



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 14, 2013**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Wood

PRESENT: Council Members Boles Robinson, Dunbar, Houghton, Jeffries, Quinney, Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: None

Council Member Quinney asked people to remember Yvonne McAttee and Pete Canady, both of whom recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Boles Robinson asked people to remember the Lela Lane, 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 Wood.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Boles Robinson

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of December 3, 10, and 17, 2012 and January 3, 2013

Motion carried

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

- Special Ceremonies
- 1. Council Recognition of the Coalition for Youth Mentors

Council Member Yorko spoke about the positive impact of the Capital Area Mentoring Partnership (CAMP).

Sarah Lundquist-Harger spoke about the goals of the Capital Area Mentoring Partnership (CAMP), and presented awards to outstanding mentors.

Ginger Kenney-Sweet, Outstanding Adult Mentor, expressed appreciation for the recognition.

Joe Grubaugh, Outstanding Adult Mentor, stated he was honored to be recognized and privileged to work with participants.

Robert Easterly, Outstanding Adult Mentor, expressed his gratitude for the organizations involved.

Jennifer Onwenu, Outstanding Rising Mentee, thanked those involved in her mentoring program.

Vicki Essenmacher, Outstanding Adult Mentor, thanked those who do the daily work for her program and the youths involved.

Elleda Groeneveld, Outstanding College Student Mentor, expressed appreciation for the award and thanked those who have mentored her.

Abigail Conklin, Outstanding College Student Mentor, said she's glad

to work with awesome people and mentor awesome kids.

Kelly Young accepted the certificate for Brad Robinson, Outstanding Adult Mentor, who could not attend the ceremony.

Courtney Brundage, Outstanding Adult Mentor, spoke about the privilege of being a mentor.

Michael Botke from Teen Court spoke about the need for mentoring programs.

Council Member Yorko thanked all the mentors and mentees for their participation.

Sarah Lundquist-Harger thanked all the agencies that submitted nominees.

2. Council Tribute and Mayoral Recognition of the Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission for its Annual Luncheon in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mayor Bernero spoke about the work of the Greater Lansing Holiday Commission who works hard to put on the luncheon and the importance of keeping Dr. King's legacy alive.

President Wood thanked the Commission and spoke about the history of Lansing's recognition of Dr. King.

Commissioner Terri Taylor thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support of the luncheon over the years. She introduced the members of the Commission present.

Commission Chair Elaine Hardy named those Commissioners unable to be at tonight's ceremony. She spoke about the scholarships to be given to Lansing area students.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Yorko announced the Old Oakland Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting, the Colonial Village Neighborhood Meeting, a renter forum, a public discussion for the Everybody Eats Food Justice Conference.

Council Member Quinney announced the recognition of the Cadillac ATS being recognized as the 2013 North American Car of the Year and thanked the leadership of UAW 652 and the workers.

Council Member Boles Robinson thanked those who came to 2nd Saturdays meeting.

Council Member Washington announced her 1st Saturdays meeting; she spoke about the Christmas in the Hood program.

Council Member Houghton announced the Forest View Neighborhood Association meeting.

Council Member Dunbar announced the Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast.

Council Member Boles Robinson announced the Lewton-Rich

Neighborhood meeting.

Council Member Wood announced Lansing Spartans Youth Organization's fundraiser and the Let Freedom Ring Concert; she spoke about a road closure on Washington Sq.

City Clerk Swope spoke about the upcoming East Lansing School District bond election; he spoke about the City offices up for election this year.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gretchen Cochran announced the Downtown Neighborhood Association's Annual 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

Mayor Bernero spoke about the Mayors Against Illegal Guns Initiative. He spoke about the interim appointment of Donald Kulhanek as City Attorney and the process for filling the position. He spoke of the upcoming State of the City Address. He announced the upcoming Mobile Food Pantry. He spoke of the positive news of the Cadillac ATS being named Car of the Year and the Camaro production being brought to Lansing.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of a Noise Waiver; Michigan Department of Transportation request to permit bridge construction work on the Clemens Street bridge over I-496 on weekdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and weekends from Friday at 9:00 p.m. to Monday at 6:00 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project

City Clerk Swope acknowledged a written communication in support of the noise waiver from Nancy Mahlow of the Eastside Neighborhood Organization that will be made part of the Public Hearing record.

Council Member Houghton gave a brief overview of the Public Hearing.

There were no speakers.

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of a Noise Waiver; Michigan Department of Transportation request to permit bridge construction work on the Clemens Street bridge over I-496 on weekdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and weekends from Friday at 9:00 p.m. to Monday at 6:00 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2013-002

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Lee Canady, better known as Pete, and his brother, Dr. Clinton Canady were among the first African American professionals in Lansing. Dr. Canady was the first African-American dentist and Pete was the first African-American dental technician.

WHEREAS, Pete was an active member of the Greater Lansing Community, serving for many years as a member and chairperson of the Board of Police Commissioners; he was instrumental in hiring the first minority police chief for the City of Lansing, implementing jail modifications and instituting the Citizens Academy and the CUTT program; and

WHEREAS, Pete Canady also served as Chairman of the Board during the tumultuous times of the death of Edward Swans, the disturbance at Melling Forge, and the death of Aldric McKinstry; and

WHEREAS, Pete Canady went beyond the call of duty as a volunteer to meet with community groups and media, and supplied leadership needed during that period to help heal many of the tiffs between segments in the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council is deeply saddened by his the passing of Lee "Pete" Canady and wishes to extend its heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. We are forever grateful for his many contributions to the City and because of those Lansing is better place. Lee "Pete" Canady truly served his community with creativity, vision, integrity and the skills that benefit all concerned.

By Council Member Quinney

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-003

BY COUNCIL MEMBER CAROL WOOD
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Pastor Emeritus Zadie L. Tyner, matriarch of four generations, was born on November 22, 1912 in Wesson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Tyner was the mother of three sons: Joe, Curtis (deceased) and James (deceased) DeMyers; also the mother-in-law to Minnie, Eunice and Velma DeMyers. Along with two remaining siblings: Edward and Hattie. Her grandchildren and their friends fondly called her "Momma Zadie"; and

WHEREAS, Zadie retired from Michigan State University and volunteered at a local nursing for approximately 15 years and would also visit the sick in the hospital; and

WHEREAS; Pastor Tyner was a member of Collins Memorial AME Church before uniting with Ellis Tabernacle Original Church of God, where she served as the Assistant Pastor for 32 years under the pastorate of the late Elder Arzo Ellis; and

WHEREAS, with the passing of Elder Ellis, Pastor Tyner was installed as the Pastor in September 1992; she continued the television ministry known as the "True Gospel Hour". Over the years she challenged her students as the Adult Sunday School Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Zadie served as Pastor until October 2009, when she became Pastor Emeritus, she was known throughout the Original Churches of God for her humorous readings and in-depth knowledge of the Bible.

WHEREAS, when asked how Pastor Tyner was feeling her favorite response was "THANKFUL;"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as family, friends, church members and the community come to together to celebrate Zadie's life and accomplishments, the Lansing City Council offers its condolences and prayers to the family and friends whose lives Zadie Tyner touched during her blessed life and as a vessel for God's love.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-004

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1914; and

WHEREAS, the founders, honorable A. Langston Taylor, honorable Leonard F. Morse, and honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. was organized at Howard University on January 16, 1920, as the result of encouragement given to the five founders by Charles Taylor and Langston Taylor, members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, these Sigma brothers felt the campus would benefit by the development of such an organization as sisters to the fraternity; and

WHEREAS, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. became the first official Greek letter sister and brother organizations; and

WHEREAS, they remain the only true official and constitutionally-bound, Greek letter sister and brother organizations in the NPHC; and

WHEREAS, for 92 years, Sigmas and Zetas have stood together in unison, promoting brotherhood, sisterhood, scholarship and service on college campuses, and within communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, this past year, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, supported by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, in cooperation with the National Action Network, implemented an aggressive anti-hazing campaign intended to eradicate the culture of hazing from African American Greek letter organizations and the broader community at large; and

WHEREAS, by combining a heavy media campaign, collaborations with elected officials to push for federal anti-hazing legislation, and implementation of educational training and awareness programs at high schools, colleges and civic organizations, the goal is to end the culture of hazing that leads to injury and the death of scores of people each year; and

WHEREAS, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Theta Rho Zeta Chapter, and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Tau Sigma Chapter will be hosting its 2nd Annual Zeta Phi Beta Sigma "Joint" Founders' Day Program on Saturday, January 19, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to recognize the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and the

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. for their efforts in maintaining a successful and safe environment for college campuses, as well as the broader community at large. Best wishes for a successful year!

By Council Member Boles Robinson

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-005

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND 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 32nd Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 24, 2013, entitled, "Moving the Dream Forward in Pursuit of Truth, Justice, and Compassion"; 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. King's "beloved community" was not a lofty utopian goal to be confused with the rapturous image of the Peaceable Kingdom, in which lions and lambs coexist in idyllic harmony. Rather, the "beloved community" was for him a realistic, achievable goal that could be attained by a critical mass of people committed to and trained in the philosophy and methods of nonviolence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to congratulate the Human Relations and Community Services Department on their 30th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King 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 Council Member Quinney

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-006

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

WHEREAS, City Attorney Brig Smith is resigning effective 12:01 a.m., January 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has nominated Chief Deputy City Attorney Donald J. Kulhanek to be Interim City Attorney for a period not to exceed two months, while a search is conducted for a permanent City Attorney replacement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby confirms the appointment of Donald J. Kulhanek as Interim City Attorney, effective 12:01 a.m., January 15, 2013 for a period not to exceed 12:01 a.m., March 19, 2013, and to end sooner and immediately upon appointment and confirmation of a permanent replacement during that period.

By Vice President Boles Robinson

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-007

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor presents the State of the City Address annually as part of a City Council session; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has requested to hold the State of the City Address on January 28, 2013 as part of the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Depot on the site of the Lansing Board of Water and Light REO Town Cogeneration Plant, located at 1203 S. Washington Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council will convene on January 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, then recess and reconvene at 7:00 p.m. at the call of the President in the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Depot located at 1203 S. Washington Avenue.

By Vice President Boles Robinson

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

Motion Carried

Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

- a. Letter from the City Clerk providing notice of the placement on file the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2012

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- b. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 - i. SLU-7-2012; Request from Kaleo Church of Lansing to utilize the building at 2405 E. Mt. Hope Ave. as a church

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Grant Acceptance; Bloomberg Financial Empowerment Center Grant

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

- iii. Authorizing Tender of Defense in Pending Litigation

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letter from Comcast Cable providing notice of channel

lineup changes
REFERRED TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Boles Robinson announced the Churchill Downs Neighborhood Association meeting.

President Wood read into the record the Council Standing Committee Assignments:

Committee on General Services:

Tina Houghton, Chair; Jessica Yorko, Vice Chair; Kathie Dunbar, Member

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations:

Jessica Yorko, Chair; Jody Washington, Vice Chair; Tina Houghton, Member

Committee on Public Services:

Derrick Quinney, Chair; A'Lynne Boles Robinson, Vice Chair; Brian Jeffries, Member

Committee on Public Safety:

Jody Washington, Chair; Derrick Quinney, Vice Chair; Carol Wood, Member

Committee on Development and Planning:

Brian Jeffries, Chair; Derrick Quinney, Vice Chair; Jody Washington, Member

Committee on Ways and Means:

A'Lynne Boles Robinson, Chair; Carol Wood, Vice Chair; Kathie Dunbar, Member

Committee on Personnel:

A'Lynne Boles Robinson, Chair; Carol Wood, Vice Chair; Brian Jeffries, Member; Jody Washington, Member

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT
RELATED MATTERS:**

Michael D. Parkinson of Grand Ledge spoke about his property at 1613 Lyons Ave.

Michael T. Mercer of Holt spoke about various City matters.

Kenneth McMullen spoke about various City matters.

Mary Elaine Kiener spoke about the Niowave "pole barn."

Russell Terry spoke about the right-to-work legislation.

Walter Brown spoke about video surveillance.

Willy Williams spoke about various City matters.

Brian Rogers spoke about various City matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:29 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK