



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JULY 14, 2014**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Boles

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Dunbar

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

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

1. Tribute; in recognition of City Clerk Chris Swope's achievement of obtaining Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk designation.

Council President Boles spoke in support of the tribute.

Chris Swope thanked the Council for the recognition, and recognized the work that the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks does to train clerks around Michigan.

RESOLUTION #2014-186

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

WHEREAS, Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope was elected Lansing City Clerk in November 2005, was sworn into office January 1, 2006, and later reelected in November of 2009 and November of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chris Swope serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, serves on the Legislative Committee and represents the Association on the Council of Election Officials. Chris is the current Secretary of the Capitol Area Municipal Clerks Association and also the past President of that Association; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, after less than three years as Clerk, Chris received the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. In 2011, Chris was recognized as City Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks; and

WHEREAS, Chris Swope earned his designation as a Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk (CMMC) in 2014 from the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. This certification strives to recognize the additional responsibilities, continuing education and dedication of Michigan City Clerks.

BE IT RESOLVED Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope's commitment to education and desire to attain certification clearly defines commitment to the Clerk's profession and the Lansing Community. Join with the Lansing City Council and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Board of Directors to congratulate Chris Swope for this accomplishment and well deserved recognition.

By Councilmember Brown Clarke

Motion Passed

2. Tribute; in recognition of Willard Walker

Council President Boles spoke of the years of service and leadership that Mr. Willard Walker has provided to the community, including working for the City of Lansing, and the State of Michigan

Brandon Walker, grandson of Willard Walker, congratulated Mr. Walker on his success and the leadership that Willard provided in his life and in the community.

Joan Jackson Johnson shared that Willard was an excellent mentor for her for over 40 years.

Victoria Walker thanked the Council, family and friends for recognizing Willard Walker's accomplishments.

Virginia Orabone, representing Public Policy and Associates, stated that Willard is a senior policy consultant for the firm, and wanted to congratulate him for the recognition.

Willard Walker shared his personal history about his family, and thanked his wife, friends and the Council for the recognition.

Randy Hannan, on behalf of Mayor Bernero, thanked Mr. Walker for the years of commitment to the City.

3. Mayoral Presentation; Check Presentation to the Greater Lansing Food Bank from the 2013 Mayor's Ramadan Unity Dinner

Executive Assistant to the Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan shared details of the Mayors' Annual Ramadan Dinner, and the importance of the community event. He acknowledged the work that Renee Freeman did to organize the dinner.

Joan Jackson Johnson shared the history of the Mayors' Ramadan Dinner, and the value that the event has in raising money for the Greater Lansing Food Bank, and bringing cultures together. She presented a check to the Greater Lansing Food Bank for \$9,398 dollars.

Joe Wald, Director of the Lansing Area Food Bank, thanked the Mayor and the Planning Committee for the donation.

Dr. Abdalmajid Katranji thanked the City and community partners for participating in the Ramadan fundraising dinner, and challenged anyone listening or watching the Council meeting to do something every day to ensure that no one goes hungry.

Councilmember Washington shared her personal experience of how the Greater Lansing Food Bank has personally impacted her family life.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Brown Clarke

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of June 16, 2014

Motion Carried

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Councilmember Boles recognized the birthdays of Councilmember Brown Clarke, Judge Hugh Clarke, and William Cote.

Councilmember Brown Clark shared details of an upcoming presentation on July 28 of a remedial action plan to clean up environmental waste from a 200 acre industrial site.

City Clerk Swope shared details of the upcoming August 5 Primary election, and encouraged the public to visit the website www.lansingmi.gov/elections or call the City Clerk's Office to receive an absentee ballot application. He also shared details of Saturday hours for absentee ballots at the South Washington Election Unit.

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 upcoming City community events, and thanked LEPPA, City Employees and volunteers for their efforts to host the Common Ground concert series.

Mr. Hannan also shared details of the upcoming 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

No one spoke on legislative matters.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items remaining on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2014-187

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Resolution 2014-102 granting Fireworks Display Licenses on various dates to Roger L. Bonney/Night Magic Displays; and,

WHEREAS, the application contained a typographical error in one of the dates for a Fireworks Display License;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, amends Resolution 2014-102 by striking "June 2" and inserting "June 6".

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-188

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

WHEREAS, MiQuest has requested a resolution of recognition as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license pursuant to MCL 432.103 (9); and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reported that, based on a review of the documentation submitted, the applicant qualifies as a Local Nonprofit Organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes MiQuest as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk is requested to provide a copy of this resolution to MiQuest of 120 N Washington Square, Suite 1000A Lansing, MI 48933.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-189

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Julee Rodocker of 4909 Devonshire Avenue in Lansing, MI, 48910 as a Second Ward Representative on the Human Relations & Community Services Board for a term to expire June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on July 1, 2014 and took affirmative action; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has verified that the nominee has been vetted and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Julee Rodocker of 4909 Devonshire Avenue in Lansing, MI, 48910 as a Second Ward Representative on the Human Relations & Community Services Board for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-190

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, in October 2012 the Committee on Personnel reviewed and City Council adopted Resolution #2012-221 that made benefits and compensation in ratified contracts from Teamsters 214 applicable to Council Staff; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2012-221 authorized changes to compensation and fringe benefits for Council Staff consistent with certain provision in the Teamsters 214 collective bargaining agreement amendments; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2014 the Committee on Personnel reviewed the City of Lansing Council Staff Fringe Benefits dated 12/01/2012

specific to Parking/Transportation Subsidy.

WHEREAS, Based on the City of Lansing Council Staff Fringe Benefits, with last revision date of 12/01/2012, specific to "Parking/Transportation Subsidy", parking for the City Council Administrative Secretary will be paid for out of the City Council Miscellaneous Budget effective the date of this resolution.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Committee on Personnel recommends that City Council specify that fringe benefits noted in Resolution #2012-221 include Parking/Transportation Subsidy, and benefits in the ratified contracts for Teamsters 214 regarding Parking/Transportation Subsidy is applicable to Council Administrative Staff at the North Grand Parking Ramp; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on Personnel recommends that City Council use funds in City Council Miscellaneous Budget Line item to pay for Council Administrative Staff parking effective the date of this resolution; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Parking/Transportation Subsidy for the Council Office Manager and Council Internal Auditor is provided in the parking garage located at City Hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will invalidate any previously adopted Resolutions that speak to parking/transportation subsidy.

By Councilmember Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2014-191

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Veronica Gracia-Wing of 1612 S. Genesee Drive in Lansing, MI, 48915 as an At-Large Member on the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Public Service Committee met on July 14, 2014 and took affirmative action;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has verified that the nominee has been vetted and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Veronica Gracia-Wing of 1612 S. Genesee Drive in Lansing, MI, 48915 as an At-Large Member on the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

By Councilmember Quinney

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope administered the Oath of Office to Veronica Wing.

RESOLUTION #2014-192

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made reappointments to various Boards as stated below:

Board of Public Service
Shirley Rodgers as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2015

Board of Zoning Appeals
Emly Horne as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2017

Saginaw St. Corridor Improvement Authority
Rebecca Bahar-Cook for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has verified that the nominees have been vetted and meet the qualifications as required by the City Charter.

BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council confirms the reappointments to various Boards as stated below:

Board of Public Service
Shirley Rodgers as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2015

Board of Zoning Appeals
Emly Horne as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2017

Saginaw St. Corridor Improvement Authority
Rebecca Bahar-Cook for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

By Councilmember Brown Clarke

Motion Carried

FAILED

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Domestic Violence Swift and Sanctions Pilot Program Grant Acceptance

By Councilmember Wood

Motion failed with Councilmembers Brown Clarke, Houghton, Quinney, Wood, Yorko voting "aye" (2/3 vote being required for passage).

ORDINANCES FOR PASSAGE

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, Providing for the Rezoning of a parcel of real property located in the City of Lansing, Michigan and for the revision of the district maps adopted by section 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances.

Z-2-2014, 3012 7th Ave. and two Vacant Lots to its South;
Rezoning from "A" Resident, "G-2" Wholesale and "J" Parking Districts to "H" Industrial District

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Councilmembers Boles, Brown Clarke, Houghton, Quinney, Washington, Wood, Yorko

Nays: None

ORDINANCE # 2579

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN AND FOR THE REVISION OF THE DISTRICT MAPS ADOPTED BY SECTION 1246.02 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

The City of Lansing ordains:

Section 1. That the district maps adopted by and incorporated as Section 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan be amended to provide as follows:

To change the zoning classification of the property described as follows:

Case Number: Z-2-2014
 Address: 3012 Seventh Avenue & two vacant properties located immediately to its south

Parcel Numbers: PPN: 33-01-01-03-154-003,
 33-01-01-03-157-002/-011

Legal Descriptions: Lots 52 through 62 Elmore M. Hunt Subdivision & vacated Howe Street Right-of-Way between Lots 54 and 55 and north ½ of vacated Howe Street Right-of-Way located south of Lots 59 through 62 east of Seventh Street, City of Lansing, MI City of Lansing, Ingham County, MI, from "A" Residential, "G-2" Wholesale & "J" Parking Districts to "H" Light Industrial District.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance was duly adopted by the Lansing City Council on July 14, 2014, and a copy is available in the office of the Lansing City Clerk, 9th Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days from the date this notice of adoption is published in a newspaper of general circulation.

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

PLACED ON FILE

- b. Public Announcement of opening South Washington Election Center and Weekend Absentee Voting Hours

PLACED ON FILE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

- a. FY2013 Homeless Assistance Supportive Housing Program Grant Awards

REFERRED TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

- b. Show Cause Hearing in consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1112 W. Ottawa

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- c. Show Cause Hearing in consideration of the issuance of

orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1613 Lyons Avenue
 REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

d. Act 99 Financing for Police Cruisers
 REFERRED TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

e. Confirmation of Multiple Reappointments of Individuals to Various Boards, Commissions and Authorities
 PLACED ON FILE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Notice from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner regarding the Button Drain Drainage District Boundaries Day of Review
 PLACED ON FILE

2. Notices from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding:

- a. Application for new SDM license, 3330 S. Cedar, Capital Party Store
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. Application for new SDM license, 3520 S. Waverly, Dolgencorp, LLC
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

3. Letter from Comcast Cable providing notice of programming changes
 REFERRED TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

4. Notice of Public Hearing for Consumer Energy's request for approval to reconcile 2013 Energy Optimization plan costs and surcharges (U-17601) on July 15
 PLACED ON FILE

5. Letter of appeal from Michael Adrian regarding the Special Assessment Roll for Snow and Ice Removal
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

6. Letter of appeal from William Nichols regarding the Special Assessment Roll for Snow and Ice Removal
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Councilmember Houghton to excuse Councilmember Dunbar from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Robert Gray spoke about fireworks and BWL rate raises.

Russell Terry spoke about various City matters.

Nancy Mahlow spoke in opposition to the Domestic Violence Swift and Sanctions Pilot Program Grant.

Barbara Banks spoke about public official actions.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:31 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK