



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JANUARY 13, 2014**

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

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 City Clerk Swope

PRESENT: Councilmembers Boles, Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Houghton, Quinney, Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: None

Councilmember Quinney asked people to remember Jessie Richardson, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Swope.

By Councilmember Wood to resolve into the Committee of the Whole

Motion Carried

The Council arose at 7:06 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2014-001

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, a nomination for President and Vice President for the Lansing City Council in 2014 was made on January 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Wood made a motion to nominate Councilmember Boles as President and Councilmember Washington made a motion to nominate Councilmember Brown Clarke as Vice President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council elects Councilmember Boles as President and Councilmember Brown Clarke as Vice President for the Lansing City Council for the year 2014.

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

By Vice President Brown Clarke

To suspend City Council Rule #9 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion Carried

The following items from Mayor Bernero were added to the agenda:

1. Act-11-2013; Quit Claim, 316 Moores River Drive
2. SLU-8-2013; Request from the Granger Group to utilize the property at 122 S. Grand Avenue as a surface parking lot
3. Electrical Permit Fee Temporary Waiver
4. State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Initial Project Application

1. Mayoral and Council Presentation; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, talked about the upcoming Celebration and thanked those who worked to make it happen.

Commissioner Elaine Hardy, Chairperson of the Greater Lansing Area Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission spoke about the event which is the largest Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event in Michigan. She gave details of the entire weekend of events, and introduced fellow commissioners.

Commissioner Terri Taylor, Vice Chairperson of the Greater Lansing Area Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission spoke about the event.

President Boles thanked the commissioners for their efforts.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS
AND THE CITY CLERK**

Councilmember Wood announced several meetings of the Board of Water & Light. She announced Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. events sponsored by the Greater Lansing Clergy Forum and the City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services Department.

Councilmember Dunbar spoke about credits available from the Board of Water & Light for those who were without power for 5 or more days.

Councilmember Houghton announced Cavanaugh Neighborhood and Forest View Neighborhood meetings. She spoke about the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event at Michigan State University.

Councilmember Quinney announced the Community Partners in Health's Winter Warm-Up.

Councilmember Washington announced the indoor market at the Allen Neighborhood Center. She encouraged people to attend the Riverwalk Theatre. She announced her new blog. She announced her First Contact meeting.

Councilmember Yorko announced the Everybody Eats conference.

Councilmember Boles spoke about her Second Saturday meeting. She announced the Lewton-Rich Neighborhood meeting.

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, congratulated President Boles and Vice President Brown Clarke. He announced the Mobile Food Pantry. He gave an update on the City's storm cleanup activities including debris cleanup and plowing. He spoke about potholes and how to report them to the City. He spoke about the Mayor's requested Community Review of the Board of Water & Light.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearing:

1. Z-5-2013; 2323 W. Holmes Road, Rezoning from "F" Commercial District to "A" Residential District

Councilmember Quinney gave an overview of the public hearing.

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, gave additional information about the public hearing.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Naomi Schafer spoke in support of Z-5-2013.

Mitch Rice spoke about the election of the City Council President and Vice President.

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Z-5-2013; 2323 W. Holmes Road, Rezoning from "F" Commercial District to "A" Residential District

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2014-002

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

WHEREAS, Pastor Cora L. Duncan was born in Curtis, Arkansas to Willie Fred and Oidest O. Duncan as the second of eleven children, has raised three boys and one girl and is the grandmother of six boys and two girls; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Cora L. Duncan, is a reliable, hardworking and caring individual that has fulfilled a variety of responsibilities in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Duncan was a Chaplain for General Motors, Director of General Motor's Education of Training, Chairperson for General Motor's Women's Committee and a member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women until she retired from General Motors in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Duncan has demonstrated her commitment to quality with each and every endeavor she undertakes from capably handling the many duties and responsibilities of a church leader and devoting time and energy to the greater Lansing community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby pays tribute to the wonderful contributions that Pastor Cora L. Duncan has provided to the people of Lansing, her family and church, and wishes her a Happy Birthday as she celebrates her 76th Birthday with family and friends.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-003

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

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded at Howard University in Washington D.C., January 9, 1914 by three Africa-American male students and is now carried out locally in the greater Lansing area by the Graduate Chapter, Epsilon Tau Sigma chartered in 1975, led by President Marlon Roberts, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, the Founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse and Honorable Charles I. Brown created an organization that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma follows their mission statement daily strengthening and serving proactively the brotherhood, as a supportive resource that positively impacts the Fraternity's growth; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma continues programs that focus a commitment to serving humanity, creating an environment that respects the dignity and worth of each brother, exhibits integrity and ethical behavior in conducting business, serving as a model for all Greek-letter organizations; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is carried out locally in the greater Lansing area by the graduate chapter, with the men of Epsilon Tau Sigma regularly engaging in community building work such as mentoring middle school students, highway beautification efforts, and its annual high school youth workshop.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council wishes to congratulate Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. on their 100th Founders Day. In addition, acknowledge Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for their continued community building, mentoring, strong commitment to brotherhood, scholarship and service.

"Culture for Service and Service for Humanity"

By Councilmember Boles

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-004

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing, through the Human Relations and Community Services Department, will be hosting the 33rd Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 17, 2014, entitled "Our Lives Begin to End the Day we Become Silent About Things that Matter"; and

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

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

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

to advocate for freedom; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council commends the Human Relations and Community Services Department on their 33rd Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King being held on January 17, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in the City of Lansing Council Chambers and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-005

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

WHEREAS, Boyd H. Redner III & Kerrie S. Redner sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$1,567.50 for tag monitoring fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 619 N. Sycamore Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-16-101-031); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$1,567.50 was denied on December 3, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Boyd H. Redner III & Kerrie S. Redner in the amount of \$1,567.50 for a special assessment for tag monitoring fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 619 N. Sycamore Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-16-101-031); and

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

By Councilmember Houghton

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-006

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

WHEREAS, Boyd H. Redner III & Kerrie S. Redner sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$1,775.00 for tag monitoring fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 501 S. Fairview Avenue (Tax ID #33-01-01-14-358-001); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$1,775.00 was denied on December 3, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Boyd H. Redner III & Kerrie S. Redner in the amount of \$1,775.00 for a special assessment for tag monitoring fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 501 S. Fairview Avenue (Tax ID #33-01-01-14-358-001); and

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

By Councilmember Houghton

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-007

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

WHEREAS, Hassan Abdi sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$2,201.00 for tag monitoring fees, trash removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 1512 Downey Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-05-184-051); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$2,201.00 was denied on December 3, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Hassan Abdi in the amount of \$2,201.00 for a special assessment for tag monitoring fees, trash removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 1512 Downey Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-05-184-051); and

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

By Councilmember Houghton

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 Brown Clarke 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

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 - a. Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds; Wet Weather Control Program, Sanitary Sewer Projects

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

- b. Z-6-2013, 316 Moores River Drive, Rezoning from "A" & "C" Residential and "J" Parking Districts to "D-1" Professional Office District

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- c. SLU-6-2013; Request from Moores River Holding, LLC to utilize the property at 316 Moores River Drive for an experimental, research, and development laboratory in the existing building

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND

PLANNING

- d. Z-7-2013; 5035 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Rezoning from "E-2" Local Shopping District to "F" Commercial District

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- e. LATE ITEM; Act-11-2013; Quit Claim, 316 Moores River Drive

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- f. LATE ITEM; SLU-8-2013; Request from the Granger Group to utilize the property at 122 S. Grand Avenue as a surface parking lot

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- g. LATE ITEM; Electrical Permit Fee Temporary Waiver

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

- h. LATE ITEM; State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Initial Project Application

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Notices from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission:

- a. Request ID# 717008, applicant Surinder C-Store, Inc.; transfer ownership of 2013 SDD and SDM licensed business with Sunday Sales (AM) and (PM) from Mohan Singh Multani

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. Request ID# 716734, applicant Mid Michigan Sports Turf, LLC; transfer ownership of escrowed 2013 Tavern and SDM, with Sunday Sales Permit (AM) from Travelers Club, Inc.' transfer location from 2138 Hamilton, Okemos to 5801 Aurelius, Lansing; transfer Governmental Unit from Meridian Township to Lansing City; and request new Sunday Sales Permit (PM), Outdoor Service (1 Area) and Bar Permit for a total of (2) bars

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- c. Request ID# 714365, applicant Satyamev Jayate, Inc.; transfer ownership of SDM license

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- d. Notice of Denial of an Application, Request ID #710677, Day Ventures, LLC

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

2. Notices from Comcast regarding encrypting of Limited Basic service, channel lineup changes, and price changes

REFERRED TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

3. Letter from Comlink LLC regarding a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement

REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

4. Affidavits of Disclosure submitted by:

- a. Bruce Cook of the Lansing Board of Water & Light

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

- b. Penni Elton of the Lansing Police Department

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

c. Jacob Grant of the Lansing Police Department
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

d. Jeff Schwarz of the Lansing Board of Water & Light
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Dunbar announced the Women's Center fundraiser "She Laughs."

President Boles announced the Council Committees for 2014:

Committee of the Whole

A'Lynne Boles, President, Chair
Judi Brown Clarke, Vice President, Vice Chair

Committee on General Services

Jessica Yorko, Chairperson
Carol Wood, Vice Chairperson
Jody Washington

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

Tina Houghton, Chairperson
Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chairperson
Jessica Yorko

Committee on Public Services

Kathie Dunbar, Chairperson
Derrick Quinney, Vice Chairperson
Judi Brown Clarke

Committee on Public Safety

Jody Washington, Chairperson
Jessica Yorko, Vice Chairperson
A'Lynne Boles

Committee on Development and Planning

Derrick Quinney, Chairperson
Jody Washington, Vice Chairperson
Tina Houghton

Committee on Ways and Means

Carol Wood, Chairperson
Tina Houghton, Vice Chairperson
Derrick Quinney

Committee on Personnel

Judi Brown Clarke, Chairperson
A'Lynne Boles, Vice Chairperson
Kathie Dunbar
Carol Wood

Councilmember Board and Commission Assignments:

Capital Area Michigan Works: A'Lynne Boles, Derrick Quinney, Jody Washington

Capital Region Airport Authority: Judi Brown Clarke

City of Lansing & Charter Township of Lansing Liaison Commission: Jody Washington

Community Corrections Advisory Board: Kathie Dunbar

Downtown Lansing, Inc.: Jessica Yorko

Employee Retirement: A'Lynne Boles

Police & Fire Retirement: Carol Wood

Entrepreneur Institute of Mid-Michigan: Jessica Yorko

Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau: Judi Brown Clarke

Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority: Tina Houghton

Planning Board: A'Lynne Boles, Kathie Dunbar, Tina Houghton

Tri-County on Aging: Derrick Quinney, Jody Washington
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: Judi Brown Clarke,
Tina Houghton, Carol Wood

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

Harold King spoke about various City matters.

Robin Simpson spoke about plowing of streets.

Mary Ann Prince spoke about the recent storms.

Ryan Sebolt spoke about the Board of Water & Light's storm response.

Bruce Howard spoke about various City matters.

Michael Mercer of Delhi Township spoke about various City matters.

Claude Beavers spoke about various City matters.

Willy Williams spoke about various City matters.

Russell Terry spoke about various City matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:22 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK