transportation Museum 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.

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

**Resolution #2023-140**

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

WHEREAS, The City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department will receive a AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant to provide seniors with access to health and fitness programming; and

WHEREAS, the AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and a proposal was submitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation with approval notification received on May 16, 2023 and will be paid in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant is part of a national movement to benefit residents — especially those age 50 and older; and

WHEREAS, the AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant awarded \$21,000.00 to the City of Lansing Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the award of \$21,000.00 does not require a city match; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing will provide a Senior Fitness Membership for Lansing residents age 60+ to have access to facilities, classes and events for no additional cost; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant in the total amount of \$21,000.00 for the grant for the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department.

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.

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

**Resolution #2023-141**

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, at any time during the fiscal year, the City Council may consider appropriations which modify the previously adopted annual appropriation to transfer an unencumbered balance in whole or in part from any account; provide for the expenditure of revenues in excess of those in the budget; or meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the revised appropriations below result in a targeted unrestricted fund balance that falls within the minimum 12% and maximum of 15% of general fund expenditures as required by the City's General Fund Reserve Policy such that combined reserves of the General Fund are not projected to exceed 15% of General Fund revenues or fall below 12% of General Fund expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following FY 2023/2024 budget amendment is approved:

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to create appropriation accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the carryforwards and appropriations:

| <b>Appropriation</b>        | <b>Description</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Internal Audit              | Operating          | 12,514        |
| Office of Community Media   | Operating          | 78,538        |
| Neighborhood & Citizen Eng. | Operating          | 64,738        |
| Economic Dev & Planning     | Operating          | 548,665       |
| Assessing                   | Operating          | 279,721       |
| Finance                     | Operating          | 86,316        |
| Human Resources             | Operating          | 337,312       |
| City Attorney               | Operating          | 275,851       |
| HRCS                        | Operating          | 176,012       |

**Total General Fund Expenditure Appropriation 1,859,667**

|                    |                                                     |          |
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| Local Streets Fund | Use of/(Contribution to) Local Streets Fund Balance | (59,000) |
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**Total Local Streets Revenue Appropriation (59,000)**

By Vice President Garza to adopt the resolution

By President Wood to separate the Human Relations and Community Services Department budget amendment from other budget items and recuse herself.

Motion Carried

The question being adoption of the Human Relations and Community Services Department portion of the resolution

Motion Carried 7-0 with President Wood recused

By Council Member Spitzley to separate the Economic Development budget from other budget items and recuse herself

Motion Carried 6-1 with Spadafore voting nay

The question being adoption of the remainder of the budget

Motion Carried 7-1 with Council Member Jackson voting nay

The question being adoption of the Economic Development and Planning budget amendment

Motion Carried 6-1 with Council Member Jackson voting nay and Council Member Spitzley recused

## Reports From Council Committees

Committee on Public Safety Housing Update

### Red Tag Crisis Update #2: HRCS, EDP/Code, Law and Administration

#### Economic Development and Planning Department

**Q.) Where are we with the 21 red-tagged houses with initial tag dates ranging from 2003-2012 (123 Isbell being the longest at 20 years; )?**

The department is working through the list, making progress, and working to identify remedies. Some are being pushed through the demo process and some have been inspected over the last two months. Specifically, 2 are in the demo process and 1 has been completed (1722 Donora and 318 Clifford St. in process; 5017 Hughes Rd. demolished in April). The \$150 fee from 2005 isn't moving property owners, unfortunately. Some have no evidence of permits being pulled or work being done.

**Q.) Since May 2nd, have we found additional red-tagged units?**

Yes, ED and P is communicating with HRCS, law, and the LPD on these properties and inhabitants.

**Q.) Have we continued to discuss the 90-day window before red-tagged property is presented to the NEAT team?**

This will be part of the top-down analysis. Currently, the 90-day window lives in the city's ordinance and we believe that we can amend this.

**Q.) Have we begun to ask for timelines and evidence of financial wherewithal when permits are being pulled?**

Not at this time.

**Q.) Have we identified perennial permit pullers and found a system to report and address?**

Not at this time.

**Q.) Have we moved any of these properties that may not meet the threshold in terms of estimated cost of repairs to qualify for MS or D but where work has not been done in more than 2 years?**

No and we have never done this according to our interim code compliance manager. ED and P is now talking to law about what that process would look like and how we could utilize it.

**Q.) What is the red-tag, neat-team, and pink tag numbers currently? Have we begun to look at average duration of red-tagged properties? What about the reporting tool that we are looking to create so that the public can easily access this info at any time?**

ED and P now tracking not only the number of red-tagged and NEAT team properties, but the duration of those properties being designated as such. Still working on how best to pull from BS and A, calculate duration and place into Excel. They will pull this on a monthly basis to demonstrate improvement or lack thereof. This is the information that will be provided as part of a dashboard for the public and all other stakeholders. The number of Make Safe or Demolish properties will also be included. **We are currently at 672 red-tagged properties, 483 Neat-team properties; 296 pink-tagged properties; red-tag duration is 34.8 months; pink-tag duration is 13.39 months.**

**Q.) Are we certain that the red-tagged properties not in the NEAT process have been red-tagged less than 90 days? How do we monitor this?**

The code compliance manager runs a monthly report, consults with officers to make sure there aren't circumstances such as fire investigations and insurance issues that are outstanding, and then moves those properties that are eligible to the NEAT team.

**Q.) Have we issued/awarded bids for the outside expert and top down analysis of policies and procedures, as well as for the fee study?**

The fee study and expert RFP's were finalized, posted, and proposals had been received. The Director of ED and P stated in committee that we wouldn't be able to pay for the studies due to the 15% operational cut his department sustained in the upcoming budget. We reminded him that there is a budget amendment forthcoming and that there is a plan in place, agreed upon by the Mayor. We also learned that we can only bill addresses, not units. So, if an address has 10 units that are red-tagged, we can only bill that address the \$150 NEAT team fee, as opposed to \$1,500. That also impacts the numbers reflected in the dashboard. Sycamore Townhomes, as an example, had 344 units tagged but only had 68 unique addresses and that number is what was reflected in the monthly report. Law is looking into why we treat addresses and units in this way and whether there is something we can legally do with our ordinance to address this.

**Q.) Has code now been actively vetting new properties that red-tagged displaced residents are moving to ensure the new property isn't tagged as well?**

Code is now talking to tenants, asking where they are being moved to, and looking those properties up in BS and A. Tenants are also encouraged to call code to ask about potential moving locations. However, there are also times when BSO tags buildings and their process for tagging and communicating is different from Code's. As a remedy to the silos these shops have been operating in, ED and P is now having a weekly departmental manager's meeting to ensure everyone is on the same page in terms of processes and communication. ED and P and City IT are also working together to find a way to allow all stakeholders, including but not limited to, MSHDA, LHC, Land Bank, etc., to access tagged property information so placement into tagged properties is not occurring. There is still more work to be done to come up with a comprehensive solution.

**Q.) Have you been able to review the so called "carrots" and "sticks" that other municipalities utilize to incentive and disincentivize landlords or is it part of the top-down review process the expert will engage in?**

We are of the belief that the fee structure must be equal for everyone. An incentive such as a longer period of time between inspections is legal. That said, 20-30 municipalities have passed laws that allow for discounted fees when landlords pass inspections on the first cycle. This question and similar issues, such as whether we can graduate tickets and fees for non-compliance and repeated failure of inspections, will be included in the fee structure study and top-down analysis that are forthcoming.

**Q.) Have we finalized some format for a list of red-tagged properties that can be shared with LPD and other stakeholders?**

See above answer.

**Q.) Has the interim Code Compliance Manager reached out to IT about the utilization of computers and tablets while out in the field to access and manipulate BS and A?**

He did in fact meet with IT a few times. BS and A will be moved from a desk-top system to the cloud within 18 months, which will make things more efficient. Also, instead of using tablets, Code will begin to use laptops exclusively. ED and P leadership are also meeting with IT regularly to discuss system, software, and hardware issues and to prioritize things such as code being equipped to work in the field. ED and P addressed signal issues with the LPD. LPD is able to connect to a city-wide wifi system that code can't access. Code is using a Verizon call card but it runs slow. The conversion to cloud, procurement of new laptops, and the potential purchase of boosters for better internet connection should remedy these issues.

**Q.) Where are we at with read-only access to the backend of BS and A?**

Administrative training on BS and A was scheduled for early May. The only person added to the backend list initially was Sherrie, however, we added the internal auditor and councilmembers. Emily Linden has been trained and granted access. Nicholas Montry is working with Emily on Council and access, particularly the cost of these measures. In the interim, councilmembers can reach out to Ms. Linden for questions regarding properties and

BS and A.

**Q.) Have we done anything to address the sign and return process for compliance?**

**Notes:** Needs to be examined further. However, the ordinance states that we SHALL reinspect so some believe we are in violation of our own ordinances.

**Q.) Are we taking steps to implementing a system for evaluating employees and establishing professional development opportunities? Are we now able to track workload/time-on-task for code employees?**

**Notes:** ED and P is exploring this; no answer at this time. They hope to put a system into place that will be more than a once-a-year evaluation.

**Q.) Have we begun testing and interviews for the code compliance manager position (job description approved and vacancy posted)?**

We are working with HR to devise a testing component. We do have a group of applicants. We are also working with groups such as the MML, to secure more applicants and we will work with the 1st group of applicants and pursue additional applicants simultaneously.

**Q.) Have we posted for the vacant premise position?**

The position has not been posted. However, HR asked ED and P to prioritize vacant positions due to HR capacity issues. Of the fourteen vacant positions, ED and P ranked the vacant premise position as number 4 and has submitted the necessary information

**Q.) Have you identified a strategy to keep and demolish blighted homes pre-tax auction by the county?**

**Notes:** Not as of now.

**Q.) Have now asked several times as part of several meetings: Have you created a timeline of activities to move the department forward?**

Not at this time.

**Law Department and Police Department**

**Q.) Have we prosecuted any landlords that are renting to tenants in red-tagged locations?**

As of May 2nd, Lisa had not seen any additional reports come in from the LPD. We had received a first batch that had issues and were not enforceable. However, law is now receiving more reports. Three types of issues law is seeing: 1.) owner-occupied violation; 2.) squatter violation; 3.) tenant violation. They have begun prosecuting more frequently on the first 2 types.

**RESPONSE VIA LPD:**

1. LPD completed a total of 19 house checks and reports that have been forwarded to the Office of the City Attorney
2. 2 houses remain, these were sent out for house checks on 6/8/23
3. Any property we check that does not have a visible red tag on it we contact code enforcement to be re-tagged
4. Social Workers have been consulted on some of the properties
5. IT and Economic, Development, and Planning are still working on giving LPD access to BS&A software. Currently, LPD has access to what a citizen has. IT is trying to formulate a real time up to date simple list of red tagged properties for LPD access.
6. HRCS (Human Relations and Community Services Department) is working on updating the afterhours procedure for shelter emergencies.

**Q.) Can we put something into the PILOT ordinance that would give us some clawback on properties that receive PILOTS and then maintain red-tagged units?**

We've been told no due MSHDA financing and them being hesitant to approve based on clawback language. We have not discussed this with MSHDA to confirm. PS may need to invite MSHDA in to discuss.

**Q.) Legally, can we identify landlords that are the worst offenders and deem them "nuisance landlords"? Can we prohibit them from obtaining additional certs?**

**Notes:** This is being evaluated. This would be a case by case basis and we believe we can deem properties nuisance properties but not specific people.

**HRCS:** Invited But Did Not Attend June 6th Meeting

**Q.) Have we assisted anyone living in a red-tagged property with relocation in the last month?**

No answer.

**RESPONSE VIA LPD:**

1. I do not believe LPD has assisted with relocation; I will double check with our Social Worker Unit

**Q.) Next HRCS meeting date and city attorney memo on charge of the committee?**

In May, didn't know from the top of their heads. No answer in June.

**Q.) Landlords Association Meeting?**

The Housing Ombudsman did attend in April. Questions that arose: if we put folks into vacant unit bank, would city be a guarantor if damage is done to property or if folks are refusing to leave via eviction? Would the apartments be expected to be furnished, etc.? Joe was supposed to schedule a meeting with law to discuss the questions that arose at the meeting. He committed to scheduling by 5/5. We are not certain as to whether this meeting occurred or not.

**Q.) Did Housing Ombudsman visit red-tagged properties where tenants were living?**

**He did visit some.** Was able to reach 6 residents; none asked for assistance; 2 were renters, 1 had land contract, 2 were home-owner occupied (one staying across the street at neighbors, one upset about trespass enforcement). Also checked on permits being pulled. 1 did and 1 did not.

**Q.) Did Joe attend the BS and A meeting on 5/5 and does he have backend, read-only access?**

No answer.

**RESPONSE VIA LPD:**

**Q.) Has the Housing Ombudsman and/or an LPD Social Worker visited any red-tagged properties beyond the 6 that the housing ombudsman referenced on 5/2? If so, what were the results?**

1. LPD has made referrals to the Social Worker Unit however their list of referrals is lengthy. I will check with them to confirm this. I do not believe we have had to call them out to an address to assist during a house check.
2. On 5/5/23, a LPD Social Worker along with Joe McDonald went to Sycamore Townhomes and handed out well over 200 resource materials on pink tagged properties. They spent approximately 3 hours at this location. LPD Social Worker Unit went back later to the property management office and left additional information/resources for the tenants they were unable to speak with.

By Council Member Hussain that the report be made part of the public record

Motion Carried

## Ordinances for Introduction

### Introduction of Ordinance

Council Member Hussain introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Chapter 1060, Section 1060.08 and Section 1060.99 to clarify abatement and enforcement penalties.

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

Council Member Hussain introduced Andrew Kilpatrick to further discuss the purpose of the Ordinance.

### **Resolution #2023-142**

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 June 26, 2023 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 amending Chapter 1060; Section 1060.08 and Section 1060.99, to clarify abatement and enforcement penalties.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

## Ordinances for Passage

### 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

Ethics Complaint 2023-01 Investigation Summary Report  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Grant Application; 2023-2024 State of Michigan Office of Community Corrections Funding Application for the Ingham County/City of Lansing  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Appointment; Joshua Pugh as an Adjacent Neighborhood Resident member of the Downtown Lansing Inc. Board for a term to expire June 30, 2026  
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Appointment; Morgan Butts as an At-Large member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2025  
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Appointment; Shane Muchmore as the 2nd Ward member of the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2026  
Referred back to the Administration

Ordinance to clarify the parties responsible for prohibiting the occupancy and maintaining the vacancy of placarded equipment and structures  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Public Hearing on an Ordinance to clarify the parties responsible for prohibiting the occupancy and maintaining the vacancy of placarded

equipment and structures  
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1232 Pompton Circle  
Referred back to the Administration

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1232 Pompton Circle  
Referred back to the Administration

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1402 Marquette St.  
Referred back to the Administration

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1402 Marquette St.  
Referred back to the Administration

Special Assessment; Snow and Ice Removal Winter 2022-2023  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Setting a Public Hearing on Special Assessment; Snow and Ice Removal Winter 2022-2023  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Noise Special Permit; Leavitt and Starck Excavating, Inc. to conduct work as part of the CSO 015 South Project  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Setting a Public Hearing on Noise Special Permit; Leavitt and Starck Excavating, Inc. to conduct work as part of the CSO 015 South Project  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Grant Acceptance; MiCorps Volunteer Stream Cleanup Program (VSCP) Grant for the Parks and Recreation Department  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Local Development Finance Authority FY 2023-2024 Budget  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Budget Amendment; Fiscal Year 2023-2024  
Referred to the Committee of the Whole and Placed on File

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Business License Appeal; DeAndre Thomas for a Transient Merchant License at 2215 West Holmes Rd.  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Business License Appeal; Eugenio Trujillo for a Transient Merchant License at 2200 South Cedar Street.  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Claim Appeal; Claim #1961, David Lackie for \$1630.00 in trash removal fees at 2033 Culver Ave.  
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Appointment; Jesus Jesse Flores as a Business Representative member of the Downtown Lansing, Inc. Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024  
Referred back to the Administration from the Committee on Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate; Homes on Holmes, LLC for property located at 230 S. Holmes St.  
Referred back to the Administration from the Committee of Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District; Homes on Holmes, LLC for property located at 230 S. Holmes St.  
Referred back to the Administration from the Committee of Development and Planning

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

Erica Lynn spoke about various City matters.

Rosalyn Williams spoke about various City matters.

Trisha Washburn spoke on Housing Discrimination.

Loretta Stanaway spoke on various City matters.

Nicklas Zande spoke about various City matters.

Stan Shuck spoke about various City matters.

Farhan Sheikh-Omar spoke about various City matters.

Mike Lynn spoke about various City matters.

**Adjourned Time 9:39 P.M.**

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

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**Chris Swope, City Clerk**