



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
May 13, 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 7:00 p.m. by President Garza

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

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

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

Special Ceremonies and Presentations

Tribute; in recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness Month

Resolution #2024-104

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

WHEREAS, May is *Mental Health Awareness Month*, recognized nationally, mental health is an essential part of overall well-being, shaping our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors and impacting individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, one in five people in our communities will experience challenges in their lifetime that can also impact their mental health; and

WHEREAS, mental health does not discriminate and can affect people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life, and addressing mental health needs is essential to end the stigma associated with depression, anxiety & eating disorders, PTSD, and developmental disorders, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month highlights the importance of access to mental health care and support services, advocating for equitable access to treatment, resources, and interventions that address the diverse needs of individuals experiencing mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Schor's Mental Health Task Force strives to enhance and promote awareness, analyze service needs and gaps, and improve access to mental health & behavioral services and resources; and

WHEREAS, it is important to Learn, Act, and Advocate, *Learn* how life affects your mental health and how to navigate a changing world, *Act* by building a coping toolbox to help manage stress, emotions, and challenging situations, and *Advocate* to improve mental health for yourself, friends, family and community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council supports the continued work to promote higher awareness for Mental Health Awareness month and mental health issues.

By Vice President Hussain

Motion Carried

Mayor Schor presented a Mayoral Proclamation.

Farha Abbasi spoke about mental health.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council Member Jackson spoke about the Westside Neighborhood traffic and upcoming Crime & Safety Neighborhood meeting.

Council Member Kost spoke about the Eastside Neighborhood traffic and upcoming Friends of Bancroft Park event.

Vice President Hussain spoke about small businesses impacted by construction, his Third Ward Constituent Contact meeting, upcoming Southwest Action Group (SWAG) meeting, upcoming Lewton-Rich Neighborhood Association meeting, and upcoming Churchill Downs Neighborhood Yard Sale and Annual Picnic.

President Garza spoke about North Cemetery Archway.

City Clerk Swope spoke about the May 7 Special Election for the Lansing Charter Commission.

Community Event Announcements

Loretta Stanaway spoke about an upcoming Friends of Lansing Historic Cemetery event.

Nicklas Zande spoke about upcoming Old Everett Neighborhood Association meetings.

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 Against All Odds Foundation, the Lansing Board, Water, and Light volunteers, and the Capitol Area Housing Project. Also, he announced upcoming events including the Strikeout Baseball Fundraiser, I Love Lansing, the Meridian Cleanup, and Lids for Kids. Finally, he mentioned the Empower Program and the Citizen Academy are now open.

Show Cause Hearings

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1115 Regent St.

Council member Kost gave an overview of the Show Cause Hearing.

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

Howard Casey spoke about 1115 Regent St.

Referral of Show Cause Hearings

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1115 Regent St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

No one from the public spoke during public comment.

Resolutions

Resolution #2024-105

By the Committee on Development and Planning
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended the appointment of Peter Morman as a member of the Saginaw St. Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors 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 believes that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning met on May 8, 2024, and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment Peter Morman as a member of the Saginaw St. Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire June 30, 2027.

By Vice President Hussain

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Peter Morman as a member of the Saginaw St. Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors.

Resolution #2024-106

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 City Council affirms the rights of all humans to live as their authentic selves void of the threat of death many face daily and the City of Lansing City Council stands in solidarity with the LGBTQI+ community; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Inn opened in March 1967 in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York City, establishments like the Stonewall Inn, served as a sanctuary from persecution by police and society at large for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community as well as homeless and gay youth; and

WHEREAS, during the time around the opening of the Stonewall Inn, many state and local governments, including New York City, criminalized how LGBTQI+ individuals express their identities and relationships, which resulted in LGBTQI+ individuals frequently being harassed by law enforcement, including the New York City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours on June 28, 1969, the NYPD raided the Stonewall Inn and arrested many patrons, brave individuals, particularly transgender women of color, stood up to injustice that night, which sparked an uprising against NYPD with confrontations and protests lasting until July 3, 1969; and

WHEREAS, on June 27–28, 1970, members of the LGBTQI+ community commemorated the first anniversary of Stonewall and reaffirmed the solidarity of the LGBTQI+ community by organizing the first Pride marches and celebrations in New York City, San Francisco, Chicago and Los Angeles. Since that time, the Stonewall Uprising is remembered and celebrated every year in June during “LGBTQI+ Pride Month”; and

WHEREAS, Hate and violence are on the rise globally and people of the LGBTQI+ community have been murdered for who they are locally and worldwide continuing into this decade. No individual in the United States should have to fear being the target of violence because of who they are or who they love, hate shall not find a safe harbor in the City of Lansing.

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing City Council desires to fly the Pride flag during the month of June on the Lansing City Hall flagpole and show our neighbors we have their back.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lansing City Council recognizes Pride and commends the bravery, solidarity and resiliency of the LGBTQI+ community in the face of violence and discrimination and stands with you in the continuous fight for equity, diversity and inclusion.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Lansing City Council recommends that the Pride flag fly on the Lansing City Hall flagpole during the month of June.

By Council Member Kost to place an affirmative roll on the Resolution

By President Garza to adopt a substitute for the Resolution

Motion Carried

The question being adoption by Council Member Brown of the Resolution as substituted

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:

Minutes of Boards and Commissions placed on file in the Clerk's Office
Placed on File

Polling Places; relocation of multiple precincts
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Appointment; Eric Tans as a City of Lansing member of the Capital Area Transportation Authority Board for a term to expire in 2026
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Appointment; Jena McShane as a member of the Lansing Public Media Authority Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Appointment; Lillian Werbin as a member of the Lansing Public Media Authority Board for a term to expire June 30, 2026
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEX) Certificates; Prudden Wheel Lofts Condominiums, 700 May St.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Grant Acceptance; Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) MiCorps Volunteer Stream Cleanup Program Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Grant Acceptance; Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Sole Source Purchase; Parks and Recreation Department requests Straight Line Fence as the vendor for fence work for the Strikeout Baseball Stadium
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Sole Source Purchase; Parks and Recreation Department requests MJD Masonry as the vendor for masonry for the Strikeout Baseball Stadium
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Go Green Sunoco. LLC request for Transfer Ownership 2024 SSD & SDM license with Sunday Sales Permit (AM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM) SSD and Sunday Sales Permit (PM) SDM at 3000 Dunkel Rd, Lansing
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Claim Appeal; Claim #2056, 917 Chittock Street LLC for \$1435 in trash fees at 926 Everett Dr.
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Remarks by Council Members

President Garza recognized Nicklas Zande on the Old Everett Neighborhood Association.

Remarks by the Mayor Or Executive Assistant

Mayor Schor spoke about the upcoming Budget adoption.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Loretta Stanaway spoke about the relocation of City Hall.

Nicklas Zande spoke about the Old Everett Neighborhood Association and the relocation of City Hall.

Willie Hobbs spoke about various City matters.

Adjourned Time 7:50 P.M.



Chris Swope, City Clerk