



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
November 27, 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, Hussain, Jackson, Kost, , Spitzley, Wood

ABSENT: Council Member Spadafore

A quorum was present.

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

Special Ceremonies

Tribute; in recognition of Council Member Patricia Spitzley

Resolution #2023-313

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

WHEREAS, in November 2015 Patricia Spitzley was elected to serve the City of Lansing residents as an At-Large Member of the Lansing City Council and was officially sworn in on January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, prior to being elected as an At Large Council Member, Patricia Spitzley's commitment to serving Lansing included serving as a Community Team Member in 2014 on the Review Team that evaluated, recommended best practices and wrote the report to BWL on their response to the 2013 Ice Storm; and

WHEREAS, Patricia took a key role in serving her community by first serving on the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Board being appointed in December 13, 2010 to fill a term and then being reappointed May 23, 2011 as an At Large Park Board Member where she served until her election to City Council in 2016. While on the Parks Board she was involved in working on the multi-year Parks Master Plan, renaming of City parks including the Willard K. Walker Stadium and the River Trail; and

WHEREAS, during her 8 years of service as a Council Member to the City of Lansing residents and businesses, Council Member Spitzley served on the Committee on Development and Planning for five (5) years, and in 2020, 2021 and 2023 served as the Committee Chairperson. In addition, Patricia served on the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion for 3 years, and two (2) of those years as Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, along with Committees on Development and Planning, and Equity Diversity and Inclusion; Council Member Spitzley served two (2) years on the Committee on Public Service, one year on the Committee on Ways and Means, one year on the Committee on Public Safety, two (2) years on the Committee on General Services, one year on the Committee on City Operations, two (2) years on the Committee on Personnel, three (3) years on the Ad Hoc on Diversity and was Chairperson of the Ad Hoc on Housing and Resident Safety in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Council Member Patricia Spitzley was elected as Council President by her fellow Council Members; and

WHEREAS, during her time as Council President, the City Council renamed Grand River Avenue from Oakland to Washington and Washington to Pine to Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, established the renaming of City Hall to David C. Hollister City Hall, introduced the Form Based Code, began the discussion on how to tackle the OPIOD epidemic, and along with the Ingham County Drain Commission began discussions on the Montgomery Drainage District and project; and

WHEREAS, during her 2017 leadership year, City Council adopted a resolution sustaining Lansing's culture of diversity and inclusion by welcoming and supporting immigrants and refugees from all nationalities, religions, and backgrounds with policies and programs that foster inclusion for all, making Lansing a welcoming City; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 while serving as the Chairperson on the Ad Hoc on Housing and Resident Safety, Council adopted a Resolution encouraging the State Legislature to prioritize issues of housing and resident safety; and

WHEREAS, either a member of Council or sitting in a role on a Committee, Patricia was involved in many aspects of government that brought change to the City. This included establishment of the Social Districts in downtown, acting on the funding of grants for recycling, equipment for the Lansing Fire Department and Lansing Police Department, bonding for the future Public Safety complex, Emergency Management Grants, Homeland Security Grants, Sobriety Court and Justice Assistance Grants, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Spitzley did not hesitate to serve in every role asked of her, and also served in the greater Lansing area on the Capital

Region Airport Authority, Tri-County on Aging Consortium Board, and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council recognizes Patricia Spitzley for her eight (8) years of service to the constituents of the City of Lansing. We greatly appreciate your dedication to the Lansing Community and wish her continued success in her next endeavors.

By President Wood

Motion Carried

President Wood recognized Council Member Spitzley who spoke in support of the tribute. Council Members Jackson, Hussain, Kost, Garza and Brown spoke in support of the tribute. Mayor Schor and Clerk Swope also spoke in support of the tribute. Council Member Spitzley thanked everyone for their comments and shared a few thoughts at her last Council meeting before her term ends.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council Member Kost reminded the public of the upcoming 1st Ward constituent meeting at the Allen Neighborhood Center.

Council Member Spitzley thanked Mayor Schor for his public service and his kind words.

Council Member Hussain thanked the Anderson family and Joshua Moore for their help with the Holiday in the Square event. He asked for an update on the Square settlement.

Council President Wood reminded the public of the Rejuvenating South Lansing meeting at the Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center.

City Clerk Swope announced that voter cards have been mailed to impacted voters following the recent precinct changes. He reminded the public that the political party selection form will be sent out soon for the upcoming Presidential Primary election. The filing deadline for the Charter Commission is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

Community Event Announcements

Paul Anderson spoke about the upcoming Southwest Action Group's (SWAG) Holiday in the Square event.

Luna Brown spoke about the upcoming Place for Us Coalition meeting.

Jasmine Anderson reminded the public that applications for the LEAP entrepreneurship program, One and All, are now being accepted.

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 in honor of recently passed renowned community member, Kathy Wilbur. He congratulated those involved with Silver Bells. He congratulated the Lonzo family for recently opening Comfort Zone Cigar Lounge & Bistro. He congratulated all the folks involved with handing out coats and gloves through Community Connect. Mayor Schor thanked the Lansing Save program for their work with Lansing's youth. He acknowledged the 80th birthday party of Jackie Wade Day. He spoke about the new warming center at Letts Community Center. Mayor Schor and Council Members Kost, Jackson, Spitzley and Brown had a discussion on the implementation and funding of the new warming center at Letts Community Center.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

Z-9-2023; Osband Avenue, rezoning from IND-2, General Industrial to R-6A, Urban Detached Residential.

Council Member Spitzley gave an overview of the public hearing.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Stephanie Williams spoke in support of Z-9-2023.

Stan Shuck spoke on various city matters.

Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski spoke in support of Act-4-2023.

Sandra Bingley spoke about Claim #1991.

Legislative Matters

Referral of Public Hearings

Z-9-2023; Osband Avenue, rezoning from IND-2, General Industrial to R-6A, Urban Detached Residential.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning.

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Garza

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #2023-314

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council has learned the Michigan Capitol Commission has made plans for "Park Michigan" to reduce the empty parking lots within the downtown area and invest in the heart of Michigan, Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Park Michigan would be built between the Hall of Justice, Michigan Historical Center, and Hannah and Ottawa Buildings within the area now used as empty parking lots; and

WHEREAS, this was a neighborhood before the state expanded the complex, and post-pandemic the lots have not been used and take valuable space that can be used by the People of Lansing and the People of the State of Michigan for green space; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the existing monuments, the plan would feature a "We The People Plaza" providing 360-degree views of the park, features representing Michigan's abundance of beautiful natural resources, a monument commemorating the upcoming 250th anniversary of America, an amphitheater for concerts and presentations, plantings of native species, a sculpture garden, and historical markers and educational kiosks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council urges the Capitol Commission, the legislature, and Governor Whitmer to make this project a reality and aggressively pursue all available funds to build this. The Lansing City Council supports all efforts made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this document will be sent to the Capitol Commissioners, State Legislature, and the Governor by the Lansing City Clerk.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-315

By the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for reappointment of Raquel Sparkman as the 3rd Ward member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed with this resolution, that they have vetted the applicant based on the original application and believe that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion met on November 15, 2023 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Raquel Sparkman as the 3rd Ward member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2027.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-316

By the Committee City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Department of Public Service and the Lansing Board of Water & Light are partnering to construct the utility and infrastructure improvements associated with the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 015South Project, a project area generally bounded by Lapeer St. on the northside, Sycamore St. on the eastside, Ottawa St. on the southside, and Verlinden St. on the westside; and

WHEREAS, timely completion of this project is specifically required by Administrative Consent Order #ACO-05153, entered Dec. 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the large amount of construction required for this project will encompass all of the 2024 construction season, all the 2025 construction season and a portion of the 2026 construction season; and

WHEREAS, this project includes a significant amount of utility work and other improvements on the local neighborhood streets within the project area and on major streets, Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Shiawassee St., Ottawa St., and Jenison St.; and

WHEREAS, for the periods March 2, 2024, through December 14, 2024, and March 1, 2025, through December 13, 2025 the construction contractor,

Leavitt and Starck Excavating, Inc., has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Public Service Department recommends that the contractor be granted the requested noise waiver in order to:

- reduce the amount of time local access for property owners is impacted;
- allow the contractor to have the ability to work some Saturdays when necessary for completion of important work activities; and
- keep the project on-schedule based on rain days.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the City of Lansing Council Chambers, 124 W. Michigan Ave., in consideration of the request for granting a waiver of the noise ordinance to Leavitt and Starck Excavating, Inc., while the company is conducting work as part of the CSO 015South Project, as described above, on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for the periods March 2, 2024, through December 14, 2024.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-317

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

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), through its Administrative Consent Order #ACO-05153 (Consent Order) dated December 12, 2019, ordered the City to abate raw sewage overflows from its sewerage collection system; and

WHEREAS, EGLE and the City have agreed to implement the City's Wet Weather Control Plan, as amended (Wet Weather Control Plan), in compliance with the Consent Order; and

WHEREAS, the CSO 015 South and CSO 034E Projects are two of the CSO control "sewer separation" projects that must be completed in order to achieve compliance with the Consent Order's requirements; and

WHEREAS, based on the need to defray some of the construction costs of sewer separation, the City was eligible for the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (OSG) from EGLE; and

WHEREAS, EGLE's State Fiscal Year 2023 SRF Project Priority List indicated \$498,720 OSG funding to the City, pending State appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the OSG Grant Agreement with EGLE established a 66% / 34% cost share with the amount of grant funds available for such work limited to \$498,720 and the City's cost match to be \$259,750; and

WHEREAS, in order to be prepared in 2024 for commencement of this mandated CSO construction, Public Service Department requested and received funding in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to cover the City's cost share for this sewer separation project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby accepts the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (OSG) from EGLE for the CSO 015 South and CSO 034E Projects.

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, and to execute any necessary agreements upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2023-318

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

WHEREAS, In July, Lansing Police Department (LPD) submitted an application to the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for a Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women grant; and

WHEREAS, LPD was informed on October 1, 2023, that it has been approved to receive grant funding reimbursement of salaries and fringes; and

WHEREAS, the total grant compensation is \$213,215 of which \$159,911 is grant reimbursement funding, while \$53,303 is local match amount; and

WHEREAS, the local match amount is 25% of the total grant amount; and

WHEREAS, LPD plans to utilize the grant funds to fund two (2) positions – 1) a detective dedicated to investigating crimes related to domestic violence and stalking, and 2) a contracted crime analyst to support the investigations conducted by the grant detective; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the \$159,911 grant from of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; 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 awarded grant funds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2023-319

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, CLAIMANT sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$1,135 for brush and debris removal fees, associated penalties, and interest, on the property tax bill for 1839 Bradley (ID #33-01-01-21-362-081); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on City Operations, the Committee met on November 13, 2023, and denied the claim in the amount of \$1,135.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby denies the claim in the amount of \$1,135 for brush and debris removal fees, associated penalties, and interest on the property tax bill for 1839 Bradley (ID #33-01-01-21-362-081).

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

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 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

Notice of Veto of Resolution 2023-312, Sole Source Purchase; City Council denial of Community Media Department request for Dymaxion Development LLC as the vendor for the Owners Representative for Ovation/Public Media Center Construction Project

Referred to the Committee of the Whole and Placed on File

Internal Auditor Report on Treasury Department

Referred to the Mayor's Office and the Finance Director

Human Relations Community Service (HRCS) Human Services Grants Q1 Reporting Summary

Referred to the Committee of the Whole and to the Internal Auditor

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

Traffic Control Order No. 23-26; install a yield sign on Bliesner St. at the intersection of Pheasant Ave.

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Traffic Control Order No. 23-25; install stop signs on Winston Ave. at Thomas St.

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Traffic Control Order Nos. 22-09, 22-20, 22-11; regulate parking along Spencer St.

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Traffic Control Order No. 22-12; install a yield sign on Chicago Ave. at Daleford Ave.

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Traffic Control Order No. 22-83; regulate parking along 1600 block of E. Kalamazoo St.

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Traffic Control Order No. 23-5; install a yield sign on Motor Ave. at Donora St.

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Traffic Control Order No. 23-06; regulate parking along Gary Ave.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Traffic Control Order No. 23-18; install stop signs on Elizabeth St. at Foster Ave.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Traffic Control Order No. 23-23; regulate parking along 100 W. Michigan Ave.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Traffic Control Order No. 23-24; install stop signs on Alpine Dr. at Brighton Dr and on Tennyson Ln. at Brighton Dr.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Objecting to the Transfer of all Unsold Tax Reverted Properties from the Ingham County Treasurer to the City of Lansing
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

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

Z-10-2023; Rezoning 512 E. Miller Road from "R-3" Suburban Detached Residential to "S-C" Suburban Commercial
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on Z-10-2023, Rezoning 512 E. Miller Road from "R-3" Suburban Detached Residential to "S-C" Suburban Commercial
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Establishment of Neighborhood Enterprise Zone District, #25; Wheel District
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Setting a Public Hearing on establishment of Neighborhood Enterprise Zone District, #25; Wheel District
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Issuance of sewage disposal system revenue bonds for CSO program
Referred to the Committee of the Whole and to the Internal Auditor

Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters

Communication from Candy Rice regarding Warming Centers in Lansing
Referred to the Committee of the Whole and to the Internal Auditor, Placed on File

Affidavit of Disclosure; Tyrice McClinton, Lansing Police Department
Referred to the Board of Ethics

Affidavit of Disclosure; Jacklyn Dublin, Lansing Police Department
Referred to the Board of Ethics

Motion of Excused Absence

By Vice President Garza to excuse Council Member Spadafore from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Luna Brown spoke about various City matters.

Nicklas Zande spoke about various City matters.

Lucas Al-Zoughbi spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution for the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Linda Appling spoke in support of establishing warming centers for each ward.

Daniel Arnold spoke about various City matters.

Stan Shuck spoke about various City matters.

Loretta Stanaway spoke in support of the creation of warming centers in each ward.

Jody Washington spoke about various City matters.

Kyle Richard spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution for the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Peter Fowler spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution for the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Jessica Saba spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution for the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Juan Noyola spoke in support of updated language regarding Entheogens and their decriminalization.

Willie Hobbs spoke about code compliance.

Nathaniel Ford spoke in support of updated language regarding Entheogens and their decriminalization.

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Norma Bauer spoke about various City matters.

Adjourned Time 8:54 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