



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
AUGUST 23, 2021**

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 Spadafore

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

ABSENT: Council Members Betz, Garza

A quorum was present.

Council Member Spadafore asked people to remember Camilla Singleton-Dodd, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Wood asked people to remember Linda Sanchez-Gazella's aunt, Joan Bauer's father, and her own nephew, Rich Hallman, all of whom recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spadafore.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Hussain

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of July 12, July 26, and August 9, 2021

Motion Carried

SPECIAL CEREMONIES and PRESENTATIONS

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

RESOLUTION #2021-176

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of 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; 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 August 23, 2021 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of 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.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Amanda Defrees.

Presentation; Apartments West PILOT

Doug Fleming and Sam Spadafore presented information about the PILOT and answered questions from Council Members.

Presentation; Walter French PILOT

Rawley VanFossen and Mikki Droste presented information about the PILOT and answered questions from Council Members.

Presentation; Cedar Place PILOT

Scott Frye presented information about the PILOT and answered questions from Council Members.

Presentation; The Porter Senior Apartments PILOT

Felippe Serpa and Jill Estes presented information about the PILOT and answered questions from Council Members.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Spitzley shared details for the Comedy Show fundraiser, Women Center Open House, and the Suits and the City networking event

Council Member Dunbar shared details about upcoming the Financial Pandemic Relief Fairs.

Council Member Hussain shared details about his constituent contact meeting, charity basketball event between Everett and Sexton Alumni, and concerns about trash on the River Trail

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rawley Van Fossen spoke about the Financial Pandemic Relief Fair.

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 thanked organizers to the Senior Fair Event, Arts Feast Event, and Arts & Park for hosting great events in the past few weeks. He shared details about the upcoming Eastside Summer Festival, and the Community Arts Grants Program, Lansing CARES Small Business Grant Program, Racial Equity and Justice Grant Program, Finally, he shared details about the St. Vincent Catholic Charities Furniture Drive for Refugee Services, Criminal Expungement Clinic, Gift a Life Organ Donation Promotion Event, and congratulated Glen Freeman III on his retirement from the Greater Lansing Labor Council.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

In consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 125 E. Mt. Hope Avenue

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

There were no interested parties wishing to speak on the hearing.

REFERRAL OF SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

In consideration of 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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

In consideration of an Ordinance to add a new Section 888.33 for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes in a project known as Apartments West

In consideration of an Ordinance to add a new Section 888.34 for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes in a project known as Walter French

In consideration of an Ordinance to add a new Section 888.35 for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes in a project known as Cedar Place

In consideration of an Ordinance to add a new Section 884.13 for the purposes of providing for an extension of a Service Charge in Lieu Of Taxes in a project known as The Porter Senior Apartments

In consideration of an Ordinance 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

Council Member Spitzley gave an overview of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

In consideration of an Ordinance to add a new Section 888.33 for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes in a project known as Apartments West
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EQUITY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

CONSENT AGENDA

By Vice President Hussain

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-177

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the reappointment of Nancy Mahlow as a 1st Ward member of the Board of Public Service 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 on City Operations met on August 18, 2021 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Nancy Mahlow as a 1st Ward member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2021-178

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

WHEREAS, to provide departments additional time to prepare customers for the increased Non-sufficient funds NSF check fee, the City of Lansing intends to reverse the adopted fee increase to be revisited at a later date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following changes to the City's fees and charges be adopted:

Fee Proposed	Effective Date	From	To
Finance/Treasury			
NSF Checks (FY 2021)	7/1/2021	50.00	25.00

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2021-179

BY THE COMMITTEE ON EQUITY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Amaia Alysse Edmond Memorial was founded by her father, John Edmond, in 2010, after her passing; and

WHEREAS, her father and family, inspired by the tragic event of her passing, have worked diligently since that time to make the youth aware of the initiative to Keep the Peace, Stop the Violence and provide educational materials to teach the youth that violence is not the answer; and

WHEREAS, her father has continued to reach out to crime victims and their families to offer assistance after their loss and educate them on the Gift of Life organization; and

WHEREAS, the Gift of Life helped the Edmond family honor Amaia's life through donation, and she was able to save five (5) lives and allow those to carry on their lives; and

WHEREAS, August is National Minority Donor Awareness month where attention is called to fill the gap between the number of organ donors and the number of African American, Latinix, and Asian Americans who need life-saving organs and tissue; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021 the Michigan Gift of Life celebrated John Edmond by honoring him as a Gift of Life Champion; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 people are waiting for life-saving organ in the US. Of those more than 60% represent racial and ethnic minorities. In Michigan there are approximately 2,500 people waiting for life-saving organs. Of the more than 101,000 people waiting on the national list for a new kidney approximately 64% are African-American, Latinix, or of Middle Eastern decent; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 while 28.7 percent of people waiting for kidney transplants are African Americans they comprised only 12.5% of the organ donors in the United States.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lansing formally designates May 31st every year beginning in 2022, which would have been Amaia Alysse Edmond birthday, as the Amaia Alysse Edmond Gift of Life Day in the City of Lansing.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-180

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

That the following grant acceptance is approved:

WHEREAS the State of Michigan Department of Treasury has given preliminary notice of its intent to award a Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) grant in the amount of up to \$100,000 toward reimbursement of expenditures required to implement the Capital City Comeback – Large Capacity Commercial Tax Scanner Project.

WHEREAS the State of Michigan requires each municipality's governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the proposed project prior to finalizing the award of grants from the State of Michigan's FDCVT grant program.

WHEREAS the City of Lansing acknowledges that it has filed its annual financial report (F65) or audit per the Uniform Budgeting and Account Act or the Uniform System of Accounting Act, has filed its financial plan (deficit elimination plan) per the Glenn Steil State Revenue Sharing Act as applicable, is not delinquent in making payments that are due on loans issued pursuant to the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, and does not have a payment due and owing to the state and thus is eligible to participate in a FDCVT grant funded project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby authorize participation in the Capital City Comeback – Large Capacity Commercial Tax Scanner Project and on behalf of the City of Lansing authorizes Jake Brower (Budget Director) to provide this resolution indicating approval to the State of Michigan, and to submit and execute documents requested by the State of Michigan relating to the FDCVT requirements.

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 awarded grant funds.

By Council Member Wood

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:

Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:

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

Fireworks Display License; Melrose Pyrotechnics Inc at Jackson National Life Stadium, 505 E Michigan Ave.
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Sole Source Purchase; Lansing Police Department request to use All City Management Services as the vendor for School Crossing Guard Services
PLACED ON FILE

Ordinance to add Chapter 256 to create the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Board
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of an Ordinance to add Chapter 256 to create the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Board
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Grant Acceptance; STOP Violence Against Women Grant - 2022
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 4511 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 4511 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Grant Acceptance; US Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Claim Appeal; Claim #1851, Jonna Stellwag for \$640.50 in Trash Removal fees at 1532 Illinois Ave.
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES

Affidavit of Disclosure; Willard K. Walker, Human Relations and Community Services Department
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Council Member Spitzley to excuse Council Members Betz and Garza from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Judge Cynthia Ward spoke about the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:48 P.M.



CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK