



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
May 6, 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.

Council Member Kost asked people to remember all fallen on-duty officers in honor of the Police Officers Memorial event, during the moment of Meditation. Mayor Schor asked people to remember Sandee Kingsley, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Jackson asked people to remember Ja'Quez Moya-Young, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Garza.

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

By Vice President Hussain

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of April 15, 2024.

Motion Carried

Special Ceremonies and Presentations

Tribute; in recognition of Against All Odds Foundation's Anniversary

Resolution #2024-087

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

WHEREAS, Against All Odds, Foundation is a non-profit (501c3) breast cancer organization dedicated to providing emotional and educational support services for African American Women of all ages, in all stages of breast cancer, along with their families, encouraging them to reclaim their lives; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Breast Cancer website, every one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and is the most common cancer amongst women worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Against All Odds, Foundation host fundraising events, such as the "Special Mother's Day" Brunch, to help benefit these strong women in need; and

WHEREAS, Against All Odds, Foundation has dedicated their website for women to share special stories of hope and spread positive words of encouragement to other women no matter where they are in life or in their stages of breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby recognizes the 24th Anniversary of Against All Odds Foundation "Special Mother's Day" Brunch to further support Women Empowering Women, sharing knowledge, hope, and encouragement in that there is life after a breast cancer diagnosis.

By Vice President Hussain

Motion Carried

Vice President Hussain and Mayor Schor recognized Shirley Carter-Powell who spoke in support of the tribute.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Council Member Brown spoke about the Grand Reopening of the Middle Village.

Council Member Kost spoke about an upcoming fundraiser event with Friends of Bancroft Park.

Vice President Hussain spoke about his Third Ward Constituent Contact meeting, South Washington Action Group (SWAG) meetings, and upcoming

events with Churchill Downs Neighborhood Association.

President Garza spoke about the I Love My City event and the Second Ward Cleanup.

City Clerk Swope introduced the new intern, Tyren Flowers, and he spoke about the May 7 Special Election for the Lansing Charter Commission.

Community Event Announcements

Luna Brown spoke about an upcoming A Place for Us community discussion and picnic.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about an upcoming Friends of Lansing Historic Cemeteries Annual Geranium giveaway.

Mike Lynn spoke about an upcoming Lansing Empowerment Network event and the Lansing 360 Initiative.

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 Lansing Symphony Orchestra on their success and thanked the Lansing Airport and Bob Hoffman for their display of kindness. Also, he mentioned the Middle Village Grand Opening and thanked the United Way Women United event. Finally, he talked about Professional Municipal Clerk's Week and awarded a proclamation for City Clerk Swope making May 6 Clerk Chris Swope Day in Lansing.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement

Vice President Hussain and Council Member Jackson introduced the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

No one from the public spoke during public comment.

Legislative Matters

Referral of Public Hearings

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Hussain to approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

Resolution #2024-088

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

WHEREAS, initiated in 1969 and sponsored by IIMC (International Institute of Municipal Clerks), Professional Municipal Clerks Week recognizes the vital role of Municipal Clerks in local government, and is a time of celebration and reflection of the importance of the Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation that officially declared Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and other levels of government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants serving as the information center on functions of local

government and communities; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Lansing City Clerk is the Custodian of all papers, documents, and records, Chief Elections Officer, Clerk of City Council and it's proceedings, issuer of over 20 different business licenses, and Notary Public and US Passport Acceptance facility; and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of affairs through educational programs, seminars, and workshops.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wish to extend their appreciation of the vital service and dedication to the City of Lansing Municipal Clerk, and recognize the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-089

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the reappointments to various Boards as stated below:

Board of Fire Commissioners:

Georgina Nelson as the 4th Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2028;

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Robert Fryling as an At-Large member for a term to expire June 30, 2027;

Capital Area Transportation Authority Board:

Derek Melot as a City of Lansing Member for a term to expire in 2027; on the date set by the provisions of the Board's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws;

Nathan Triplett as a City of Lansing Member for a term to expire in 2027; on the date set by the provisions of the Board's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws;

Capital Region Airport Authority Board:

Matthew Lantzy as a City of Lansing Member for a term to expire September 30, 2028;

Yvette Collins as a City of Lansing Member for a term to expire September 30, 2028;

Downtown Lansing, Inc. Board:

Jesus Flores, Jr. as a Business Representative for a term to expire June 30, 2028;

Elected Officers Compensation Commission:

Holli Seabury as an At-Large Member for a term to expire October 1, 2031;

Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees:

Antonia Kraus as a Citizen Retiree for a term to expire June 30, 2025;

Mary Ellen Jeffries as a Lansing Resident Non-Retiree Member for a term to expire June 30, 2028

Scott Dedic as a Citizen Non-Retiree for a term to expire June 30, 2028;

Human Relations and Community Services Advisory Board:

Paul Dripchak as a 4th Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2028;

Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners:

Charles Mickens as an At-Large member for a term to expire June 30, 2027;

Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors (North Grand River);

Steven Bohnet as a Business Owner for a term to expire June 30, 2028;

Local Development Finance Authority Board:

Kris Klein as a City of Lansing Member for a term to expire June 30, 2028;

Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors:

Jonathan Lum as a Resident Member for a term to expire June 30, 2028;

Next Michigan Development Corporation Board:

Karl Dorshimer as an At-Large Member for a term to expire April 15, 2026;

Kris Nicholoff as an At-Large Member for a term to expire April 15, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has verified that the nominees has been vetted and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on May 6, 2024 and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointments to various Boards as stated below:

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Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-090

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

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has forwarded an application for City Licenses, which have been routinely processed without objection, and is ready for final action by this Council; and

WHEREAS, all required signatures have been obtained supporting the application for multiple fireworks display licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the application for City Licenses as follows:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE:

Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. for public displays of fireworks in the City of Lansing at Jackson Field to be held on the following dates:
May 17, May 31, June 1, June 14, June 15, June 28, June 29, July 2, July 3, July 19, July 20, August 2, August 3, August 16, August 17, August 30, and August 31.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-091

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

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has forwarded an application for a City License, which has been routinely processed without objection, and is ready for final action by this Council; and

WHEREAS, all required signatures have been obtained supporting the application for a fireworks display license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the application for a City License as follows:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE:

Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc. for a public display of fireworks in the City of Lansing at Oak Park to be held on July 4, 2024.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-092

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Monday, April 15, 2024, in consideration of the request by Michigan Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of I-496/US-127 between the Red Cedar and I-96 project, for issuance of a waiver of the noise ordinance to allow work activities to take place from March through December of 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, to expediate the work and minimize the overall disruption of the project, the Michigan Department of Transportation is requesting approval to allow pavement breaking and saw cutting as well as bridge demolition and deck placement to be completed outside standard construction hours; and

WHEREAS, MDOT has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance to allow the aforementioned work activities to take place on all days and hours for up to 15 calendar days each month from March through December of 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Public Service Department supports the completion of certain work activities outside of normal work hours to:

- expedite critical construction activities;
- maximize motorist safety;
- reduce the overall impact of the project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council grant a waiver of the noise ordinance to Michigan Department of Transportation while conducting work as part of the reconstruction of I-496/US-127 between the Red Cedar and I-96, on all days and hours for up to 15 calendar days each month from March through December of 2024 and 2025.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-093

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Monday, April 15, 2024, in consideration of the request by Hoffman Bros., Inc., the construction contractor for the Michigan Avenue Reconstruction, for issuance of a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from May 18, 2024 through November 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this project includes a significant amount of underground sewer and water main work within the Michigan Avenue right of way from Pennsylvania Avenue to Clippert Street (the "Project"); and

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

WHEREAS, from May 18, 2024 through November 15, 2025, Hoffman Bros., Inc., has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; and

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

- Limit the amount of time that vehicle traffic will be detoured; and
- Limit the duration businesses along Michigan Avenue would be directly impacted during construction; and
- Keep the project on-schedule with uncertainty of weather impacts.

WHEREAS, no substantive written or verbal comments in opposition to this noise waiver were received from anyone within the project area at the public hearing or during the public comment period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council grant a waiver of the noise ordinance to Hoffman Brothers for the Project on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from May 18, 2024, through November 15, 2025.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-094

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 Forever Friendship, Inc.; request for transfer of Class C Liquor License and SDM Permit from Tannin, LLC to Forever Friendship, Inc., at 727 E. Miller Rd; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on April 17, 2024, and reviewed the request with affirmative action taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the request from Forever Friendship, Inc. for transfer of Class C Liquor License and SDM Permit from Tannin, LLC to Forever Friendship, Inc., at 727 E. Miller Rd.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-095

By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing recognizes the threat that natural and technological hazards pose to people and the community; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, an adopted hazard mitigation plan is required as a condition of future funding for multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency officials have reviewed the 2024 Lansing Hazard Mitigation Plan and approved it contingent upon this official adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lansing hereby adopts the Lansing 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Lansing will submit this adoption to the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V, officials to enable the 2024 Lansing Hazard Mitigation Plan's final approval.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-096

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is named as defendant in a workers' compensation action, WC 2062876-01987-001, involving alleged work related injuries/illnesses; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the action be resolved by virtue of entering into a settlement agreement, in which, the City of Lansing would agree to pay Plaintiff the sum of forty eight thousand (\$48,000.00) in exchange for a complete redemption and release of the City from any past, present, and future liability regarding any alleged injuries/illnesses whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement is recommended by the Mayor, the Human Resources Department, the City of Lansing's Fund Administrator, and the City Attorney.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approve payment of forty eight thousand (\$48,000.00) pursuant to said proposed settlement agreement as a full and final settlement of said action.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Law Department is authorized to prepare and execute the requisite documents to complete settlement of the aforementioned lawsuit.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-097

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

WHEREAS, in February of 2024, the City of Lansing applied for the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund, to fund local youth focused, climate related programs; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2024, the City of Lansing received notification from the Youth Climate Action Fund that the City was awarded; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lansing was awarded \$50,000.00 with no match required; and

WHEREAS, the funded work must be completed within 18 months of signing a legal agreement with Bloomberg Philanthropies; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to administer and disburse microgrants ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to local area youth focused, climate related programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has no partners and will hold sole authority what programs will be funded if they meet the requirements specified within the Youth Climate Action Fund agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and the City Council recognize the importance of promoting and funding youth programs and environmental stewardship and education; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Public Service Departments are requesting acceptance of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund, for funding of local area youth focused, climate related programs.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to receive the funds, create the necessary accounts, make necessary transfers for administration in accordance with the requirements of the grantor, and execute all necessary documents subject to their approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-098

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

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) administers the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Program to invest in projects that enable population and tax revenue growth through rehabilitation of vacant and blighted buildings and historic structures, rehabilitation and development of vacant properties, and development of permanent place-based infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing received requests from a broad range of economic development opportunities to be included in the City's RAP 2.0 Program subgrant proposal; and,

WHEREAS, projects were selected for the subgrant proposal based on their current stage of development, acquisition of resources and funding, and project readiness; and,

WHEREAS, as stated in a Letter of Interest (LOI) dated March 29, 2024, MEDC anticipated a possible recommendation for an award under the RAP 2.0 Program in the form of a subgrant, in the amount of up to \$6,450,000; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing anticipates supporting five (5) development projects with the RAP 2.0 subgrant award, contingent on the final terms and conditions of the MEDC grant agreement and each project meeting the grant requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council authorizes the administration to accept the grant funds associated with the proposed RAP 2.0 Program administered by MEDC, subject to the terms of the grant agreement.

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 #2024-099

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing, Michigan is a political subdivision within the State of Michigan with an official Emergency Operations plan in compliance with Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing sustained severe losses of major proportions brought on by the severe storms in August of 2023 resulting in the following conditions: widespread power outages and large-scale debris damage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Emergency Operations Plan was implemented at the onset of the disaster on August 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as directed result of the disaster, public damage and expenditures were extraordinary and place an unreasonably great financial burden on the City of Lansing totaling over \$8,000,000 in damages.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The City Council requests the governor authorize a grant to the City of Lansing from the State Disaster Contingency Fund pursuant to Section 19, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976 as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that William Engelter, Lansing Emergency Management Division Chief is authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Lansing the application for financial assistance and to provide to the State of Michigan any information required for that purpose.

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

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2024-100

By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended the appointment of Irene Cotton as an At-Large member of the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2025; 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 Public Safety met on April 23, 2024 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Irene Cotton as an At-Large member of the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

By Council Member Kost

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Irene Cotton as an At-Large member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Resolution #2024-101

By the Committee on Public Safety
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure at 1115 REGENT ST., 33 01 01 22 279 221, LOT 20 & S ½ LOT 19 CITY PARK SUB., to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on 8/04/2009 and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on 12/07/2023, the Lansing Demolition Board held a meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Property Maintenance Code (Ord. 1460.01, et seq.), and ordered the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure by 2/22/2024; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Lansing Codified Ordinances require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a show cause hearing for Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 1115 REGENT ST., as legally described above, to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Code Compliance Officer notify the owner(s) of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

By Council Member Kost

Motion Carried

Resolution #2024-102

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

WHEREAS, Haideyvis Sardinas Ramirez sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$640 for trash fees, on the property tax bill for 1110 Bensch Street, (Tax ID #33-01-01-22-251-241); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on City Operations, the Committee met on April 17, 2024, and denied the claim in the amount of \$640.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby denies the claim in the amount of \$640 for trash fees on the property tax bill for 1110 Bensch Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-22-251-241).

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

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

By Council Member Jackson to amend the resolution to reduce the fee to \$375

Motion Failed

The question being adoption of the Resolution

Motion Carried with Council Member Jackson voting nay

Resolution #2024-103

By the Committee of the Whole

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Mr. Gregory S. Venker as City Attorney to succeed City Attorney James D. Smiertka; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Venker has served with distinction as an Assistant City Attorney and Deputy City Attorney in Lansing since July of 2017; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Lansing City Attorney's Office, Mr. Venker practiced law for nine years in Wisconsin, as an Assistant District Attorney for six years, and in private practice for three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Venker meets all Charter and ordinance qualifications to hold the office of City Attorney, except that he does not have 16 quarter hours of college level coursework in supervisory management, and has been otherwise vetted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council waives the City Attorney requirement of 16 quarter hours of college level coursework in supervisory management, and hereby confirms the appointment of Gregory S. Venker to an indefinite term as City Attorney.

By Vice President 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:

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

Placed on File

Non-Profit Recognition; KPS Special Olympics Golf Classic

Referred to the Committee on City of Operations

General Fund Status Report; Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Third Quarter

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

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Authorizing the Public Service Director to apply for State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the City

Referred to the Committee on City of Operations

Sole Source Purchase; Parks and Recreation Department request for PSFA/Turf Tecs as the vendor for the replacement of the turf at Beacon Field located within Ferris Park

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Workers Compensation Settlement; Claim #WC 2062879-01399

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Joint Appointment; Becky Pena as the Communications Media member of the Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term to expire September 17, 2025

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Communication from Sheila Contreras opposing the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard reconfiguration

Placed on File

Remarks by Council Members

Vice President Hussain recognized the South Church of the Nazarene and their projects.

Remarks by the Mayor Or Executive Assistant

Mayor Schor congratulated newly appointed City Attorney Gregory S. Venker.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

David Ellis spoke about the State of Michigan parking lots.

Mitch Rice spoke about the recent cleanup by SWAG in the Second and Third Wards.

Luna Brown spoke about the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about Lansing's 2024-2025 budget.

Norma Bayer spoke about various City matters.

Adjourned Time 7:56 P.M.



Chris Swope, City Clerk