MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER
Council President Garza called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT
Councilmember Peter Spadafore
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Tamera Carter
Councilmember Trini Pehlivanoglu
Councilmember Jeffrey Brown
Councilmember Ryan Kost
Councilmember Jeremy Garza
Councilmember Brian T. Jackson - excused

OTHERS PRESENT
Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Greg Venker, OCA
Brandan Wadell, OCA
Charles Randall, Internal Auditor
Mark Lawrence, Mayors Office
Jonathan Smith
Loretta Stanaway
Melody Arnst, Michigan Peace Team

Minutes
Council Member Hussain asked if the materials asked for of Mr. Crowe at the end of the meeting were provided, and it was confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Public Comment
No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

<u>RESOLUTION – Appointment; Jonathan Smith; At large Member of the Lansing Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Finance Authority/Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors; Term to Expire 2/28/2029</u>

Mr. Smith acknowledged the opportunity, summarized his residency in Lansing, MSU, and work in Washington DC in public policy. He briefly outlined work he did on capital hill that impacted development and finance authority. Mr. Smith concluded that he believes Lansing has the strongest possibility for growth in the State.

Council Member Hussain provided meeting dates and times, and asked if he can attend those, and Mr. Smith confirmed. Council Member Hussain then asked if anything had changed since his application in June, and Mr. Smith stated no. Council Member Hussain noted that Mr. Smith lives in East Lansing, and asked why he does not live here and what can the City do to get people to live in Lansing. Mr. Smith first explained that when he moved back here, it was to be closer to aging parents and therefore to live close to them to assist. A lot of the decision to live was driven by family considerations. He did note he works in downtown Lansing and does pay the City taxes, but if living on the Lansing region, there cannot be a stronger region unless Lansing is successful. Council Member Hussain noted that he was concerned it might have been the schools, businesses, retail, dining, etc.

Council President Garza asked if he could attend the Ward constituents' meetings to talk to the public about what this Board is doing, and Mr. Smith confirmed he would be strongly interested in it.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN SMITH TO THE LEDC/TIFA/BROWNFIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

<u>RESOLUTION – Non-Profit Recognition Status; Michigan Peace Team</u>

Ms. Melody Arnst, Development Coordinator. Ms. Arnst provide historical details on the organization over the last 30 years. The work is in the area of non-violence, and do non-violence training including de-escalation skills throughout Michigan.

Ms. Arnst then spoke briefly on the signature event, which they are now considering postponing. This event being held in Detroit, would be an annual event to fundraise.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE NON-PROFIT RECOGNITION FOR THE MICHIGAN PEACE TEAM. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

<u>RESOLUTION – Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Priorities</u>

Council President Garza spoke on the items under Committee of the Whole in the document.

Council Member Hussain asked Mr. Lawrence about the item on the $100,000 on FTE to focus on housing legal assistance and if it was filled. Then he referenced the budget presentation from the Mayor in March where it outlined the items in the current budget priorities. Mr. Lawrence stated this was the first time he is seeing the document and could not speak to it.

Council Member Kost asked to raise the amount in #2 for sidewalks to $1 million for the sidewalk priority. The consensus of the Committee was to raise to $1 million.

The consensus of the Committee was to remove item #5 and keep the remaining items.

Council Member Hussain outlined the Development & Planning proposed budget priorities in the document.

Council Member Spadafore proposed changing the date in Item 3 to 2026. The consensus of the Committee was to agree with that change.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu went through the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion list. As she read through them she made the following changes for clarity:
6. "local government, Boards and Commissions.."
7. "the needs of persons with seen and unseen…."

Council Member Kost asked about adding *handicap patrol enforcement* to the $150,000 Disability Inclusion, and Council Member Pehlivanoglu acknowledged adding that. Council Member Kost proposed the following language:
7. "conditions with further focus on handicap parking enforcement".

Council Member Brown asked if $150,000 for consultant is enough overall. Council Member Kost stated that the funds would not go all to the consultant, and handicap parking patrol used to be volunteer based.

Council Member Kost summarized the Committee on Public Safety items. Council Member Carter asked for more details on the portable speed bumps and the process. Council Member Kost asked Mr. Lawrence the cost for a set of speed bumps, and Mr. Lawrence stated it was for a set around $5,000. Council Member Kost said this would be in addition to the speed monitors. Council President Garza recapped in the past it was $20,000 - $25,000 for a set per Ward.

Council Member Hussain referred to item #2, and asked if the Committee spoke about the cadet program with the Administration. When the recommended budget it was not part of, but for a line amount in operating this was contemplated as part of that. Mr. Lawrence was asked to get the information.

Council President Garza read the proposed Board of Public Service items.

Council Member Spadafore pointed out the Committee that they are asking for $4 million request, and will be a large impact on the budget.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BUDGET PRIORITIES AND ADD IN THE RECOMMEDED BUDGET PRIORITIES FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Closed Session
Moved by Council Member Hussain at 6:45 p.m., pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), to recess into closed session to consult with the City Attorney in connection with the following specific pending litigation. An open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City of Lansing concerning these cases.

Atkinson v. City of Lansing
Capitol City Labor Program v. City of Lansing
People of the City of Lansing v. Miggins
City of Lansing, et al. v. Purdue Pharma, et al. (Opioid Litigation)

City of Lansing v. Woodside Meadows Apts Owner LLC (Sycamore Townhomes)
City of Lansing Treasury v. Ott
Davis v. City of Lansing, et al.
Fisher v. City of Lansing
Fitzpatrick v. City of Lansing, et al.
Harken v. City of Lansing
Hokenson v. City of Lansing, et al.
Howlett v. City of Lansing
Hulon v. City of Lansing, et al.
Lee v. City of Lansing
OPV Partners, LLC v. City of Lansing, et al.
Phillips v. City of Lansing, et al.
Romero v. City of Lansing, et al.
Simmons v. City of Lansing
Ward v. City of Lansing, et al.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECONVENE
Council President Garza reconvened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm
Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee October 14, 2024