



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
January 8, 2024**

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 7:02 p.m. by President Garza

PRESENT: Council Members Carter, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Kost, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore

ABSENT: Council Member Brown (arrived at 7:03 P.M.)

A quorum was present.

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

Special Ceremonies

Tribute; in recognition of Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Resolution #2024-002

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

WHEREAS the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan will host its 39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Celebration on January 15, 2024, with the theme "*The measure of a country's greatness is its ability to retain compassion in times of crisis*"; and

WHEREAS, this year's Keynote Speaker is prominent Civil Rights Advocate, Author, and Speaker Ruth Bridges; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bridges gained widespread recognition for her remarkable feat as a fearless six-year-old, making history on November 14, 1960 being escorted by U.S. Marshals into the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this historical moment has since been captured in the Norman Rockwell painting, "*The Problem We All Live With*", as well as the 1998 Disney production *Ruby Bridges*, and *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bridges also established the Ruby Bridges Foundation to provide leadership training program that inspire youth and community leaders to embrace and value the richness of diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council celebrates the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan for continued dedication and service to our youth and residents of the City of Lansing and wish them the best of luck on this uplifting celebration.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lansing commemorates the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

By Council Member Brown

Motion Carried

Council Member Brown recognized the members of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission who spoke in support of the tribute and about the luncheon.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council Member Kost asked for City Council to remember Ahmed Shaker, owner of Falafel Time, who recently passed away, and his family during this difficult time.

Vice President Hussain spoke about upcoming community meetings for South Washington Action Group, the Third Ward Constituent Meeting and Rejuvenating South Lansing.

City Clerk Swope provided an update on the Presidential Primary Election and reminder of the filing deadline to be on the City Charter Commission Special Election ballot.

Community Event Announcements

Loretta Stanaway spoke about Friends of Lansing Historic Cemeteries event titled *Tombstone Preservation, Restoration, and Symbolology*.

Kyle Richard spoke about upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday event hosted by Human Relations and Community Services Department.

An event representative spoke about "Place for Us" Coalition meeting, "Rent is too Damn High" meeting and "For our Future Lansing Housing" Crisis meeting.

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 congratulated the new Council President Garza, Vice-President Hussain, two new Council Members Pehlivanoglu and Carter and the Old Newsboys fundraising efforts. He also shared details about upcoming budget presentation, business facade grant program, neighborhood and organization grant writing workshop, and resolutions introduced tonight for grants from the State of Michigan.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

Establishment of Neighborhood Enterprise Zone District; #25 Wheel District (PEND-3534)

Z-10-2023, Rezoning 512 E. Miller Road from "R-3" Suburban Detached Residential to "S-C" Suburban Commercial (PEND-3532)

Council Member Brown gave an overview of the public hearings.

Harry Hepler and Kris Klein gave a presentation about the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone District; #25 Wheel District.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Jody Washington spoke in support of Establishment of Neighborhood Enterprise Zone District; #25 Wheel District.

Legislative Matters

Referral of Public Hearings

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

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

Consent Agenda

By Council Member Hussain

To approve items 4 and 6 through 10 on the Consent Agenda.

President Garza asked that items 4 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

The question being approval of items 6 through 10 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

Resolution #2024-003

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing, through the Human Relations and Community Services Department, will be hosting the 44th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 11, 2024; *"It Starts with Me: Shifting the Cultural Climate Through the Study and Practice of Knowing Nonviolence"*; and

WHEREAS, this day should be a day of participation, wherein all citizens contribute something positive to their community in keeping with Dr. King's lifelong work toward peace, justice, and equality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day honors the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, the leader who not only dreamed of a color-blind society but who also led a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of non-violence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in history by using the power of words and acts of nonviolence to advocate for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King campaigned for unprecedented civil rights legislation, and was also the driving force behind the "March for Jobs" in 1963, also known as "March on Washington" where his famous "I Have a Dream" speech secured his status as a leader and led to inspire the nation to act on civil rights; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2022 Lansing City Council officially created The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Board. This Advisory Board develops an ongoing diversity and inclusion plan, performance measures and best practices; and

WHEREAS, the DEI Advisory Board advises and encourages initiatives and activities to learn, listen and lead the community component of Racial Justice and Equity Plan. The Board will drive policies and practices in the Lansing Community that eradicate racism and create an inclusive, fair, and equitable environment where all people have access to economic opportunities, education, housing, and social resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council commends the Human Relations and Community Services Department on their 44th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King being held on January 11, 2024 and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-004

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, as appointed by Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA), the City Attorney has requested and recommends the appointment of T. Joseph Seward of Seward Henderson, PLLC, as special outside legal counsel to represent City employee Matthew Simon in connection with the matter of Fitzpatrick v. City of Lansing, et al., Case no. 23-cv-01125, pending before the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that T. Joseph Seward of Seward Henderson, PLLC, is hereby approved as legal counsel to represent the City in the matter of Fitzpatrick v. City of Lansing, et al., Case no. 23-cv-01125, pending before the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-005

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing and Teamsters Local 243, Clerical, Technical, Professional Unit have negotiated a wage increase for 2024, pursuant to wage reopener language contained in the existing collective bargaining agreement (the "agreement") for the period covering February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2025, which is summarized in the agreement approved by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Union membership ratified this agreement on December 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the agreement be approved;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby ratifies the agreement of the parties for the 2024 wage increases between the City of Lansing and the Teamsters Local 243, Clerical, Technical, Professional Unit.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-006

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing and Teamsters Local 243, Supervisory Unit have negotiated a wage increase for 2024, pursuant to wage reopener language contained in the existing collective bargaining agreement (the "agreement") for the period covering February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2025, which is summarized in the agreement approved by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Union membership ratified this agreement on December 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the agreement be approved;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby ratifies the agreement of the parties for the 2024 wage increases between the City of Lansing and the Teamsters Local 243, Supervisory Unit.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-007

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 and Non-Supervisory Units have negotiated a collective bargaining agreement (the "CBA") for the period covering January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, which is summarized in the Tentative Agreement Document approved by the parties ("Tentative Agreement"), and which contains the changes to the prior CBA; and

WHEREAS, the Union membership ratified this agreement on January 3, 2024; 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 and Non-Supervisory Units for the period covering January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2024-008

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the appointment of Heath Lowry as an At-Large member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2026; and

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

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on January 8, 2024 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Heath Lowry as an At-Large member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Heath Lowry as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Resolution #2024-009

By Council Member Garza
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Rule 16 of the City of Lansing Council Rules ("Council Rules") provides that "[t]he standing committees' functions shall be reviewed by the Council President and shall be adopted by resolution of Council during January of each year;" and

WHEREAS, the Council President has reviewed the standing committees and their functions and recommends they all be continued and readopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby readopts and continues all the Rule 16 standing committees and their functions as contained in the Council Rules.

By Council President Garza

Motion Carried

President Garza made the following appointments and read them into the record.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Garza- Chair, Vice-President Hussain – Vice Chair

Committee on Development and Planning

Vice-President Hussain- Chair, Council Member Brown – Vice-Chair, Council President Garza - Member

Committee on Ways and Means

Council Member Spadafore- Chair, Council Member Carter-Vice-Chair, Council Member Brown - Member

Committee on City Operations

Council Member Jackson – Chair, Council Member Hussain- Vice Chair, Council Member Kost- Member

Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion

Council Member Jackson – Chair, Council Member Pehlivanoglu-Vice-Chair, Council Member Carter- Member

Committee on Public Safety

Council Member Kost- Chair, Council Member Pehlivanoglu- Vice-Chair, Council Member Spadafore

Committee on Personnel

Vice-President Hussain – Chair, President Garza- Vice-Chair, Council Member Spadafore- Member, Council Member Jackson – Member

2024 Council Member Board and Commission Assignments

Capital Area Michigan Works Admin. Board: Council Members Brown, Jackson, Pehlivanoglu
 Capital Region Airport Authority: Council Member Spadafore
 City of Lansing & Charter Township of Lansing Liaison Commission: Council Member Carter
 Community Corrections Advisory Board: Council Member Jackson
 Downtown Lansing, Inc.: Council Member Brown
 Employee Retirement: Council Member Garza
 Police & Fire Retirement: Council Member Garza
 Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau (liaison): Council Member Pehlivanoglu
 Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority: Council Member Kost
 Planning Board: (2) Council Members Brown, Hussain
 Tri-County on Aging Consortium Board: (2) Council Members Kost, Spadafore
 Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: Council Members Brown, Hussain, Pehlivanoglu. City Clerk Swope

Resolution #2024-010

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Ingham County Treasurer as foreclosing governmental unit under MCL 211.78g(8)(a) the Treasurer has created a Payment Reduction Program to reduce payments of delinquent taxes due from persons who have received a poverty exemption from taxes under MCL 211.7u; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Treasurer has elected to use only one of three possible methods to reduce payments, as described in MCL 211.78g(8)(a)(iii), that being to cancel all of the interest, penalties, and fees required to be paid under this act; and

WHEREAS, all the costs of such a cancellation will be borne by Ingham County and not by any city, township, village, or other taxing authority; and

WHEREAS, parcels within the City of Lansing will, pursuant to MCL 211.78g(10)(b)(ii), only be eligible for this program with the participation of the City of Lansing through approval of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, any change in the terms of the Payment Reduction Program will take effect only after approval of an additional resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council, acting pursuant to MCL 211.78g(10)(b)(ii) elects to participate in the Payment Reduction Program for delinquent taxes adopted by the Ingham County Treasurer as described in this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that, as provided by MCL 211.78g(10)(b) the City of Lansing Treasurer is authorized to provide the Ingham County Treasurer with written notice of the City of Lansing's participation in the Payment Reduction Program.

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

Resolution #2024-011

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

WHEREAS, the Committee on Ways and Means, Resolution #2023-047, recommended and Lansing City Council authorized the submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF); and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Lansing received funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF); and

WHEREAS, the funding will be used for two (2) projects, the Sycamore Creek Cavanaugh Road and Waverly Road acquisitions, within the parks system within the City of Lansing as follows;

Land acquisition of 1624 E. Cavanaugh	\$300,000
Land Acquisition of Parcel 23-50-80-01-282-004	\$500,000

And

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is requesting acceptance of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing recognizes the importance of the continued development of these and other enhancements and has committed to implementing a maintenance plan/program over the design life of the facilities and has budgeted specific monies to ensure the continued maintenance of the enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and the City Council recognize the importance and need for safe recreation and non-motorized transportation facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves acceptance of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) funds TF23-0032 and TF23-0043.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to receive the funds, create the necessary accounts, and make necessary transfers for their administration in accordance with the requirements of the grantor.

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 Garza make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

Item(s) from the City Clerk re:

Lansing City Comprehensive Financial Report (CAFR) 2022 – 2023

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Lansing Building Authority Financial Report 2022 - 2023

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Financial Report 2022 - 2023

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Tax Increment Finance Authority Financial Report 2022 - 2023

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad Financial Report 2022 - 2023

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Financial Report 2022-2023

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Collective Bargaining Agreement; Teamsters Local 214 Supervisory and Non-Supervisory Units for the period covering January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Sole Source Purchase; Police Department requests Flock Group as the vendor for License Plate Recognition Cameras

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Budget Amendment; Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Second Quarter

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Grant Acceptance; Transformational Affordable Housing Projects

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Grant Acceptance; Transformational Municipal Infrastructure

Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

ACT-1-2024; Purchase Agreement, Masonic Temple, 217 S. Capitol Ave.
Referred to the Committee of the Whole/Internal Auditor

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Norma Bauer spoke on various City matters.

Luna Brown spoke on various City matters.

Stan Shuck spoke on various City matters.

Loretta Stanaway spoke on various City matters.

David Ellis spoke on various City matters.

Sydney Moyer spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Mercuri Rose spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Mikayla Youngman spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Jayar Brenner spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

David Sutherland spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Anna Martinex-Hume spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Kyle Richard spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Emily Walkowski spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Ambrose Nolan spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Peter Fowler spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Jennifer Krzanowski spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Kelsey Brianne spoke on various City matters.

Kimani Hamilton-Wray spoke in support of the resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Amanda Castillo spoke on various City matters.

Sara spoke on various City matters.

Adjourned Time 8:41 P.M.



Chris Swope, City Clerk