



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
AUGUST 9, 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 7:18 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

Award Presentation; Landscape Architects & Planners for Rotary Park

Parks Director Brett Kaschinske, joined by Bob Ford, presented the Landscape Architects & Planners Award and provided some background information on Rotary Park and spoke about the award.

Mayor Schor expressed excitement for the award and the progress in the riverfront. He also thanked Bob Ford for his design and contribution. Next, he expressed appreciation to those involved and echoed Director Kaschinske's words.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Spitzley spoke about the March on Violence, led by the Mikey 23 Foundation. She also spoke about a benefit show hosted by Miranda Burton-Hinton in honor of her passed son.

Council Member Hussain spoke about the historic Malcolm X marker on S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., which was destroyed earlier this year, providing updates on enhancements and fixes to the sign. He also spoke the Southwest Action Group Town Square where they had an Art Impact Grant to install art panels that showcases the diversity of Southwest Lansing. Next, he announced an upcoming Constituent Contact meeting. Then, he talked about the Laugh is Life Comedy Show. Next, he spoke about a Stop the Violence March, noting how it was a call to action. He expressed appreciation to Revan Herfy, owner of 1910 Food Market, for his generosity in providing water to marchers.

Council Member Spitzley expressed fondness for the area surrounding 1910 Food Market, including renovations and clean-ups.

Council Member Wood added to Council Member Hussain's comment on the Malcolm X marker, highlighting the exact location of the marker.

Council Member Hussain replied appreciation for Kristi James from Representative Anthony's office.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson thanked election workers and Clerk staff for their work in the City Primary Election Day. Next, he introduced Shara Washington as a new staff member of the Clerk's Office.. Then, he spoke about the upcoming general election, as well as provided clarification and explanation on voting from home. Finally, he thanked Nicole Lin for her work, noting how she was the first hybrid intern who working remotely and in the office.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Chief Deputy City Clerk 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 spoke about the Police Department's Skills and Drills event where they played basketball. He also spoke about the Lansing Youth Football event, congratulating parents for their children's involvements. Next, he talked about free music at the Nelson Building every Thursday from 4:30-6:30pm. Then, he announced English as a Second Language swimming lessons from the school district. He congratulated the Jazz Fest community organizers and the Lansing Common Football (Soccer) Club first season finished. He also talked about future events like the Expungement Clinic. Next, he mentioned the mask mandate being reinstated within City buildings. He reminded of the Eviction Moratorium still on hold by CDC recommendation.

Council Member Spitzley spoke about the Senior Fair and Mobile Food Bank events.

Mayor Schor confirmed the events and thanked Council Member Spitzley for the reminder. He then talked about the time and location of the events.

Council Member Garza announced a community event regarding the last of the summer concert series, with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

There was no public comment on Legislative Matters.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2021-165

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Kristiane James as an At-Large member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024; and

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

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on August 4, 2021 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Kristiane James as an At-Large member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

By Council Member Dunbar

Council Member provided positive comments on Kristiane James.

Motion Carried

Chief Deputy City Clerk Jackson administered the Oath of Office to Kristiane James.

RESOLUTION #2021-166

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

WHEREAS, Eastside Neighborhood Organization requested \$500.00 to defray costs for street closing and various activities associated with their event, "1st Annual Eastside Summer Fest" to be held August 27-28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on August 4, 2021, reviewed the request and approved \$1,000.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to Eastside Neighborhood Organization in the amount of \$1,000.00 to defray costs associated with street closing cost and various activities for their event "1st Annual Eastside Summer Fest" to be held on August 27-28, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$1,000.00 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.741289.0.

BE IT RESOLVED that Eastside Neighborhood Organization 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 Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-167

BY COUNCILMEMBER BETZ
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the term for John Folkers, First Ward representative on the Board of Ethics, expired June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the First Ward Councilmember Brandon Betz has recommended the reappointment of John Folkers; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation has been vetted, and meets all Charter Requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council, hereby, reappoints John Folkers to the Board of Ethics, First Ward position, term to

expire June 30, 2025.

By Council Member Betz

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2021-168

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

WHEREAS, Brandi Day sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$8,890 for trash and debris removal fees, associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 1040 N. Cedar Street (ID #33-01-01-09-430-041); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on City Operations, the Committee met on August 4, 2021 and denied the claim in the amount of \$8,890.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby denies the claim in the amount of \$8,890.00 for trash and debris removal fees, associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 1040 N. Cedar Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-09-430-041).

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

By Council Member Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2021-169

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

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer has determined that the building located at 125 E. MT. Hope Ave., Parcel # 33-01-01-21-455-028 legally described as the South 95 feet of Lot 13, Reo Park Addition, City of Lansing is unsafe or dangerous as defined in Section 108.1 of the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by Lansing Codified Ordinance 1460.01, and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer red tagged the building on 6/07/2020 and requested the property order be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the building; and

WHEREAS, on 05/27/2021, the Lansing Demolition Board held a special 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 (1460.01, et seq.), and ordered the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure by 6/27/2021; 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 the Lansing City Council hereby schedules a show cause hearing for Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on the Tenth Floor of City Hall, 124 W Michigan Ave, Lansing, Michigan 48933, in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the building at 125 E. Mt. Hope Ave., 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 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Manager of Code Compliance notify the owner of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

By Council Member Garza

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-170

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

WHEREAS, at any time during the fiscal year, the City Council may consider appropriations and carryforwards to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, gun violence has increased significantly in cities throughout the nation during the course of the COVID-19 public health emergency and in Lansing exists at a higher rate than seen in the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, youth and community engagement activities can offer mutual connection and opportunities that reduce behaviors resulting in gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department, City Council, Mayor's Office, and Parks and Recreation Department are all committed to resolving this emergency in carrying forward funds from the previous fiscal year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following remaining balances as of June 30, 2021 be reappropriated in Fiscal Year 2021/2022 as indicated:

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.

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
General Fund	Use Of Fund Balance	\$180,000
Police Operating	Youth Athlete Interaction Program	80,000
Mayor Operating (1)	Mentorship	20,000
Mayor Operating (2)	Athletics	20,000
Mayor Operating (3)	Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics	20,000
Parks Operating (1)	After School Activities	20,000
Parks Operating (2)	Community Organizing Fund	20,000
	Total Community Engagement Activities	100,000
General Fund Total		\$180,000

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

The Committee of Development and Planning introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new Section 888.____ for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for seventy-five (75) low income multi-family dwelling units in a project known as Apartments West, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as Amended.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee of Development and Planning.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

The Committee of Development and Planning introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new Section 888.____ for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for seventy-six (76) low income multi-family dwelling units in a project known as Walter French, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as Amended.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee of Development and Planning.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

The Committee of Development and Planning introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new Section 888.____ for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for two hundred and twenty (220) low income multi-family dwelling units in a project known as Cedar Place, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as Amended.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee of Development and Planning.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

The Committee of Development and Planning introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new Section 884.____ for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for ninety-eight (98) low income elderly dwelling units in a project known as the Porter Senior Apartments, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as Amended.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee of Development and Planning.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Council Member Spitzley introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing codified Ordinances by Amending Chapter 658 Section 658.03, to replace willful annoyance with the prohibition that no person shall threaten another person by word of mouth, gesture, or other physical action that accosts, molests, or otherwise harasses the other person.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion.

RESOLUTION #2021-171

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, August 23, 2021, 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 supporting and/or opposing the Ordinance establishing a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for The Apartments West, located at 519 W. Kalamazoo Street in Lansing.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-172

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, August 23, 2021, 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 supporting and/or opposing the Ordinance establishing a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Walter French, located at 1900 S. Cedar Street in Lansing.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-173

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, August 23, 2021, 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 supporting and/or opposing the Ordinance establishing a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Cedar Place, 201 W. Jolly Rd., Lansing.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried with Council Member Wood voting "nay"

RESOLUTION #2021-174

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday August 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of supporting and/or opposing the Ordinance establishing a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for The Porter Apartments, located at 505 Townsend Street.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried with Council Member Wood voting "nay"

RESOLUTION #2021-175
RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING
BY CITY COUNCIL

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for August 23, 2021, at 7 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose to amend the Lansing codified ordinances by amending Chapter 658 Section 658.03, to replace willful annoyance with the prohibition that no person shall threaten another person by word of mouth, gesture, or other physical action that accosts, molests, or otherwise harasses the other person.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

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**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:

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:

Sole Source Purchase Notification; Legal Solutions - Blue Line Law Firm for the Lansing Police Department (LPD) to provide consultation for conducting independent review of LPD policies and procedures with the guidelines of President Obama Task Force on 21st Century Policing

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of an Ordinance to add a new Chapter ### to create the Arts and Culture Board

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ordinance to Create a new Chapter ### to create the Arts and Culture Board

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of Noise Special Permit; MDOT request to allow for I-496 Freeway reconstruction on weekdays from 8 PM to 7AM and any time on weekends or holidays for the period January 24, 2022, through December 1, 2022 and for the period March 1, 2023 through November 15, 2023

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY OPERATIONS

Noise Special Permit; MDOT request to allow for I-496 Freeway reconstruction on weekdays from 8 PM to 7 AM and any time on weekends or holidays for the period January 24, 2022, through December 1, 2022 and for the period March 1, 2023 through November 15, 2023

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY OPERATIONS

Grant Acceptance; Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) Grant

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Fee Reduction; Non-sufficient Funds (NSF) Check Fee

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Appointment; Amanda Defrees as a member of the South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a

term to expire July 31, 2025
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Reappointment; Nancy Mahlow as the 1st Ward member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2025
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY OPERATIONS

Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1113 W. Saginaw
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1113 W. Saginaw
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Affidavit of Disclosure; Mandi Beasinger, Lansing Police Department
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Communication from Dot Johnson regarding street lights and speeding on Cavanaugh Road
PLACED ON FILE

Communication from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner regarding the Resolution to Approve an Agreement to Transfer Jurisdiction, Operation, Maintenance, and Control from the Delta Grande Drain Drainage District to the City of Lansing
PLACED ON FILE

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Spitzley spoke about Eastside Community Action Center hosting their Annual Community Champion Salute Fundraiser.

Council Member Jackson spoke about lack of participation for in-person City Council meetings as compared to virtual meetings. He spoke in favor of a hybrid meeting style.

President Spadafore responded to Council Member Jackson, noting that they are working on it, but there are complications, and are continuing to explore possibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

Dorothy Johnson spoke about various City matters.

Kyle Richard spoke about accessibility of meetings.

Kelsey Hudson spoke about accessibility of meetings.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:36 P.M.



CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK