AGENDA

Committee of the Whole
January 6, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Lansing City Hall, Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor
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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
   A. December 16, 2024
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
   B. RESOLUTION - 2025 Council President and Vice President
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, December 16, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER
Council President Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

OTHERS PRESENT
Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Greg Venker, OCA
Christopher Mumby, Mayor's Office
Karl Dorshimer. LEDC
Paul Gentilozzi
John Gentilozzi
Charles Randall, Internal Auditor
Barb Lawrence, LFD Board
Chief Sturdivant, LFD

Minutes
MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment
Ms. Lawrence spoke in support of the SAFER grant on the agenda, in addition to support for the LFD and their work in the City. Ms. Lawrence spoke in support of the Fire Chief as well.

Presentation
AD HOC Audit Committee Report – Defined Audit Plan
Council Member Spadafore first spoke to the full Committee on the work the Ad Hoc has done thus far. The report is brief, Mr. Randall evaluated the departments, cost centers and work being involved with what is Charter required of the audit. The report is the charge that was issued by the Council resolution. This will AD HOC concludes in June, but there is a

resolution on the agenda tonight for referral to City Operations to change Rule 16 adding a Municipal Audit Committee. Council Member Spadafore spoke briefly on the report on the packet and the plan timeline to begin with the December plan.

Mr. Randall briefly spoke on the Institute of Internal Auditors which outlines the guidelines on consideration and using that he created his report starting on payroll reporting and invoices. This will follow through for the next six months, which will bring forward to the end of the fiscal year.

Council Member Kost, asked about the Ad Hoc Committee, he asked if individual council members could approach the Internal Auditor to do work. Council Member Spadafore confirmed, and this was to bring forward an audit plan that was missing in the past.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO PLACE THE REPORT ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for hiring of additional firefighters – (Discharged from Committee on Ways and Means)

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE SAFER GRANT FOR STAFFING WITH LFD.

Council Member Spadafore explained there was some paperwork issues in Committee, is an important funding for $4 million for additional staffing, so the Committee discharged to this Committee.

Chief Sturdivant stated they applied in 2023, funding with Homeland Security and FEMA and provides for paid and volunteer fire fighters. His staff created an approach to take advantage of the grant opportunity but also intermingle the advantage they will get from the grant. The grant term is 24 months with a one year extension. During the 36 month the City has to absorb the positions into the department or lay them off. Based on the staffing they will have that opportunity, and they have already begun the hiring process. The 15 candidates should be ready to move in during the timeframe the funding starts. Chief Sturdivant spoke briefly on the data and statistics of the department. There is no match, and they believe they will be able to meet the need to absorb the staff into their department.

Council President Garza asked if this is a one time grant, and the Chief stated it is one time for this fiscal year. Every year the government goes through the grants with FEMA and assistance to firefighters grant. SAFER is for personnel, and AIG is for equipment, and they hope for additional in the future.

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

RESOLUTION – Outside Legal Counsel; Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C. to represent the City in the Matter of City of Lansing v. Purdue Pharma LP. et.al.

Mr. Venker spoke briefly that Weitz Luxenberg currently does represent the City, and they specialize in class action similar cases. There is also litigation on insulin pricing, and the City does have a decent claim if the allegations are true. If this is approved they will be filing a complaint asap, and this would be a limited appointment for this additional purpose. Theres is no added extra cost. The funds from this law suit will depends, these could have limitations. Almost likely all of that will go back to GF to offset the funds allocated towards that cost.

Council Member Brown spoke in support of the action for this cause.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL WEITZ & LUXENBERG, PC. FOR THE LANSING V. PURDUE PHARMA LP CASE. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

<u>RESOLUTION – Transformational Brownfield Plan #87; New Vision Lansing, multiple addresses</u>

Council President Garza noted this is to approve now and final passage at Council. He asked Mr. Venker to speak to the amendments in the resolution. The initial one was similar to brownfield plans, and from the City perspective it was similar. The statutory section in Brownfield Development Act for transformational calls for more details. The attorney for the developer proposed changes, OCA reviewed, approved and recommended to Council to approve as well.

Council Member Jackson asked for the 1,000 residential units, non of those were proposed Section 8 and fixed source income. He then referenced the bill in State, that and owner has 5 or more units cannot discriminate.

Mr. Paul Gentilozzi stated they do not discriminate against anyone or where the money comes from. The program allows any tenant to pay up to 30% of their wage. Where there is a subsidized unit, if they had the voucher, they would take them. Mr. Gentilozzi informed Council he met with the Lansing Housing Commission after the last meeting. Council Member Jackson asked if someone who has $1200 - $1300 cannot live there, and Mr. Gentilozzi stated if they can bring the voucher or wages they are accepted. They understand the process that is needed to accept the vouchers.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFORMATIONAL BROWNFIELD PLAN #87; NEW VISION LANSING, MULTIPLE ADDRESSES.

Council Member Spadafore acknowledged the developer and everyone who was involved in the discussions leading up to this.

Council Member Kost acknowledged the developer in reaching out to the community and holding the meetings.

Council Member Hussain acknowledged the development team, City staff on the work done thus far.

Council President Garza acknowledged the developer on their transparency.

Mr. Paul Gentilozzi said they will go to bid packages in 2 weeks, start demo on the Tower end of January and begin construction shortly after.

MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

<u>Other</u>

<u>Closed Session</u>

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN at 6:00 p.m., Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), Council will 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, et al. v. City of Lansing, et al.
Blackman v. Vaughn-Burtley
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
Davis v. City of Lansing, et al.
Davis, et al. v. City of Lansing
Fisher v. City of Lansing
Fitzpatrick v. City of Lansing, et al.
Harken v. City of Lansing
Hokenson v. City of Lansing, et al.
Hulon v. City of Lansing, et al.
Lee v. City of Lansing
OPV Partners, LLC v. City of Lansing, et al.
Romero v. City of Lansing, et al.
Ward v. City of Lansing, et al.
Willis v. City of Lansing, et al.

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 7-1.

Reconvene
Council President Garza reconvened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm
Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council
Approved by the Committee

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

WHEREAS, a nomination for President and Vice President for the Lansing City Council in 2025 was made on January 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember ________________nominated Councilmember _________as President; and

WHEREAS Councilmember _____________ nominated Councilmember ___________________ as Vice President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council elects Councilmember ___________ as President and Councilmember ____________ as Vice President for the Lansing City Council year of 2025.