



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF MAY 6, 2013**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

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

PRESENT: Council Members Houghton, Jeffries, Quinney,
Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: Council Member Boles Robinson, Dunbar (arrived 7:05)

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

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Council Member Jeffries

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of April 15, 2013

Motion carried

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

By Council Member Jeffries

To suspend City Council Rule #9 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion carried

The following item was added to the agenda:

Approval of a Fireworks Display submitted by Lansing Lugnuts/Roger Bonney for Fireworks Displays at Cooley Law School Stadium located at 505 E. Michigan Ave. on May 11, 2013

Council Member Dunbar arrived at 7:05

TABLED ITEMS

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

• Special Ceremonies

1. Tribute; Senior Corps Week

City Clerk Swope read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2013-079

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND
YORKO

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs – RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents – have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and

WHEREAS, each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 700 in Greater Lansing Area, to serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety, and

WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide; and

WHEREAS, at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; and

WHEREAS, service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the fourth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 6-10, 2013, is an opportunity to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lansing City Council hereby designate May 6-10, 2013 as Senior Corps Week and urge citizens to recognize Senior Corps volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our communities, and we thank you for hours of service to our community.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

President Wood introduced the RSVP Director, Janet Clark, who presented a "check" illustrating the value of senior volunteer service. She spoke about some of the volunteer programs.

President Wood thanked RSVP and the Senior Corps for the valuable services they provide to our community.

2. Tribute; Woldumar Nature Center 50th Anniversary

City Clerk Swope read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2013-080

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD AND
YORKO

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, in the mid-1960s a group was formed to develop conservation education program for young people. Woldumar Nature Association (Woldumar's parent organization) is the result. Mrs. Gladys Olds Anderson (daughter of automotive pioneer Ransom Eli Olds) generously donated half of her dairy farm to the association; and

WHEREAS, at first the equipment storage barn soon became classroom space and administrative offices and in the early 1980s the Moon Log Cabin was donated and moved to Woldumar for their cultural heritage program; and

WHEREAS, today they operate Camp Discovery which serves approximately 600 children, ages 4-16 each summer. In addition, our school and community outreach programs reach over 40,000 children and adults every year; and

WHEREAS, Woldumar offers numerous outreach and on-site Environmental Education programs for children as well as adults. Over 5 miles of trails await you on 150 acres of woodland, prairie, river-side and pine forest. Hike or ski anytime between dawn and dusk; and

WHEREAS, school children come here to participate in ongoing school programs such as special field trips, Traveling Naturalist programs, and Project GREEN (in which local high school students contribute to the study of the Grand River Watershed by testing water at various sites over time). These programs are designed to correlate with the Michigan Education Department's essential goals and objectives for science education, and to assist teachers in meeting additional goals in social studies, math, history, and language arts; and

WHEREAS, a variety of community programs are offered year-round to the public, providing environmental education through monthly programs (held every third Saturday). Each program focuses on a unique nature subject or outdoor activity, including: GeoCaching, EcoTours on the Grand River, Live Owl presentations and much more; and

WHEREAS, the 50th Anniversary Weekend will kick off Friday night with our Petals and Vines beer and wine tasting, followed on Saturday with events for the entire family; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday Woldumar is hosting a celebration of nature and nature-education, with a variety of activities throughout the day, including a GeoCache challenge, naturalist-guided wildflower hikes, eco pontoon boat tours of the Grand River, native plant and birdseed sales, Moon Cabin tours, a variety of expert-led nature workshops and much more.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council wishes the very best to the Woldumar Nature Association's as they celebrate their 50th Birthday, and we encourage everyone to stop by and enjoy the official birthday ceremony.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

Representatives of Woldumar Nature Association spoke about their programs and thanked the City for the recognition.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Washington announced Northtown Neighborhood's neighborhood cleanup.

Council Member Yorko announced the Downtown Lansing Business Huddle and a women's self-defense class. She congratulated the volunteers involved with the Asset Independence Coalition's free tax preparation services. She announced the Moores Park Neighborhood

Organization open house and the Butler Corridor Coalition's meeting. She congratulated the Westside Neighborhood Association on their successful Fiesta event which raised funds for scholarships and congratulated the scholarship winners. She congratulated Friends of Ferris Park on their cleanup and pet waste station installation. She spoke about the Empty Plate Dinner for the Greater Lansing Food Bank, the Adopt-A-River Event, and the Davis-Dunnings Bar Association's scholarship dinner.

Council Member Quinney spoke about the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) fundraiser and the Police Appreciation event. He spoke about his son's achievement of a PhD.

Council Member Houghton announced the Old Everett Neighborhood meeting, the Forest Road Scenic Corridor cleanup, and Cavanaugh Park's cleanup.

Council Member Dunbar announced a new program – Ingham Pathways to Better Health.

President Wood announced Council Member Robinson's Second Saturday meeting and an open forum on Cristo Rey Community Center's future. She announced the Council's community forum on the City Budget.

City Clerk Swope announced the bond election for Waverly School District. He announced the filing deadline for Lansing City Offices.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Williams announced the Lansing Hip Hop Festival.

Loretta Stanaway announced an event for Friends of Lansing Cemeteries.

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 the Adopt-A-River event. He spoke about the Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. He announced the Mobile Food Pantry, the Board of Water & Light's Chili Cook-Off, and Be A Tourist In Your Own Town. He spoke about open houses at the City fire stations being marketed for sale.

Council Member Yorko gave more information about the Lansing Hip Hop Festival.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of Fiscal Year 2014 City of Lansing Budget

Loretta Stanaway expressed concerns about the City Budget.

Mary Elaine Kiener spoke in support of the Zoning Ordinance amendment.

John Boise expressed concerns about the City Budget.

Stan Shuck expressed concerns about the City Budget.

Russell Terry expressed concerns about the City Budget.

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of Fiscal Year 2014 City of Lansing Budget REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

By Council Member Jeffries

To approve items 1c and 1d on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-081

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 Guru Nanak Sikh Center welcomes visitors of all backgrounds regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or gender to their Center and each year helps by sponsoring the Annual Sikh Parade for the purpose of celebrating a Sikh Religious Holiday with a community parade followed by a festival at Adado Riverfront Park; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Sikh Parade is an event that brings to Lansing several hundred Sikhs from throughout the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, this celebration which includes, an enthusiastic parade, present many culture and religious aspects of the Sikh community to life; and

WHEREAS, the whole Greater Lansing community is encouraged each year to experience the hospitality of the Sikh community in tasting a variety of foods, seeing the warrior dances and listening to traditional music; and this is wonderful opportunity for the public to be immersed in the diversity of the Sikh community; and

WHEREAS, this year's 9th Annual Sikh Parade is dedicated to the victims and families that were affected by the tragedies in Sandy Hook Connecticut and Oak Creek Wisconsin.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council thanks the organizers of the 9th Annual Sikh Parade for sharing their rich culture and religious aspects of the Sikh community with Lansing. We hereby declare April 27, 2013 the "9th Annual Sikh Parade Day" in Lansing and encourage our community to enjoy this celebration.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-082

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 Davis-Dunnings Bar Association is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1981 which strives to provide a rich array of programs and services that meet the needs of their members, non-

member minority law students and attorneys, and the underrepresented and underprivileged members of the Greater Lansing Community; and

WHEREAS, Davis-Dunnings Bar Association is dedicated to representing and serving the local community, to creating professional development opportunities for minority law students and attorneys, and to uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2013, the Davis-Dunnings Bar Association (DDBA) will hold its 17th Annual Otis M. Smith Scholarship Banquet, and each year they recognize individuals from the Greater Lansing Area that support their same values for the community; and

WHEREAS, this year the Davis-Dunnings Bar Association (DDBA) will honor:

- Honorable R. George Economy, Distinguished Barrister
- Paula D. Cunningham, Trailblazer
- The Turning Point of Lansing, Humanitarian
- Attorney Sterlin Mesadieu, Rising Star

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council congratulates each of those honored and wishes Honorable R. George Economy, Paula D. Cunningham, The Turning Point of Lansing, and Attorney Sterlin Mesadieu many more successes. We thank the Davis-Dunnings Bar Association for their honor and integrity to the legal profession.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2013-083

BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOUGHTON
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has forwarded an application for a City License, which has been routinely processed without objection, and is ready for final action by this Council; and,

WHEREAS, all required signatures have been obtained supporting the application for a fireworks display license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves the application for a City License as follows:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE:

Lansing Lugnuts/Roger L. Bonney for a public displays of fireworks in the City of Lansing at 505 E. Michigan Ave. to be held on May 11, 2013.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-084

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the City of Lansing submits the Annual Action Plan in order to receive Community Development fund resources, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds, for the upcoming fiscal year 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, the estimated CDBG, HOME and ESG entitlement amount allocated to Lansing for the upcoming fiscal year is \$2,344,135 which is subject to adjustment by HUD; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to program requirements, the City has conducted a citizen participation and open review process which has included planning consultations and meetings with neighborhood groups, housing and supportive service providers, the State and neighboring local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City has further promoted participation, input and review in the process by conducting two (2) separate advertised public hearings before the Lansing Planning Board, one on December 4, 2012 regarding housing and community development needs and one on February 5, 2013 regarding proposed Annual Action Plan program objectives and projected use of Federal entitlement and formula program funds; and

WHEREAS, the City did also initiate and carry out the required thirty (30) day public comment period on the proposed 2013-14 Annual Action Plan by publishing a summary of the plan in the Lansing City Pulse March 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Lansing City Council on April 15, 2013, to again receive citizen comments and recommendations and to give final review to the Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Federal regulations require the City to make certain certifications and assurances to HUD as a part of the City's application and Annual Action Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing adopts the Annual Action Plan for the City of Lansing that includes housing and community development goals, objectives and strategies, and the budget for the use of community development fund resources for fiscal year 2013-2014 as proposed by the Committee on Development and Planning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, as the City's Chief Executive Officer, is hereby authorized to sign the Annual Action Plan and application for FY 2013-2014, including all understandings, assurances and certifications contained therein, and to submit the grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized, as the official representative of the City of Lansing, to set-up budget line items, provide any and all information, to act in connection with the Annual Action Plan application and to execute all agreements, contracts and legal documents, including the agreement between the City and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to secure CDBG, HOME and ESG funding and implement the CSPS programs.

By Council Member Jeffries

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The following ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, providing that the Code of Ordinances be amended by providing for the rezoning, with conditions, of property located in the City of Lansing, Michigan, and for the revision of the district maps adopted by Section 1246.02 of the Code for property located at:

Z-5-2012, 600 E. Michigan Avenue, Rezoning from "H" Light Industrial District to "G-1" Business District

was introduced by Council Member Jeffries, read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Development and Planning.

RESOLUTION #2013-085

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, June 3, 2013, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving and/or opposing the Ordinance for rezoning:

Z-5-2012, 600 E. Michigan Avenue, Rezoning from "H" Light Industrial District to "G-1" Business District

By Council Member Jeffries to place an affirmative role on the resolution

By Council Member Jeffries to amend the date of the Public Hearing to June 3, 2017

Motion Carried

The question being adoption of the resolution as amended

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR PASSAGE

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing to Repeal Section 1282.03 and replace it with a new Section 1282.03 permitting the grant of a Special Land Use on the condition that it will not result in a change to the site plan submitted in conjunction with application for the Special Land Use.

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

Yeas: Council Members Dunbar, Houghton, Jeffries, Quinberry, Washington, Wood, and Yorko

Nays: None

By Council Member Jeffries, to give the Ordinance immediate effect

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 Council Member Jeffries 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(s) from the City Clerk re:
 - i. 3rd Quarter General Fund Status Report

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- ii. Fireworks Display submitted by Lansing Lugnuts/Roger Bonney for Fireworks Displays at Cooley Law School Stadium located at 505 E. Michigan Ave. on May 17, and 18; June 14, 15, 28, and 29; July 4, 5, 12, 13, 26, 27, and 30; and August 9, 17, 24 and, 31, 2013

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 - i. Budget Transfer and Grant Acceptance; 2013 MSP Burne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

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

- ii. Budget Transfer and Grant Acceptance; 2013 Tri-County Metro Grant

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

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Affidavits of Disclosure submitted by:
 - i. A'Lynne Boles Robinson, City Council Member

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

- ii. James E. Bennett, Interim Manager of Building Safety and Code Compliance

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Council Member Houghton to excuse Council Member Boles Robinson from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

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

Loretta Stanaway spoke about the City Budget.

Stan Shuck spoke about various City matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:18 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK