



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
July 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 7:09 p.m. by President Garza

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

ABSENT: Council Members Brown, Hussain, Spadafore

A quorum was present.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu asked people to remember Evita Salinas, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Mayor Schor asked people to remember Linda Sanchez Gazella's grandson, 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 Council Member Kost

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of June 10 and June 24, 2024

Motion Carried

Special Ceremonies

Substantial Amendment, FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to include HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Motion Carried

President Garza recognized Tyler Blakey who presented on behalf of HOME-ARP.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson, on behalf of City Clerk Swope, spoke about information on ballots for the upcoming election and Fall and Spring internships.

Community Event Announcements

Nicklas Zande spoke about the Old Everett Association Neighborhood meeting.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about a volunteer opportunity for Mount Hope Cemetery.

Daniel Arnold spoke about the One Faith Event.

Alyssa Turcsak spoke about alcohol-free meet ups at the Turner Dodge House.

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson 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 recognized participants in the Independence Day Parade and Lansing's concerts in the park and spoke about the 15,000 incorrect Property Tax notices sent out. He congratulated Police Chief Ellery Sosebee on his retirement and former Deputy Mayor Shelbi Frayer on her new opportunity. He spoke about the Human Relations and Community Services Department's Health and Wellness Fair, a ribbon cutting at the Fulton Park Overlook, and yard waste pickup is now every two weeks until late September.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

Repealing and replacing the existing Sign Ordinance in its entirety

Readopting the Codified Ordinances

Sale of City Property; David C. Hollister Lansing City Hall Building

Council President Garza gave an overview of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various Legislative matters.

Nicklas Zande spoke about Eastern High School being used as a psychiatric facility.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson acknowledged several written communications.

Legislative Matters

Consent Agenda

By Council Member Kost to approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

Resolution #2024-146

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

WHEREAS, Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA) was founded as the Area Agency in 1974 as a Consortium with Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties and the cities of Lansing and East Lansing; and

WHEREAS, as a non-for-profit organization, TCOA helps older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers access programs and benefits, improve their health, and remain active in their communities; and

WHEREAS, working in partnership with agencies and service providers across the area, TCOA embraces a person-centered philosophy that focuses on how a person wants to live their life while honoring their preferences; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish their mission, they connect people who need help to service providers, volunteers, donors, businesses and governments throughout Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties and the cities of Lansing and East Lansing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby, wishes to congratulate the Tri-County Office on Aging on their 50th Anniversary and recognize the management and staff on their commitment and hard work. We wish you continued success!

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-147

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

CONFIRMATION OF SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL ASSESSMENT ROLL WINTER 2023-2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution 2024-128, adopted by this Council, the City Council held a public hearing on June 24, 2024, regarding Assessment Roll #SR-2024, for the removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks adjacent to certain properties; and

WHEREAS, the cost incurred between December 1, 2023 and April 30, 2024, by the City totals \$4,676.00; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on July 3, 2024 to review the public hearing findings and removed several properties from the assessment roll; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby directs that special assessment roll number #SR-2024 as returned by the City Assessor, be ratified and confirmed.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby directs the City Assessor notify the owners of properties affected by this roll in accordance with City Ordinance 1020.06.

PARCEL ID	SITE ADDRESS	DATE OF SERVICE	SERVICE TIME	COST
33010505327003	5505 S M L KING JR BLVD	01/22/2024	F: 101-120 MIN	\$499.00
33010129258121	1120 VICTOR AVE	01/22/2024	B: 21-40 MIN	\$219.00
33010129204021	1222 COOPER AVE	01/23/2024	C: 41-60 MIN	\$289.00
33010129258041	1220 VICTOR AVE	01/22/2024	B: 21-40 MIN	\$219.00
33010129203201	1321 LENORE AVE	01/22/2024	C: 41-60 MIN	\$289.00
33010129258201	1125 W RUNDLE AVE	01/22/2024	B: 21-40 MIN	\$219.00
33010129258191	1121 W RUNDLE AVE	01/22/2024	C: 41-60 MIN	\$289.00
33010129206262	1205 COOPER AVE	01/23/2024	C: 41-60 MIN	\$289.00
33010129204001	2003 MARION AVE	01/22/2024	F: 101-120 MIN	\$499.00
33010128426003	2701 S CEDAR ST	01/18/2024	F: 101-120 MIN	\$499.00
33010129128241	2012 PATTENGILL AVE	01/22/2024	C: 41-60 MIN	\$289.00
33010129208041	1218 GORDON AVE	01/23/2024	C: 41-60 MIN	\$289.00
33010129257051	1406 VICTOR AVE	01/22/2024	C: 41-60 MIN	\$289.00
33010504201150	410 E JOLLY RD	01/22/2024	F: 101-120 MIN	\$499.00
				\$4,676.00

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-148

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

Act-3-2024, Eaton Road, Street Vacation

WHEREAS, The City of Lansing Department of Public Service has requested to vacate a section of Eaton Road located south of West Greenlawn Avenue for the purpose of reducing the maintenance cost to the City in conjuncture with the combined sewer overflow CSO 034E project; and

WHEREAS, no City utilities will remain within the subject right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2024, the Planning Commission reviewed the location, character, and extent of the proposal for the vacation of the subject right-of-way in accordance with its Act 33 review procedures and voted unanimously (4-0) to recommend approval of Act-3-2024, Eaton Road, Street Vacation, subject to reservation of easement rights requested by the Lansing Board of Water and Light; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Department updates the Public Street System in accordance with Public Act 51 of 1951, which requires that streets that are not open to automobile traffic be decertified and removed from the Act 51 Street System; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Department requests to decertify the following street that has been vacated and is no longer open for use by the public:

Eaton Road: Southbound from West Greenlawn Avenue, 148.4 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning has reviewed the report and recommendation of the Planning Commission and concurs therewith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby approves the request to vacate the Eaton Road right-of-way south of West Greenlawn Avenue, to a distance of 148.4 feet, legally described as:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 193, Greencroft Subdivision; thence along the west line of Lots 193, 192, and 191, south 00°00'00" east 148.40 feet to the south line of the plat of Greencroft Subdivision; thence along the south line of said plat, south 89°30'27" west (recorded as south 89°33' west) 50.00 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 140, Greencroft Subdivision; thence along the east line of said Lot 140, north 00°00'00" west 148.93 feet (recorded as 148.3 feet) to the northeast corner of said Lot 140; thence south 89°23'45" east 50.00 feet to the northwest corner of said Lot 193 and the point of beginning.

With the following condition:

Easement rights for the Lansing Board of Water and Light shall be reserved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the decertification of a total of 148.4 feet from the Act 51 Street System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Act 51 Street System Map be updated to reflect these changes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon the condition above being met, and evidence of the same being presented to the City Clerk, the City Clerk shall forward certified copies of the resolution to the Ingham County Register of Deeds for recording and upon return, transmit a copy of the recorded resolution to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation (OLSR), the Planning and Assessor's Offices, the Department of Public Service, and the applicant. The vacation shall be effective upon the date of recording of the resolution with the Ingham County Register of Deeds.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-149

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

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for July 22, 2024, 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan for FY 2021 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-150

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the reappointment of Jon Scott as an At-Large member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed that 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 City Operations met on July 3, 2024 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Jon Scott as an At-Large member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-151

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the reappointment of Tirstan Walters as an At-Large member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed that 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 City Operations met on July 3, 2024 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Tirstan Walters as an At-Large member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-152

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 Dustin Howard as a member of the South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire July 31, 2028; 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 June 26, 2024, and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Dustin Howard as a member of the South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire July 31, 2028.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-153

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 Dustin Howard as an At-Large member of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners 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 June 26, 2024, and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Dustin Howard as an At-Large member of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority Board of Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2027.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2024-154

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing desires to adopt more specific guidelines for the granting of poverty exemptions from real property taxation, pursuant to Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.7u (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that the guidelines must be determined by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has made recommendations for the guidelines, and the City Attorney has reviewed the same as to form and legal sufficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Lansing City Council adopts the following guidelines for granting poverty exemptions for real property taxation in the City of Lansing:

- 1) To be eligible for a poverty exemption from such taxation, a person shall meet all the following on an annual basis:
 - a. Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence, as defined in the Act, the property for which an exemption is requested;
 - b. File a claim with the City Assessor or Board of Review on a form provided by the City Assessor, accompanied by Federal and State income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including the contributions of other parties to support the claimant;
 - c. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested;
 - d. Produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested, if such proof of ownership is requested by the Assessor or Board of Review;
 - e. Meet the Federal poverty guidelines as updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under authority of Section 673 of Subtitle B of Title VI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C. 9902;
 - f. File a claim for exemption after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the December Board of Review meeting; and
 - g. Have assets, not including the principal residence, less than five times annual household income.
- 2) All poverty exemption applications are considered on a case-by-case basis within the framework of the aforementioned requirements. The amount of relief due to poverty that will be granted by the Board of Review for any qualified applicant will be determined as follows:
 - a. Household income less than or equal to the Federal Poverty Income Standards will be eligible for a 100% exemption.
 - b. Household income greater than 100% and less than or equal to 125% of the Federal Poverty Income Standards will be eligible for a 50% exemption.
 - c. Household income over 125% of the Federal Poverty Income Standards will not be eligible for an exemption.
- 3) The Board of Review may deny any appeal, regardless of income, if the financial hardship appears to be self-created by the actions of the person or persons making the application. The Board of Review shall also reject any application where the information contained in it appears fraudulent, misleading, or incomplete. An application is considered incomplete when required supporting documents and information is not included with the application.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

President Garza shared that the resolution for Charles Paul Calati Jr. as an At Large member of the Arts and Culture Commission will be postponed until further notice.

Resolution #2024-155

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 Tim Daman as a member of the Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors 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 that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning met on June 26, 2024, and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Tim Daman as a member of the Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

By Council Member Kost

Motion Carried

Resolution #2024-156

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the appointment of Alyssa Turcsak as an At-Large member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed that 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 City Operations met on July 3, 2024 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Alyssa Turcsak as an At-Large member of the Alyssa Turcsak as an At-Large member of the Arts and Culture Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

By Council Member Kost

Motion Carried

Resolution #2024-157

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing City Council supports U of M Health-Sparrow in its desire to bring a new psychiatric facility to Lansing and also supports efforts to preserve the historic Eastern High School building; and

WHEREAS, historic Eastern High School was built in 1927 and has been a Lansing community landmark and a beloved Eastside educational institution and Eastern High School is one of only a few buildings left standing in the City of Lansing that has been well preserved and become a landmark for Lansing much like the "Big House" is in Ann Arbor; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous examples of schools of this age being repurposed in Lansing, in Michigan, and around the country instead of being demolished; and

WHEREAS, historic Eastern High School is the alma mater to tens of thousands of proud Quakers who live and work within our community, and the loss of a historic building would be devastating to the identity of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, U of M Health-Sparrow is committed to being a good neighbor in this community, and the community is committed to being a good neighbor to U of M Health-Sparrow; and

WHEREAS, U of M has proposed a 120-unit facility to address one of the most pressing needs in the city with mental healthcare. There is a massive shortage of mental health beds nationally and currently only a few dozen beds in Lansing currently and we are firmly in favor of the additional beds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lansing City Council urges the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan to add a psychiatric facility while also or separately preserving the landmark historic Eastern High School building and auditorium.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests the Lansing City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan and the President of the University of Michigan.

By Council Member Kost

Motion Carried

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson 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 Council Member Kost 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

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Reappointment; Kimberly Whitfield as the 4th Ward member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2028
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Setting a Public Hearing on Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority, Development & Tax Increment Finance Plan
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority, Development & Tax Increment Finance Plan
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Grant Acceptance; Financial Empowerment Center Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Grant Acceptance; Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage reallocation and contract extensions
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Fees; establish Electric Vehicle Charging Station fees for City-owned stations
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1342 N. Walnut St.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1342 N. Walnut St.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Sale of City Property; David C. Hollister Lansing City Hall Building
Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Liquor Application; Jollof Afro Caribbean Lounge, Developmental District Class C License, Outdoor, Dance, Extended Hours, Catering, Sunday Sales
AM/PM 221 S. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Motion of Excused Absence

By Council Member Kost to excuse Council Members Brown, Hussain, and Spadafore from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

Remarks by the Mayor Or Executive Assistant

Mayor Schor spoke in support of the resolution about the University of Michigan adding a psychiatric facility at the former Eastern High School.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Daniel Arnold spoke about the homeless population.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about the Board of Water and Light.

Linda Appling spoke about various City matters.

Nicklas Zande spoke about fireworks.

Adjourned Time 8:01 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