



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
APRIL 7, 2014**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Boles

PRESENT: Councilmembers Boles, Dunbar, Houghton, Quinney, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: Councilmembers Brown Clarke, Washington

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

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Councilmember Wood

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of March 24, 2014

Motion Carried

**COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS
AND THE CITY CLERK**

Councilmember Yorko shared upcoming community events including Homeowner Education Resources Organization workshops, Capital City Film Festival, and the Global Youth Service Day.

She also wanted to recognize and thank Council President Boles for support of the resolution to urge the termination of efforts to appeal Judge Bernard Friedman's March 21, 2014 Findings.

Councilmember Houghton announced MSU students will be complete service projects at cemetery and other sites all over Lansing on April 11 and April 12, and several upcoming neighborhood group meetings.

Councilmember Quinney announced that Lansing resident, George Lewis, will be turning 100 years ago on Saturday, April 12

Council President Boles announced the upcoming Second Saturday meeting, and she will bring budget documents so that the public can review and discuss the Lansing City budget.

City Clerk Swope shared details of the upcoming May 6 Lansing School mileage election, and South Washington office will be open from Monday, April 14 until Tuesday, May 6, including Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. before the election.

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

1. Tribute; in recognition of Crime Victims' Rights Week

Carol Wood spoke in support of the resolution that recognizes Crime Victims' Rights Week, and encouraged the community to support the

family members of the victims of violent crimes.

RESOLUTION #2014-077

BY COUNCILMEMBERS BOLES, BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD & YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, 30 years ago, landmark legislation, the Victim's Crime Act affirmed the nations commitment to "Restoring the Balance of Justice" by securing legal rights, protections, and services for victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional, or financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds. In addition to these challenges, crime victims face a criminal justice system that at times, ignores their rights and treats them with disrespect; and

WHEREAS, today thousands of victim assistance programs help to restore the balance of justice by providing help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, the victim assistance community faces new challenges to reach and serve all victims, including victims of new crimes like cybercrime and terrorism and victims who have not always trusted the criminal justice system, including immigrant victims, urban youth, and victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning; and

WHEREAS, now is the time to embrace new solutions to restore the balance of justice that involve new partnerships with underserved communities and a greater emphasis on learning what works in meeting victims' needs; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week "30 Years Restoring the Balance of Justice", April 6-12, 2014, provides an opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims' right movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

WHEREAS, Lansing City Council is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout the City of Lansing, the State of Michigan and America to restore the balance of justice for victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council does hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2014, "30 Years Restoring the Balance of Justice" as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirm the City of Lansing commitment to restore the balance of justice and enforce victims' right and address their needs during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime, and to remember that family members of

victims will never fully recover with the loss, and encourage the community to support them.

Motion made by Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

Rina Risper encouraged the community to support family members of victims of violent crimes, and thanked City Council for the recognition.

Randy Hannan, on behalf of Mayor Benero, spoke in support of the resolution, prayers for family members of victims and thanked the large group that attended the meeting tonight to recognize Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Irita Guerreo requested justice for Christopher Goins who was killed in June 2013

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gwendolyn Taylor shared that on April 24 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Lansing Radisson is the Zonta Club of the Michigan Capitol Area 30th Anniversary Celebration and Foundation Fundraiser featuring the jazzy saxophone sounds of Tim Cunningham. For tickets or more details, please call (517) 763-4563 or email zcmcafoundation@gmail.com.

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

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, spoke about the progress of the storm debris removal plan that the City began implementing on March 31. He shared details of the Financial Empowerment Center's recent one year anniversary celebration. He stated that tonight Montgomery Drain Project is another step in the process to improve the quality of the river, and the new investment that General Motors is bringing to Lansing. He also spoke about the recent Mobile Food Pantry, and that the Human Relations and Community Services Department is looking for donations and volunteers to assist with future Mobile Food Pantries.

He also stated that Mayor Bernero strongly supports the resolution to urge the termination of efforts to appeal Judge Bernard Friedman's March 21, 2014 Findings and legalize same-sex marriage by the State of Michigan.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. Show Cause Hearing in consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 721 Leslie Street
2. Show Cause Hearing in consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 500 S. Fairview

Councilmember Yorko gave an overview of the Show Cause public hearings.

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

Ahmed Assap, owner of 721 Leslie Street, spoke that he would want to

take responsibility for the demolition of the house, and that he was out of the country for a period of time.

President Boles recommended that Ahmed Assap follow up with Code Compliance Office immediately regarding the property.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. Petition Process for the Montgomery Drain Project

Councilmember Wood gave an overview of the Montgomery Drain Public hearing that the issue will be referred back to the Ways & Means Committee, and requested for the Ingham County Drain Commissioner to answer questions of the councilmembers, listen to public comment and speak about the project.

2. GM Lansing Grand River Stamping Plant; Public Act 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT)
3. GM Lansing Grand River Stamping Plant; Public Act 328 Exemption Personal Property (PPE)

Councilmember Quinney gave an overview of the public hearings regarding the General Motors Grand River Stamping Plant, and recognized members of General Motors in attendance and would be available for questions.

- Public Comment on Petition Process for the Montgomery Drain Project:

Emails were acknowledged received and added to the public record from Sanjay Bisht, Tamiko Rothhorn, Walt Sorg, Tom Stanton, Brian Baer, Nancy Mahlow, and Ann Francis in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project by the City Clerk.

Also, an email was received and added to the public record from Annette Irwin who expressed concerns with paying an assessment for the Montgomery Drain Project that she feels will likely not have a direct benefit to homeowners like her family who reside in the Frandora Hills subdivision,

Trisha Foster, as legal counsel to several clients in the Montgomery Drain district, stated that she has sent a letter to all of the councilmembers on March 24, and shared concerns that her clients have that the Montgomery Drain appears to be on a fast track vote. They are generally supportive of the Red Cedar Renaissance development and commercial development. With regards to Montgomery Drain Improvement, her clients request that each property owner who benefits will be assessed, when the cost will be provided, time line of when the cost will be known, and the formula for the determination should be known now. They also want the assurance that the Red Cedar Development cost not be included in any of the assessment of current property owners and that those two projects are separate items. They wanted to make sure that their voices are heard before any vote, given their material investment in impacted property.

Councilmember Boles stated that there was no plan to take a vote this evening regarding the petition, and that the petition will go back to committee for further review.

Gabriel Zawadzki spoke in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project.

Julie Powers, on behalf of Mid-Michigan Environmental Council spoke in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project. The Environmental Council has done extensive study of the Red Cedar, and there is plenty of evidence that the current drain kills the river.

Jennifer Grau, as a citizen, not a facilitator of the Red Cedar Renaissance project, spoke in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project.

Dwight Washington spoke in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project, and can work together to find a solution that that benefits people, environment and business.

Joel Ferguson, co-developer of the Red Cedar Renaissance, spoke in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project and in support of what the Drain Commissioner is doing for the environment. He asserted the his development company has their own budget for over \$50 million to have the site truly buildable, and would be very transparent to show that it is not coming from the Drain Project. The Renaissance Development is planning \$2.5 million in water features like waterfalls. They would not have those features if the water is dirty. He recognized that the development would have indirect benefit to a clean river, but the surrounding communities are benefiting even more. He concluded that the Renaissance Development is very transparent about what they are doing, and Pat Lindemann is not subsidizing what they are doing.

Michael Perry, speaking on behalf of the owner of the Frandor Shopping Center, supports the concept of a development and a project that deals with the alleged contamination of the Montgomery Drain runoff. It is good for Frandor, and good for Frandor's neighbors. Frandor wants to make sure that the process to complete the Montgomery Drain Project be fair to all parties impacted and taxed for the project, the process free of conflict, and as transparent as it can be so that all persons, including taxpayers and property owners, are aware of the facts as the project moves forward.

Chris Stralkowski spoke in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project.

Lynne Martinez spoke in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project.

Rick Kibbey, member of the City of Lansing Parks Board, spoke in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project, and that revenue from the sale of the property will be used to purchase additional park land.

Liutaurus Gedvilas spoke in support of moving forward with the Montgomery Drain Project.

Councilmember Quinney asked the Ingham County Drain Commissioner to address when the cost will be provided, and the formula for determining assessments.

Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann provided a brief history of the Montgomery Drain and an overview of the steps his office takes to make a determination on the estimated cost of the project per State of Michigan Law. He does not have any plans or cost estimates at this time. He considers the Montgomery Drain a Public Act 40, Chapter 20 drain.

The Drain Commissioner continued that an estimate would be available at the end of the design process which takes approximately eight months to a year, assuming no legal delays after the petition has been approved by at least two of the five government entities impacted by the Montgomery Drain.

According to Mr. Lindemann, each municipality will have to make their own determination on method of payment, and process if and how to assess impacted property owners. He has already met with many property owner interested in the project. He offered to have weekly meetings if necessary, and expressed a willingness to meet with anyone regarding the project.

He would like to hold multiple public "scope hearings" after the **initial**

draft design is available in order to receive public input which, in his experience, develops a better project.

Councilmember Wood asked how many petitions are needed to start the project, and has any other impacted government entity filed a petition yet. Drain Commissioner Lindeman replied that two government entities are required to file petitions, and none have done so yet.

Councilmember Wood asked if Mr. Lindeman was aware of the status of any other drain petitions. Mr. Lindeman replied that he has had preliminary conversations with the Ingham County Board of Commissioner and members of the Michigan State Highway Commission, because the rain runoff from the county and state roads in the Montgomery Drain District goes into the river, and they have a responsibility per the statute.

Councilmember Wood asked who can appeal the decision of the Drain Commissioner or the determination of the assessment.

Mr. Lindeman replied that If the two petitions are approved, then the next step is for "The Drain Board" to have an open meeting, and the five municipalities have the right to appeal the decision of the Drain Board at that point. At the point where a unit of local government makes a decision on how to assess a property, it could be appealed by any party who feels that they may be aggrieved.

Councilmember Boles stated this petition will be reviewed at the Ways and Means Committee meeting on Friday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m. at the 10th Floor City Council Conference Room.

- Public Comment on GM Lansing Grand River Stamping Plant; Public Act 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT) and Exemption Personal Property (PPE)

John Blanchard, representing General Motors, spoke in support of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT) and Exemption Personal Property (PPE) for the GM Lansing Grand River Stamping Plant.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Matt Jason, co-owner of Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale, spoke in support of Microbrewer License for Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale, and shared details on operations practices.

Joan Nelson spoke in support of the Microbrewer License for Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale.

Glenna DeJang spoke in support of the resolution to urge the termination of efforts to appeal Judge Bernard Friedman's March 21, 2014 Findings.

Ryan Sebolt spoke in support of the resolution to urge the termination of efforts to appeal Judge Bernard Friedman's March 21, 2014 Findings.

Jennifer Loforese spoke in support of the resolution to urge the termination of efforts to appeal Judge Bernard Friedman's March 21, 2014 Findings.

Austin Ashley spoke in support of the resolution to urge the termination of efforts to appeal Judge Bernard Friedman's March 21, 2014 Findings.

Jean Dukarski spoke in support of the resolution to urge the termination of efforts to appeal Judge Bernard Friedman's March 21, 2014 Findings.

Janae Basemore spoke in support of the resolution to urge the

termination of efforts to appeal Judge Bernard Friedman's March 21, 2014 Findings.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

By Councilmember Wood

To approve items 1a and 1b on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-078

BY COUNCILMEMBER TINA HOUGHTON
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, This year Burcham Hills Retirement Community celebrates their 40th anniversary. It is the only retirement community in mid-Michigan to offer a comprehensive continuum of care; and

WHEREAS, Burcham Hills is a not-for-profit community licensed as a Home for the Aged and as a Skilled Nursing Facility that has been serving thousands of Lansing-area elders and their families since 1974; and

WHEREAS, Burcham Hills is strongly rooted in the Greater Lansing community. They participate in numerous community collaborative including: District 1 Emergency Preparation, Capital Area Collaborative for Care Transitions, Respecting Choices Michigan, Elder Rights Coalition, Long Term Care Collaborative with Tri-County Office on Aging, Capital Healthcare and Employment Council (CHEC), Alzheimer's Association, and Stroke support group in partnership with Sparrow Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Burcham Hills offers a variety of living for seniors. The 35 acre community offers: independent and assisted living apartments, condominiums, Alzheimer's care, post-hospital and outpatient rehabilitation and long-term nursing care. They also offer a variety of wellness services as well as recreational therapy services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby congratulates Burcham Hills Retirement Community on their 40th anniversary and thank them for their focus and dedication.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2014-078

BY COUNCILMEMBERS BOLES, BROWN CLARKE,
DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD &
YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez saw the need for change and made a courageous choice to work to improve the lives of his fellow farm workers. Through boycotts and fasts, he led others on a path of nonviolence conceived in careful study of the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi and Mahatma Gandhi, and in the powerful example of Martin Luther King, Jr. He became a community organizer and began his lifelong advocacy to protect and empower people; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez Day is an official state holiday in the U.S. states of California, Colorado and Texas. The day is commemorated to promote service to the community in honor of Cesar Chavez's life and work. Many, but not all, state government offices, community colleges, and libraries are closed. Many public schools in those states are also closed; and it is an optional holiday in Arizona and Colorado. Although it is not a federal holiday, President Barack Obama proclaims March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama was quoted as saying, "Chavez left a legacy as an educator, environmentalist, and a civil rights leader. And his cause lives on. As farmworkers and laborers across America continue to struggle for fair treatment and fair wages, we find strength in what Cesar Chavez accomplished so many years ago. And we should honor him for what he's taught us about making America a stronger, more just, and more prosperous nation. That's why I support the call to make Cesar Chavez's birthday a national holiday. It's time to recognize the contributions of this American icon to the ongoing efforts to perfect our union"; and

WHEREAS, Cesar E. Chavez was one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century. His courage, dedication, and historic accomplishments deserve national recognition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council, has proclaimed March 31, 2014 "César E. Chávez Day" in the City of Lansing and supports the call to make Cesar Chavez's birthday a national holiday honoring the life and memory of this great labor leader, role model and hero of our United States of America. We also call upon all citizens to observe this day with us as a Day of Service in our communities and with education programs to honor Cesar Chavez's enduring legacy.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2014-080

BY COUNCILMEMBER BOLES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Council President A'Lynne Boles has recommended the Lansing City Council to add additional meetings in 2014 to the Lansing City Council Meeting Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council has identified a need to hold additional meetings within 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council has identified two (2) dates to hold FY2015 Committee of the Whole/Neighborhood Budget Meetings, those being:

- Wednesday, May 7, 2014 6:00 p.m. – Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster, Room 213
- Thursday, May 8, 2014 6:00 p.m. – Alfreda Schmidt South Side Community Center, 5825 Wise Rd.

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council has identified May 12, 2014 for a Special Council Meeting for FY15 Budget Wrap-Up, and a Public Hearing on the City of Lansing Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council hereby approves the recommendation of an additional meeting of the Lansing City Council for Monday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m., and two Committee of the Whole, one on May 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., and one on May 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

By Council President Boles

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-081

BY COUNCILMEMBERS BOLES, BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD & YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolution to Urge the Termination of Efforts to Appeal Judge Bernard

Friedman's March 21, 2014 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Case of Deboer v Snyder

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 25 of the Michigan Constitution, Michigan Marriage Amendment (the "MMA") limits the definition of marriage to the union of one man and one woman; and

WHEREAS, Judge Friedman's March 21, 2014 findings of fact and conclusions of law ("Judge Friedman's Ruling") contains an extensive factual record that detailed the manifest harm and destabilizing effect of the MMA on same-sex couples and children raised by same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, Judge Friedman's Ruling detailed an extensive factual record that revealed the inconsistent and irrational justifications for the MMA; and

WHEREAS, Judge Friedman's Ruling held "that the MMA impermissibly discriminates against same-sex couples in violation of the Equal Protection Clause because the provision does not advance any conceivable legitimate state interest"; and

WHEREAS, Judge Friedman's Ruling declared the MMA unconstitutional and prohibited the State of Michigan from effecting its enforcement; and

WHEREAS, On March 22, 2014, fifty-seven (57) same-sex couples in Ingham County were issued a marriage license; and

WHEREAS, On March 22, 2014, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued a temporary stay of Judge Friedman's ruling; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Schuette has pledged that he will continue to defend the MMA and thereby work to prevent Michigan same-sex couples from enjoining the tangible and intangible benefits of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Schuette has pledged that he will continue to defend the MMA and thereby work to prevent the children raised by Michigan same-sex couples to enjoy the tangible and intangible benefits of being raised in a home by two married parents; and

WHEREAS, That continued efforts to prohibit same-sex marriage are inherently discriminatory and that they harm LGBT Lansing residents, harm children raised by LGBT Lansing residents, and, indeed, degrade the quality of life for all persons in Lansing; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, That the Lansing City Council supports and applauds Judge Friedman's Ruling, which serves as a righteous and important step in the open and complete integration of LGBT persons into the Lansing community; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Lansing City Council urges Governor Snyder and Attorney General Schuette to immediately suspend all efforts to appeal or otherwise contest Judge Friedman's Ruling; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be delivered to Governor Snyder, Attorney General Schuette, Senator Whitmer, Representative Schor, and Representative Cochran.

By Councilmember Yorko

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-082

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & 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 Monday, May 5, 2014, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving and/or opposing the Ordinance for Special Land Use:

SLU-1-2014: Special Land Use Permit, Parking Lot at 6001 S. Cedar Street

By Councilmember Quinney

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-083

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Cristina Chavez sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$1,209.00 for trash removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 2431 Webster St. (Tax ID #33-01-05-06-476-181); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the total amount of \$1,209.00 was denied on April 1, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Cristina Chavez in the amount of \$1,209.00 for a special assessment for trash removal fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 2431 Webster St. (Tax ID #33-01-05-06-476-181); and

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

By Councilmember Yorko

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-084

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Todd Dowrick sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$856.00 for trash removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 622 Shepard Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-15-404-091); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the total amount of \$856.00 was denied on April 1, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Todd Dowrick in the amount of \$856.00 for a special assessment for trash removal fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 622 Shepard Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-15-404-091); and

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

By Councilmember Yorko

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-085

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Debbie Headley sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$330.00 for grass mowing, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 2419 Greenbelt Drive (Tax ID #33-01-01-31-278-311); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services,

the claim in the total amount of \$330.00 was denied on April 1, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Debbie Headley in the amount of \$330.00 for a special assessment for grass mowing fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 2419 Greenbelt Drive (Tax ID #33-01-01-31-278-311); and

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

By Councilmember Yorko

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-086

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Lori A. Hernandez sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$800.00 for trash removal, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 1134 S Holmes Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-22-176-291); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the total amount of \$800.00 was denied on April 1, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Lori A. Hernandez in the amount of \$800.00 for a special assessment for trash removal fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 1134 S Holmes Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-22-176-291); and

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

By Councilmember Yorko

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-087

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Clerk's Office has received an application from Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale, Inc. for local approval of a Microbrewer license; and

WHEREAS, the required City Departments have approved the application; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on April 1, 2014 to review the request with affirmative action taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the request from Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale, Inc. for local approval of a Microbrewer license;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk is requested to notify the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the action taken.

By Councilmember Yorko

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-088

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

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ACTION PLAN
FY2014-2015

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, April 21, 2014 at 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 CDBG consolidated strategy and plan submission to HUD for FY 2014-15.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Councilmember Quinney introduced:

The following ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, providing that the Code of Ordinances be amended by providing for the rezoning of property located in the City of Lansing, Michigan, and for the revision of the district maps adopted by Section 1246.02 of the Code for property located at:

Z-1-2014, Rezoning, 1917 Polly Avenue from "C" Residential to "H" Light Industrial, 1800 Benjamin from "C" Residential & "F" Commercial to "H" Light Industrial and the vacant property at the northwest corner of Polly & Benjamin from "J" Parking & "C" Residential to "H" Light Industrial District

was introduced by the Committee on Development & Planning, read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Development and Planning.

RESOLUTION #2014-089

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & 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 Monday, May 5, 2014, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving and/or opposing the Ordinance for rezoning:

Z-1-2014, Rezoning, 1917 Polly Avenue from "C" Residential to "H" Light Industrial, 1800 Benjamin from "C" Residential & "F" Commercial to "H" Light Industrial and the vacant property at the northwest corner of Polly & Benjamin from "J" Parking & "C" Residential to "H" Light Industrial District

**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 Councilmember Wood that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Boles make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:

a. Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities placed on file in the Clerk's Office
RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

b. Placement on File of Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the City of Lansing and Daniel J. Luke and Anne H. Carrigan for 629 N. Jenison
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

c. Placement on File of Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the City of Lansing and Adam Eicher and Karen Turkovich for 1821 Todd
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

d. Fireworks Display by Sean Conn/Brian Klapper of Big Fireworks at Adado Riverfront Park on May 3, 2014
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SERVICES

e. Fireworks Displays by Lansing Lugnuts/Roger Bonney at Cooley Law School Stadium at 505 E. Michigan Ave. on various dates
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SERVICES

f. Grant Acceptance; Qualified Voter File (QVF) Oracle/Equipment Upgrade Project
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

g. Grant Acceptance; Polling Place Accessibility Improvement Program
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

a. Notification of appointment of Larry McKain as an At-Large member to the Board of Ethics for a Term to Expire June 30, 2016
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

b. Notification of Sole Source Purchase; K-9 Academy Training Facility as the vendor for two fully trained K-9s
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

c. College Fields Sanitary/Storm Sewer and Flowage Easement Agreements
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

d. Setting Public Hearing and Approving CDBG Annual Action Plan
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

e. Ratification of collective bargaining agreement for the Fraternal Order of Police, Capitol City Lodge #141, Non-Supervisory Division
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

f. Setting Public Hearing for Sale of Fire Station # 5, 1821 Todd Ave
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

g. Setting Public Hearing for Sale of Fire Station # 7, 629 N. Jenison Ave.
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

h. Ordinance to amend Chapter 608 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to amend Parks and Recreation Ordinance 608.04 to allow the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Groesbeck Golf Course and Hope Soccer Complex
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Notices from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding:
a. Application for Transfer stock interest in 2013 SDM licensed corporation; Ren Inc., 1700 S. Washington
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SERVICES

b. Notice of the denial of transfer stock interest for Ravenet, Inc., 4013 Aurelius
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SERVICES

2. Letter from Comcast Cable providing notice of programming changes
REFERRED TO THE CABLE COMMISSION

3. Claim appeal submitted by Dianne Clark regarding trash removal fee at 921 W. Lenawee
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SERVICES

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Councilmember Wood to excuse Councilmembers Washington and Brown Clarke from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, in response to a statement made during public comment, shared Mayor Bernero's comments made in the media where he stated, "We fully expect that certain aspects of the Red Cedar Renaissance would be challenged so that it not surprising that a lawsuit being filed." Randy shared that at no time did the Mayor state that he expects many more lawsuits to be filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Jesse Kasper spoke about the gratitude that the PLACE neighborhood had for Council members, City leaders and Joan Nelson for making their neighborhood a cleaner and friendlier place.

Russell Terry spoke about various City matters.

Cheryl VanDeKerkhove spoke of her appreciation for the City Council in voting that evening on the resolution that supports same-sex marriages.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:32 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK