



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, January 6, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.
Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Swope called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Greg Venker, City Attorney
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, City Attorney
Mark Lawrence, Mayor's office

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 16, 2024 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Election of 2025 City Council President and Vice President

Council Member Pehlivanoglu nominated Council Member Spadafore as Council President for 2025. Council Member Spadafore accepted the nomination.

Council Member Garza nominated Council Member Hussain as Council President for 2025. Council Member Hussain accepted the nomination.

Council Member Jackson nominated Council Member Brown as Council President for 2025. Council Member Brown accepted the nomination.

No additional nominations, Clerk Swope closed the nominations.

Council Member Jackson explained his nomination for someone new for the role.

Council Member Garza explained his nomination for Council Member Hussain, who is not up for reelection this year, and he would support Council Member Kost as Vice President.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu explained her nomination for Council Member Spadafore because he has served in leadership in the past and she would be interested in seeing his leadership style.

Council Member Kost stated he would support Council Member Hussain, considering all the time he has spent in the neighborhoods over the last year. He supported the work he has been doing in all neighborhoods throughout the City.

Council Member Carter stated that leadership is defined by individuals in their own right, and there is not a clear definition of leadership. The body has all be active in their own right, and leadership qualities can be a large vast of qualities. Appreciate all comments stated, but agree with Council Member Jackson that tenure is a discussion, because everyone starts at one point, and would support Council Member Brown as Council President.

ROLL CALL VOTE; COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN AS PRESIDENT- COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN, JACKSON AND CARTER; COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN AS PRESIDENT – COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA, HUSSAIN AND KOST; COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE AS PRESIDENT – COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE AND PEHLIVANOGLU. MOTION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT FAILED.

City Clerk Swope reopened nominations for President.

Council Member Hussain appealed to the Council on his experience over 10 years on Council; there has been a lot of work done over the last years. There has been issues on this body, historic issues, there needs to be tough conversations to move the body forward. In the leadership role, he has evaluated his experience and watching. In his notes he outlined what a President does every day including 8-10 conversations with Council staff; there needs to be 24/7 response and accessible, huge impact on President is not just Council and Committee, but in the public and bringing back to the full Council. There has been issues with attendance at committees and outside committees. He explained the number of meetings that are involved with Council leadership in 52 weeks, and there needs to be someone that does the work and engaged and responsive.

Council Member Hussain nominated Council Member Kost as Council President 2025. This was based on his role in the City and a leader in every way, per Council Member Hussain. Council Member Kost accepted the nomination.

Council Member Jackson nominated Council Member Brown as Council President for 2025. Council Member Brown accepted the nomination.

ROLL CALL VOTE; COUNCIL MEMBER KOST – COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE, GARZA, KOST, HUSSAIN, AND PEHLIVANOGLU; COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN AS PRESIDENT – COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON, BROWN AND CARTER. MOTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER KOST FOR 2025 COUNCIL PRESIDENT 5-3.

Council Member Spadafore nominated Council Member Pehlivanoglu as Council Vice President for 2025. Council Member Pehlivanoglu accepted.

Council Member Jackson nominated Council Member Spadafore as Vice President for 2025.
Council Member Spadafore declined the nomination.

Council Member Brown nominated Council Member Carter as Vice President for 2025.
Council Member Carter accepted the nomination.

Council Member Hussain nominated Council Member Garza for Vice President for 2025.
Council Member Garza declined the nomination.

Council Member Garza nominated Council Member Hussain for Vice President for 2025.
Council Member Hussain accepted the nomination.

ROLL CALL VOTE; COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU AS VICE PRESIDENT- COUNCIL MEMBER PEHLIVANOGLU, SPADAFOR AND JACKSON; COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER AS VICE PRESIDENT – COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN AND CARTER; COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN AS VICE PRESIDENT – COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN, KOST AND GARZA. MOTION FOR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT FAILED.

City Clerk Swope reopened the nominations for Vice President.

Council Member Kost nominated Council Member Hussain for Vice President for 2025.
Council Member Hussain accepted the nomination.

Council Member Brown nominated Council Member Carter for Vice President for 2025.
Council Member Carter accepted the nomination.

Council Member Spadafore nominated Council Member Jackson for Vice President for 2025.
Council Member Jackson accepted the nomination.

ROLL CALL VOTE; COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN AS VICE PRESIDENT- COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA, KOST AND HUSSAIN; COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER AS VICE PRESIDENT – COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON, CARTER, SPADAFOR, PEHLIVANOGLU AND BROWN. MOTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER FOR VICE PRESIDENT 5-3.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFOR TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER KOST AS 2025 PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER AS 2025 VICE PRESIDENT. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

OTHER

No other topics.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 5:54 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee January 13, 2025