



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JULY 26, 2021**

Via ZOOM Conferencing, Meeting ID 859 4003 6219

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Spadafore

PRESENT: Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spadafore.

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

Appointment; Semone James as the 1st Ward member of the Board of Water and Light for a term to expire June 30, 2025

RESOLUTION #2021-155

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Semone James as the 1st Ward member of the Board of Water and Light for a term to expire June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted by the Mayor's Office and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on July 26, 2021 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Semone James as the 1st Ward member of the Board of Water and Light for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Semone James as 1st a member of the Board of Water and Light.

Appointment; Damon Milton as an At-Large member of the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2023

RESOLUTION #2021-156

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Damon Milton as an At-Large member of the Board of Police Commissioners 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 Public Safety took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Damon Milton as an At-Large member of the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

By Council Member Garza

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Damon Milton as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Spadafore noted that the Public Comment on Legislative Matters can include Ranked Choice Voting.

Council Member Spitzley wished Alfreda Schmidt a happy birthday and spoke about her with admiration.

Council Member Hussain wished Council Member Wood a happy birthday, as well as his oldest daughter, Ava Hussain. He then provided an update for his Constituent Contact meeting, and the efforts to spur economic development in South Lansing. He also thanked his Economic Development Team. Finally, he announced a couple of ribbon cutting events.

Council Member Betz shared details about upcoming Constituency Contact meeting. He also talked about his recent tour of new performance and event space called Studio 414, and spoke about it in high regards.

City Clerk Swope reminded the public of the City Primary Election. He noted the amount of absentee ballots issued out, but still a bunch to be returned. Next, he advised to allow a week to be mailed and that there is prepaid postage on the ballots. He spoke about the abundance of drop boxes around the City and that you can still get absentee ballots.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Lambert spoke about upcoming opportunities on Tuesday, for boys to join Boy Scout Troop 33.

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 repeated Council Member Hussain information about the ribbon cutting events. He then spoke about various City events like Lansing Alive, a Grand Opening for Summit Comics & Games which included a Pokémon festival and a Scavenger hunt, Dam Jam in Old Town, One Faith, R.E. Olds Car Show, Tequila Fest, as well as events in the Eastside and Southside of Lansing like Tatse in Allen Neighborhood Center, Stop the Violence March, opening of the Volaris Apartments, and clean-up on MLK picked up from MDOT. He then announced a new CATA bus route, Route 18, which will go down Mt Hope in South Lansing, it will be the first East-West bus route. Next, he talked about the Citizens Academy and encouraged those interested to apply. Finally, he spoke about Operation Slow Down, noting the recent amount of Police Officers that are pulling over drivers.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERSPublic Comment on Legislative Matters:

Kyle Richard spoke about Racial Justice and Equity Plan.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various legislative matters.

Michael Lynn Jr. spoke about the Racial Justice and Equity Plan.

David Odom spoke about the Racial Justice and Equity Plan.

Jim Lancaster spoke in favor of Ranked Choice Voting.

Max Donovan spoke in favor of Ranked Choice Voting.

David Lambert spoke about various matters.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Moved by Council Member Hussain to reconsider the vote by which Resolution #2021-149 Ballot Proposal; City Charter Amendment for Ranked Choice Voting for City Elections was approved on July 12, 2021.

Motion Carried with Council Member Dunbar voting "nay"

Moved by Council Member Hussain to refer Ballot Proposal; City Charter Amendment for Ranked Choice Voting for City Elections to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion Carried with Council Member Dunbar voting "nay"

Moved by Council Member Hussain to reconsider the vote by which Resolution #2021-150 Ballot Proposal; City Charter Amendment for the Elimination of City Primary Elections was approved on July 12, 2021.

Motion Carried with Council Member Dunbar voting "nay"

Moved by Council Member Hussain to refer Ballot Proposal; City Charter Amendment for the Elimination of City Primary Elections to the Committee of the Whole

M Motion Carried with Council Member Dunbar voting "nay"

Council Member Jackson left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

By Council Member Hussain

To approve items 5 and 6 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-158

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a claim be resolved by virtue of entering into a settlement agreement with claimant 2062876-00991, in which, the City of Lansing would agree to pay Plaintiff the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$79,900.00) in exchange for a complete redemption and release of the City from any past, present, and future liability regarding any alleged injuries/illnesses whatsoever;

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement is recommended by the Mayor, the Department of Human Resources Director, the City of Lansing's Fund Administrator, and the City Attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the payment of Seventy-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$79,900.00) pursuant to said proposed settlement agreement as a full and final settlement of said action.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Attorney is authorized to prepare and execute the requisite documents to complete settlement of the aforementioned lawsuit.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2021-159

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Aging Consortium, known as Tri-County Office on Aging, produced the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Implementation Plan as required by the Older Americans Act and the Older Michiganians Act; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on July 26, 2021 and reviewed the document; and

WHEREAS, Lansing City Council met on July 26, 2021 and reviewed the Tri-County Office on Aging's Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Implementation Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby approves said document.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2021-160

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 passed on May 17, 2021, the Lansing City Council added the following language to the Budget Policies:

- Racial Justice and Equity Plan
- Subtract \$300,000 from Human Resources operating line and inserting a line NonDepartmental reading "Contingency for Racial Justice and Equity Plan" for \$300,000.

No expenditures will be made from this account until a plan to utilize these funds has been presented to City Council by the Mayor and that plan has been approved by the majority of Council. No expenditures will be made from this account until a plan to utilize these funds have been presented to City Council and approved by the majority of Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021, at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Director Kim Coleman, Director Linda Sanchez Gazella and MRJEA - Jonathon Butler, Esq. (Equity Manager, San Antonio, Texas) presented information on the Racial Justice and Equity Plan to Council; and

WHEREAS, On July 26, 2021, at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Director Kim Coleman, Director Linda Sanchez Gazella and Paul Elam presented the remainder of the information to finalize recommendation to utilize the funds appropriated for Racial Justice and Equity Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lansing City Council supports the expenditure of the funds as outlined in the plan.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Racial Justice and Equity Plan presented to City Council at the Committee of the Whole.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried with Council Member Dunbar and Council Members Dunbar and Spitzley voting "nay"

RESOLUTION #2021-161

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Drain ("Drain") is an intracounty drain located in Ingham County, established under Chapter 20 of the Michigan Drain Code, Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended ("Drain Code"), and under the jurisdiction of the Drainage Board; and

WHEREAS, the City and Ingham County petitioned for maintenance and improvement to the Montgomery Drain on May 20, 2014, and June 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Drainage Board issued a Final Order of Determination on July 14, 2014, finding that the petition filed by the City and Ingham County were sufficient and that the proposed drain project ("Drain Project") is practicable and should be constructed; and

WHEREAS, certain land known as the former Red Cedar Golf Course, currently being developed by Continental/Ferguson Development, LLC, pursuant to an Amended and Restated Real Estate Purchase and Development Agreement with the City dated July 23, 2018, as amended, and previously approved by Council, is located within the Drainage District's Service Area and within the City of Lansing, ("Developer's Parcel"), portions of which are to be dedicated for public benefit and use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing owns certain land adjacent to Developer's Parcel and located within the Drainage District in the City commonly known as Red Cedar Park, ("Park Property"); and said Park Property is subject to a Permanent Drain Easement recorded as Instrument 2016-016360 with the Ingham county Register of Deeds, held by the Drainage District in the area depicted in the attached Exhibit 2 ("Park Easement"); and

WHEREAS, certain public infrastructure will be constructed on portions of the Developer's Parcel and in the Park Easement that will be dedicated or conveyed to the City or the Drainage District, including but not limited to, public street, water, sanitary sewer, sidewalk; pathway, sidewalk and parking improvements (the "Public Infrastructure"); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Drain Project, the Drainage Board has requested and the City has agreed that certain storm sewer improvements to be constructed on portions of the Developer's Parcel and the Park Easement area will be dedicated as public storm sewer and established as portions of the Montgomery Drain and thereafter be maintained and improved as necessary by the Drainage Board (the "Drain Expansions"); and

WHEREAS, in an effort to minimize disruptions to the public and to take advantage of coordination of construction bidding, contracting, performance, oversight and financing, the City has requested that the Drain Project be expanded to include the design, acquisition and construction of the Public Infrastructure and the Drain Expansions as described and depicted in composite Exhibit 3 (together "Project Expansions"); and

WHEREAS, Sections 471 of the Drain Code (MCL 280.471) authorizes the Drainage Board to contract with public corporations in respect to any matter connected with the construction, operation, maintenance, use, or operation of the Drain; and

WHEREAS, Section 431 of the Drain Code (MCL 280.431) provides that the Drainage Board may contract or make arrangements with public corporations for the purpose of expanding any drainage project, provided the costs of such expanded project borne by the Drainage District not be in excess of the amounts which can be attributed solely to drainage and flood control; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Partnership Act, 2011 PA 258, as amended (MCL 124.111 *et seq.*) authorizes the Drainage District and the City to enter into a joint endeavor to operate, maintain, repair, service, improve and replace portions of the Drain within the Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above referenced statutory authority, the Drainage Board is willing to undertake the Project Expansions upon terms and conditions set forth in an agreement whereby the City would agree to pay for all of the benefits to accrue and for all costs and expenses incurred for the construction and financing of the Project Expansions (the "Drainage Board Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the City will secure, by separate agreement with the owner(s) of the Developer's Parcel, that all costs required by the City to be paid for the Project Expansions and necessary administrative costs will be paid by the owner(s) of the Developer's Parcel through special assessment (the "Special Assessment Agreement").

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and administration, on behalf of the City, may enter into the Drainage Board Agreement, but only after it has entered into the Special Assessment Agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor and administration, on behalf of the City, may enter into the Special Assessment Agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-162

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 June 1, 2020 to receive a Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund) grant for "Financial Empowerment Center Expansion" as a COVID-19 Response. That grant was \$80,000 (See Resolution 2020-1); and

WHEREAS, The City of Lansing was invited to apply for another COVID-Response funding opportunity, "Eviction Prevention Boost Grant" from CFE Fund Eviction Prevention Boost Grant" to receive \$20,000 additional dollars and was one of the cities selected; and

WHEREAS, the CFE Fund grant was the result of a competitive proposal process, and the proposal was submitted by the Office of Financial Empowerment on May 14, 2021, approved on June 1, 2021, and will be received upon approval by Council and signed agreement;

WHEREAS, the CFE Fund grant supports the design of an integration of financial counseling through the Financial Empowerment Center with Rental Assistance from Capital Area Housing Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the award for \$20,000.00 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 \$20,000.00 for the grant period beginning at council approval for the City of Lansing.

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 Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-163

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Whereas, in early 2021, Bloomberg Philanthropies announced a worldwide competition known as the 2021 Global Mayors Challenge to encourage and spread promising ideas and the most important innovations generated in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the competition will result in awarded grant prizes of varied amounts to cities to assist with the implementation of breakthrough ideas that can be shared with other cities facing the same challenges; and

Whereas, Lansing, through the Mayor's office, entered the worldwide competition proposing an innovative partnership with the Public Broadcasting System, local public media, universities, and other partners to create an online education platform, in-person opportunities, and other resources to reverse the learning loss in the pre-K through third grade population; and

Whereas, Bloomberg has announced the selection of 50 "Champion Cities" representing the boldest urban innovations of the past year from the 631 cities in 99 countries that presented applications; and

Whereas, the 50 Champion Cities selected by Bloomberg hail from 29 nations on 6 continents; and

Whereas, Lansing, USA, has been selected as a Champion City in the 2021 Global Mayors Challenge for its proposal which launches "cross-sectional partnerships to halt learning loss in children"; and

Whereas, this preliminary-phase designation in the competition entitles Lansing to receive up to \$50,000 as it continues its pursuit of one of fifteen grand prizes to be awarded in late 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby approves acceptance of the Bloomberg Philanthropies 2021 Global Mayors Challenge Champion City grant in the amount of up to \$50,000; and

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

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-164

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing and the Teamsters Local 214 Supervisory & Non-Supervisory Units have negotiated a collective bargaining agreement (the "CBA") for the period covering January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, which is summarized in the Tentative Agreement Document approved by the parties effective June 30, 2021 ("Tentative Agreement") and which contains the changes to the prior CBA; and

WHEREAS, the Union membership ratified this agreement on July 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the CBA, as summarized in the Tentative Agreement, be approved;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby ratifies the Tentative Agreement of the parties for the CBA between the City of Lansing and the Union, Teamsters Local 214 Supervisory & Non-Supervisory Units for the period covering January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

By Vice President Hussain that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spadafore make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

Item(s) from the City Clerk re:

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

PLACED ON FILE

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibilities Act (TEFRA) Bond for the Lansing Charter Academy
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Bond Approval for Lansing Charter Academy
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration for a Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 125 E. Mt. Hope Avenue
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 125 E. Mt. Hope Avenue t
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of an Ordinance to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for The Porter Apartments, located at 505 Townsend Street
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Ordinance to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for The Porter Apartments, located at 505 Townsend Street
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of an Ordinance to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for The Apartments West, located at 519 W. Kalamazoo Street
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Ordinance to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for The Apartments West, located at 519 W. Kalamazoo Street
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of an Ordinance to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Walter French located at 1900 S. Cedar St.
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Ordinance to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Walter French located at 1900 S. Cedar St.
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Introduction and Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of an Ordinance to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Cedar Place located

at 201 W. Jolly Rd.
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Ordinance to establish a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Cedar Place located at 201 W. Jolly Rd.
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Emergency Carryforwards
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Collective Bargaining Agreement; Ratification of Teamsters Supervisory & Non-Supervisory Units for the period covering January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
PLACED ON FILE

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting Notice
PLACED ON FILE

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; MEENU 95 LLC request for transfer of ownership escrowed 2021 SDD and SDM licensed business with Sunday Sales Permit (AM/PM) at 6065 S Washington Ave. (RID # RQ-2106-05391)
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; The Green Door Blue Bar and Grill, LLC request for Transfer Membership Interest and as a result, existing member Jonathan Woolston will hold 85% membership interest and existing member Jennifer Costigan will hold 15% membership interest, in conjunction with 2021 Class C and SDM licensed company with Sunday Sales Permit (PM), Dance Permit and Outdoor Service (1 Area) located at 2005-2007-2009 E. Michigan Ave. (RID #2107-06437)
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES

Communication from Dot Johnson about mowing Poxson Park and Brookland Boulevard
PLACED ON FILE

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Council Member Betz to excuse Council Member Jackson from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Betz wished Council Member Wood a happy birthday and noted that she will be missed when she retires.

Council President Spadafore remarked that Council Member Wood has 2 more years.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Mayor Schor spoke about announced it was the 31st Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act. He also responded to a comment made by Council Member Dunbar from the Committee of the Whole meeting that on May 7th information was provided to City Council on the racial make-up of the Lansing Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Michael Lynn Jr. spoke about various City matters.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

Kyle Richard spoke about various City matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:02 P.M.



CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK