



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
September 11, 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, Jackson, Kost, Spadafore, Wood

ABSENT: Council Members Hussain, Spitzley

A quorum was present.

Mayor Schor asked people to remember the victims of 9/11 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 August 28, 2023

Motion Carried

Consideration of Late Items

By Vice President Garza

To suspend City Council Rule #9 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion Carried

The following item was added to the agenda:

Budget Amendment; Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Establishing Disaster Contingency Fund

Special Ceremonies

Tribute; in recognition of Cinnaire's 30th Anniversary

Resolution #2023-225

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

WHEREAS, Cinnaire, a nonprofit headquartered in Lansing, MI, with offices in five states provides access to investment funding, lending options, and title services that support community and economic development, creating stable, sustainable and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, 2023 marks Cinnaire's 30th Year transforming communities which started with Mark McDaniel at a card table with a phone and a rolodex; and

WHEREAS, Since 1993, Cinnaire has invested in revitalizing communities, resulting in more than \$10.1 billion in community impact. Cinnaire has supported 1,008 housing developments, provided 63,816 affordable apartment homes and created or retained more than 92,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Cinnaire helps community development organizations, lending partners and social motivated investors accomplish goals in underserved communities. They fill gaps in community development funding by leveraging capital from public and private sector organizations and bringing expertise to communities that need it most.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lansing City Council hereby congratulate Cinnaire on 30 years of community service and dedicated problem solvers.

By Vice President Garza

Motion Carried

Vice-President Garza and Mayor Schor congratulated Mark McDaniel, President and CEO, on Cinnaire's 30 years of service to Lansing and surrounding areas. Mayor Schor proclaimed August 1, 2023 as Cinnaire Day in Lansing.

Appointment; Traci Riehl as a City of Lansing member of the Local Development Finance Authority Board for a term to expire June 30, 2027.

Resolution #2023-226

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Traci Riehl as a City of Lansing member of the Local Development Finance Authority Board for a term to expire June 30, 2027; 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 September 6, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Traci Riehl as a City of Lansing member of the Local Development Finance Authority Board for a term to expire June 30, 2027.

By Vice President Garza

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Traci Riehl as a Member of the Local Development Finance Authority Board.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

President Wood stated that Item #14, Energy Event Center Cabaret License, would be postponed to the September 18, 2023, City Council meeting.

City Clerk Swope provided details about the upcoming election.

Community Event Announcements

Teresa Rossato spoke about upcoming Hispanic Heritage month events.

Loretta Stanaway announced the Friends of Lansing Historic Cemetery Historic Fall Walking Tour.

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 September 11 remembrance event. Thanked those that participated in recent Moores Park Pool Party. The Accessible Park, Play Michigan, will be opening soon. Mayor Schor reminded people about the Lansing Lead Safe program where residents can apply to receive federal money to remove lead from their homes.

Show Cause Hearings

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1616 Glenrose Avenue.

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1232 Pompton Circle

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1402 Marquette Street

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 5016 Conners Avenue

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 3301 Turner Street

Council Member Kost provided an overview of the show cause hearings.

Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

Clarence Hassel Jr. spoke about the Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1616 Glenrose Avenue.

Mohammad Sail spoke about the Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1232 Pompton Circle.

Sonya Anthony spoke about the Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 5016 Conners Avenue

Referral of Show Cause Hearings

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1616 Glenrose Avenue.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

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Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 3301 Turner Street.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

An Ordinance to itemize Chief Strategy Officer duties

Vice President Garza gave an overview of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Dione Freeman spoke against revoking the Cabaret License for the Energy Event Center.

Mike Lynn spoke against revoking the Cabaret License for the Energy Event Center and various City matters.

Farhan Sheikh Omar spoke against revoking the Cabaret License for the Energy Event Center and various City matters.

Legislative Matters

Referral of Public Hearings

An Ordinance to itemize Chief Strategy Officer duties.
Referred to Committee of the Whole

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Garza to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #2023-227

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Public Service Department (the City) will receive Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant funding from the United States Department of Transportation for the development of a citywide safety implementation plan including safe routes to school plans for the Lansing School District.; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2022 the City submitted a proposal to the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation Grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and the City was notified of receipt on January 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Streets for All grant is funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation awarded \$168,000 to the City; and

WHEREAS, the award of \$168,000 does require a \$42,000 city match for a total award of \$210,000. The \$42,000 match will be made available through the City budget; and

WHEREAS, SS4A funds must be expended within five years after the grant agreement is executed; and

WHEREAS, the City may request reimbursement of costs incurred in the performance of the agreement if those costs do not exceed the funds available under section 2.2 and are allowable under the applicable cost provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E. The City shall not request reimbursement more frequently than monthly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Safe Streets for All Grant for the purposes of funding the citywide safety implementation plan including safe routes to school plans for the Lansing School District.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to receive the funds, create the necessary accounts, and make necessary transfers for administration in accordance with the requirements of the grantor.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-228

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution requires Early Voting for every statewide and federal election; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution allows jurisdictions conducting non-statewide elections to conduct Early Voting; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Election Law authorizes the legislative body of a jurisdiction to authorize early voting in non-statewide elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council authorizes the Lansing City Clerk to conduct Early Voting in compliance with the Michigan Election Law in non-statewide elections beginning with the City election to be held November 7, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Polling Place for Early Voting in the November 7, 2023 City Election shall be the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing Michigan.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2023-229

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, projected Income Tax revenues have been adjusted to consider unaudited estimates of prior year-end revenues, improved enforcement efforts by City Treasury, trends toward hybrid schedules requiring more in-person work as it impacts non-resident returns, pay adjustments from inflation and labor demand, against a continued backdrop of economic uncertainty and aggressive Federal policies; and

WHEREAS, projected State Revenues have been adjusted to the latest revenue sharing estimates as published by Michigan's Senate Fiscal Agency and stable funding of Local Community Share (PPT) reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, the operating and personnel budgets of many departments were reduced in the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget in anticipation of using prior year savings made available at this time through an improved revenue outlook relative to budget; and

WHEREAS, the City it is initiating a broader review of expenditure savings and revenue improving initiatives including the review of major contracts and City services including personnel, opportunities for internal and external cost recovery, and the management of City assets and reserves; and

WHEREAS, storm damages from the July 2023 storm in Lansing's East Side have brought about \$100k in expenses to be remediated within the Public Service operating budget; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of increased enforcement of unsafe properties, there remains a need to provide temporary hotel accommodation for families temporarily displaced in the Community; and

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

Appropriation	Description	Amount
General Fund	Income Taxes	\$2,935,000
General Fund	State Revenues	\$250,000
Total General Fund Revenue Appropriation		<u>\$3,185,000</u>

Appropriation (continued)	Description	Amount
City Council	Operating (Restored)	\$122,312
Courts	Operating (Restored)	\$563,169
Mayor's Office	Operating (Restored)	\$155,592
City Clerk's Office	Operating (Restored)	\$178,292
Treasury/Income Tax	Operating (Restored)	\$295,974
Human Resources	Operating (Restored)	\$527,465
Public Service	Operating (Storm)	\$100,000
Parks and Recreation	Operating (Restored)	\$1,242,196
Total General Fund Expenditure Appropriation		<u>\$3,185,000</u>

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 appropriations:

By Council Member Garza to adopt the Resolution

By Council Member Garza to adopt a substitute for the Resolution

Motion Carried

The question being adopting the Resolution as substituted

Motion Carried

Resolution #2023-230

By Council Member Spadafore

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing acknowledges the importance of protecting the safety, peace, and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2011 relaxed regulations on the sale and use of fireworks in the state, leading to a significant increase in the use of fireworks in residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of fireworks has resulted in a disturbance of the peace in neighborhoods, causing distress, anxiety, and sleep disruption for many residents; and

WHEREAS, those who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of fireworks, as the loud noises can trigger debilitating symptoms, exacerbating their condition; and

WHEREAS, the excessive use of fireworks has also been linked to negative environmental impacts, including air and noise pollution, as well as litter in public spaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council urges the Michigan State Legislature to reconsider and repeal the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2011 and return the laws to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the state of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lansing encourages the state legislature to prioritize the safety, well-being, and peace of its residents by revisiting and revising the current fireworks regulations to address the concerns raised by the community.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the City Clerk transmit a copy of this Resolution to the State Legislature and the Governor's Office upon adoption by the City Council.

By Council Member Spadafore

Motion Carried

Ordinances for Passage

Passage of Ordinance

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing to Amend Chapter 1462, Section 1462.03; to bring the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone acreage percent limitation into conformity with State law.

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Brown, Garza, Jackson, Kost, Spadafore, Wood

Nays: None

By Council Member Brown to give the Ordinance immediate effect.

Motion Carried

Ordinance #1319

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 1462 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances, Section 1462.03, to bring the acreage limitation for total Neighborhood Enterprise Zones in the City into conformity with State law.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 1462, Section 1462.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

1462.03 – Designation of zones.

The City, by Council resolution, may, upon City initiative or on petition of any person:

- (a) Designate one or more neighborhood enterprise zones within a local governmental unit. A neighborhood enterprise zone, other than a neighborhood enterprise zone designated pursuant to subsection (b) hereof, shall contain not less than ten platted parcels of land. All the land within a neighborhood enterprise zone shall also be compact and contiguous.
- (b) Designate one or more neighborhood enterprise zones limited to new facilities if each new facility in the zone is part of a development of ten or more units.

The total **combined** acreage of ~~the~~all neighborhood enterprise zones designated under this section shall not exceed ~~one~~fifteen percent (**15%**) of the total acreage contained within the boundaries of the local governmental unit.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council, and shall expire December 31, 2032.

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

Non Profit Recognition; Citizens for Prison Reform

Referred to the Committee of City Operations

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Donation Acceptance; Lansing Police Department Special Tactics and Rescue Team

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and to the Internal Auditor

Donation Acceptance; Lansing Police Department Firing Range Unit

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and to the Internal Auditor

2023 Report on Cost of Warming & Cooling Centers

Referred to the Committee of the Whole and Internal Auditor

2023 Report on Stump Grinding

Referred to the Committee of the Whole and Internal Auditor

2023 Report on Community Mental Health Social Worker Housing Outreach Specialist

Referred to the Committee of the Whole and Internal Auditor

Budget Amendment; Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Establishing Disaster Contingency Fund
Referred to the Committee of the Whole and Internal Auditor

Motion of Excused Absence

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

Motion Carried

Remarks by Council Members

Council Member Brown asked for an extension until September 18 on the reporting out of the Ad Hoc Committee on Homeless and Solutions Report due to scheduling conflicts.

President Wood granted extension.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Stan Schuck spoke on various City matters.

Loretta Stanaway spoke on various City matters.

Betty Nostrant spoke on City permits and building codes.

Crystal White spoke about homelessness.

David Bashaw spoke about homelessness.

Erica Lynn spoke on various City matters.

Mike Lynn spoke on various City matters.

Scott Cobb spoke about homelessness.

Michah Becker spoke on various City matters.

Adjourned Time 8:35 P.M.



Chris Swope, City Clerk