



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
November 8, 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 7:13 p.m. by President Spadafore

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

ABSENT: Council Members Dunbar, Spadafore

A quorum was present.

Mayor Schor asked people to remember Margaret Groves, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Spitzley asked people to remember our veterans during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Wood asked people to remember Kurt Baker, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Jackson asked people to remember Oscar Stallworth, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Hussain.

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

By Council Member Wood

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of October 25, 2021

Motion Carried

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council Member Spitzley spoke about details about the Veterans Day celebration, and also spoke about the Winter Coat and Supply Drive.

Council Member Garza thanked everyone involved in the South Lansing Business Association clean up event.

Council Member Hussain thanked Lisa Fontaine and Robin Anderson for their part in the Neighborhood Summit. Council Member Hussain also mentioned that they will have to suspend Southwest Lansing constituent contact meetings for the rest of the year.

City Clerk Swope thanked everyone that participated in the 2021 city of Lansing election.

Community Event Announcements

Mark Hemingway spoke about a Veterans Day Film event.

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 everyone for their part in the Neighborhood Summit, and talk about Operation Allies. He also went on to talk about all the Halloween events that took place in Lansing and thanked everyone involved. Finally he announced the reopening of the roundabout between Forest and Collins Road, Timothy Oriskany's "Lansing On My Mind" art show, the Hunger and Homeless event, and the Silver Bells in the City event.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

An Ordinance to Amend Part 12, Title 6, Form Based Zoning Code

Council Member Hussain gave an overview of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Amanda Dernovshek spoke about the liquor license for Lorenzo's LLC.

Legislative Matters

Referral of Public Hearings

An Ordinance to Amend Part 12, Title 6, Form Based Zoning Code
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Consent Agenda

By Council Member Wood to adopt a substitute for item 5 on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

By Council Member Wood

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda with substitute for Item 5.

Motion carried

Resolution #2021-221

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

WHEREAS, Lansing Police Department has submitted application for an annual grant to the Michigan State Police, Grants and Community Services Division for an Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) grant; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Police Department was informed on September 14, 2021, that it has been selected to receive grant funding in the amount of \$174,978; and

WHEREAS, The Lansing Police Department has a required local match of \$87,489 (50% of the grant); and

WHEREAS, The Michigan State Police's share is \$87,489 (50%); and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be utilized solely for the benefit of motor vehicle theft prevention programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority grant in the amount of \$174,978 for the program period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; 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 balance of the grant funds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2021-222

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

WHEREAS, Lansing Police Department's, Capital Area Response Effort (CARE) Unit provides advocacy to victims of intimate partner violence in Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, in August, CARE submitted an application to the Michigan State Police (MSP) for a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) which enhances the current \$164,897 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services grant recently approved by Council; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2021, MSP informed the CARE Unit that its grant application was selected to receive grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the grant amount approved is \$127,992; and

WHEREAS, there is no local match requirement; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, CARE plans to utilize the grant funds to 1) provide extensive victim assistance in the form of short-term hotel lodging (\$52,256), security deposits for victims displaced (\$5,000), prepaid cell phones for victims without phone access (\$5,000), gas cards for victims (\$8,000), home security items (\$7,000), and process serving (\$3,000) and 2) hire a new contract employee (\$47,736) to oversee these new assistance services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City council approves acceptance of the JAG grant from the Michigan State Police in the amount of \$127,992 for the period October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

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 balance of the awarded grant funds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2021-223

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

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed 2021 Public Act 87 effective September 29, 2021 to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 1096(82) of 2021 Public Act 87 awards \$75,000 to a police department located in a city with a population greater than 100,000 and in a county with a population between 275,000 and 300,000 according to the 2010 federal decennial census to support the staffing of the cold case unit; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 1096(141) of 2021 Public Act 87 awards \$1,000,000 to a city with a population greater than 80,000 and in a county with a population between 280,800 and 280,900 according to the 2010 federal decennial census for public safety and other security measures around the Michigan Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, City of Lansing incurs costs in planning, staffing, infrastructure, and other security measures while securing and promoting public safety during protests and special events at the Michigan Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred at the Capitol diverts City of Lansing public safety resources away from other needs in the City, the grant in Sec. 1096(141) of 2021 Public Act 87 allows allocation of resources to other priority neighborhoods and locations; and

WHEREAS, more than 75 homicide cases remain unsolved more than one year after their occurrence within the City of Lansing, as reported between 1963 and 2018, and these funds will allow more resources to be dedicated toward resolving these cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the state appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras, other public safety improvements, and ensuring public safety for protest activities in the City of Lansing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the state appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 for staffing its cold case unit.

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 funds.

Resolution #2021-224

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Lansing City Charter and Chapter 280 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances, the Council shall designate in advance the first meeting of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission in even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 280 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances requires the first meeting of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission to be prior to February 21, 2022 and that the commission meet on no more than 15 session days;

WHEREAS, Chapter 280 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances requires the Elected Officers Compensation Commission to make its determination within forty-five days after its first meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council hereby calls upon the Elected Officers Compensation Commission to meet and conduct its business in 2022 and designates Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room on the 10th floor of City Hall as the first meeting of the Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Council Office Manager shall serve as the recording secretary to the Commission unless the Commission determines otherwise.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the City Clerk shall notify the members of the Commission in writing concerning the designated date, time, and place of the first meeting at least seven calendar days in advance thereof.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2021-225

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Kris Young as the 4th Ward 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 took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Kris Young as the 4th Ward member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2021-226

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

WHEREAS, the Licensing and Enforcement Division of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission received a request from Lorenzo's LLC. for a SDM and Class C license, Sunday sales (PM), topless, extended hours, dance, entertainment, and outdoor service permits; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on November 3, 2021, to review the request with affirmative action taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the request from Lorenzo's LLC. for a SDM and Class C license, Sunday sales (PM), additional bars, topless, extended hours, dance, entertainment, and outdoor service permits.

By Council Member Hussain

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

General Fund Status Report; Fiscal Year 2021-2022 First Quarter
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Vacancy Report; Fiscal Year 2021-2022 First Quarter
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Grant Acceptance; Sobriety Court Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Grant Acceptance; Michigan State Housing Development Authority Annual Renewal
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Grant Acceptance; Michigan State Housing Voucher Services Program
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Grant Acceptance; Human Relations and Community Services Emergency Housing Services COVID
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Grant Acceptance; Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund Small Business Boost
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Grant Acceptance; Lansing Police Department Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for Mikey 23 Foundation
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Setting a Public Hearing in consideration of an Ordinance Readopting the Codified Ordinances
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Readopting the Codified Ordinances
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Grant Acceptance; Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Appointment; Alane Laws-Barker as an At-Large member of the Economic Development Corporation / Tax Increment Finance Authority / Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire February 28, 2027
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Appointment; Thomas Hoisington as an At-Large member of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission for a term to expire October 1, 2027
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Appointment; Steve Young as an At-Large Member of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission for a term to expire October 1, 2023
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 2206 West Jolly Road
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 2206 West Jolly Road
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Act-1-2020; Jerome Street & Holmes Street Right-of-Way Vacation requested by Sparrow Health Systems Reapproval
Placed on File

Executive Management Group Benefits Plan; change to eliminate retirement healthcare benefits
Referred to the Committee of the Whole RETIREMENT BOARD

Sole Source Purchase; Economic Development and Planning Department request for Public Sector Consultants as the vendor for a consultant for assistance in the Management Staffing of the City's COVID-19 Community Response Cabinet
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Items from Council President Spadafore:

Amend Council Rules 20; Manner of Introduction; Form
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Amend City Council Meeting Recordings Policy
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Sunny & Jimmy, Inc. request for Transfer Ownership 2021 SDD &SDM License with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDD License - Spirits and Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDM License, mixed spirit drink from Fawaz Brothers Inc, New Sunday Sales Permit (AM), New Living Quarters Permit at 2922 S Cedar St.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Claim Appeal; Claim #1869, Gerald D Phillips Revocable Trust for \$5,523.00 in Trash Violation fees at 1917 Osband Avenue.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Motion of Excused Absence

By Council Member Wood to excuse Council Members Dunbar and Spadafore from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Linda Appling spoke about voter suppression.

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Larry Hutchinson spoke about various City matters.

Kyle Richard spoke about various City matters.

David Reed spoke about various City matters.

Adjourned Time 7:58 P.M.

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

Chris Swope, City Clerk