OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
NOVEMBER 4, 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 Members Boles (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Dunbar (arrived 7:05 p.m.)

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

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

1. Tribute, in recognition of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson and Tribute, in recognition of Dr. Paula D. Cunningham

President Wood spoke about the accomplishments of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson and Dr. Paula D. Cunningham.

Council Members Boles and Dunbar arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Clerk Swope read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2013-235
BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON
JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD & YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS; Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson, affectionately known as "Triple J" has offered unending hours of volunteer work in the Greater Lansing Community; and

WHEREAS, Joan Jackson Johnson earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Edward Waters College, her Masters and PHD from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson and husband Vern are proud parents of five children and wonderful grandchildren and have both adopted and fostered numerous children over the years; and

WHEREAS; Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson became the City of Lansing Director of Human Relations and Community Services in November 2006, where she has been an advocate for the poor, homeless and mentally ill in the City of Lansing and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is a psychologist and owner of the East Lansing Center of the Family, and provides a meal every Sunday and two Saturdays a month at Advent House and one meal at Loaves and Fishes, working directly with students from Teen Court and community members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson is a former member of the board of directors of the Black Child and Family Institute; Child Abuse Prevention, the Greater Lansing African American Health Institute, Catholic Services/St. Vincent Home, CEI Community Mental Health, African American Family Reunion/Parade, Advent House Ministries; Capital Area Transportation Authority, the Loaves and Fishes Core Community, and the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders; and

WHEREAS, Joan has been awarded many honors, including Eastside Community Action Center 2011 Community Champion, Mother Seaton Services Award, KFC Family of the Year, Advent House Volunteer of the Year, State of Michigan Volunteer Family of the Year, Father Mac Award for Community Service, Modern Woodmen Community service Award, James Kegal Community Service Award, the NAACP Citizen of the Year Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Diocese of Lansing Community Service Award, and the Boarshead Angel Award; and

WHEREAS; on October 17, 2013 Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame as a 2013 honoree in the Contemporary Category along other great women, including Paula D. Cunningham, Dr. Marina von Neumann Whitman (Ann Arbor), Dr. Gladys Holdeman McKenney (Rochester), Judith Levin Cantor (Bloomfield Hills), and Elizabeth W Bauer (Ferndale);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council wishes to thank Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson for her dedication and efforts towards protecting, guiding and encouraging the residents of the City of Lansing who have fallen into despair and have become homeless, financially unstable or mentally ill.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson spoke about the needs of the community and all the people who work to help in meeting those needs.

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, spoke about Dr. Johnson's work and presented her with a plaque.

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WHEREAS, Paula D Cunningham earned her B. S. in Journalism and a M.S. in Labor/Industrial Relations from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Paula and her spouse Darius are proud parents of two children Darius II and Dana; and

WHEREAS, Paula D. Cunningham was appointed by former Governor John Engler to serve on the Council on Technical Excellence, and later former Governor Jennifer M. Granholm appointed Paula to the Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors, and the Lt. Governor's Commission on Higher Education & Economic Growth; and

WHEREAS, Paula D. Cunningham in 1996 was named to head the Department of Labor and Economic Growth by then Governor Jennifer M. Granholm; and

WHERAS, Paula D Cunningham began her six year role as President

of Lansing Community College in 2000, where during her tenure at LCC she filled the roles of VP of Planning and College Relations Division, Executive Director of Marketing, Community and Board Relations, Director of Professional Development, and Assistant Personnel Director; and

WHEREAS, during her time as President of Lansing Community College she successfully led a community millage campaign to generate an additional $9 million for the institution; and

WHEREAS, Paula D Cunningham during her roles at Lansing Community College was responsible for implementation of an aggressive facilities master plan with the building of three new instructional facilities and a new administration building, and in 2006 the administration building was officially named the Paula D Cunningham Administration building, and is the only building named after a woman in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Paula D Cunningham has served on the Economic Development Corporation, MBI Corporation, Michigan Works Career Connection, Capitol National Bank and Ingham Regional Medical Center Boards, Tax Increment Finance Authority, Michigan Workforce Policy Reinvention Project and United Negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS; Paula D Cunningham has been awarded many honors including the Outstanding Citizen Award in 1996 from the Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs, in 1999 Paula was voted by the Lansing State Journal one of Lansing's Outstanding Women, in 2000 she received the Honorary Achiever of the Year Ward by the YMCA, in 2002 the Vocational Excellence Award by the Rotary of East Lansing, in 2003 the Excellence in Education Award by SBC Ameritech, and in 2005 Paula D. Cunningham was one of the Most Interesting and Influential People; and

WHEREAS: Paula has played a significant role with the United Way including the 2002 Campaign Chair of the Capital Area United Way, and the 2004 Capital Area United Way Board Chair; and

WHEREAS, Paula D Cunningham was part of the founding group that created the H.O.P.E. Scholarship Program in 2001 with former Police Chief Mark E Alley, former Mayor David C Hollister, and former Lansing School District Superintendent Dr. E. Sharon Banks, a program modeled after the concepts used in the CARE Program; and

WHEREAS; on October 17, 2013 Paula D Cunningham was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame as a 2013 honoree in the Contemporary Category along other great women, including Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson, Dr. Marina von Neumann Whitman (Ann Arbor), Dr. Gladys Holdeman McKenney (Rochester), Judith Levin Cantor (Bloomfield Hills), and Elizabeth W Bauer (Ferndale);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council wishes to thank Paula D. Cunningham for her dedication and efforts towards guiding and encouraging the residents of the City of Lansing.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

Paula D. Cunningham expressed her appreciation for the recognition and spoke about the thousands of people who have worked with her on her accomplishments.

Randy Hannan lauded the accomplishments of Paula Cunningham.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Boles announced her Second Saturday meeting.

Council Member Washington spoke about the Allen Neighborhood Market moving indoors for the season. She spoke about the ground breaking for the Gillespie Group's Midtown Project at the former Silver Dollar location.

City Clerk Swope provided information about the City Election.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Ann Prince announced Mount Hope United Methodist Church's cookie event.

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 Veterans Day Ceremony, Silver Bells in the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearing:

1. In consideration of SLU-4-13; Request from Vietnamese American Buddhist Association of Lansing to utilize the property at 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. for a church

Council Member Jeffries gave an overview of the public hearing.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Anthony Szilagyi on behalf of Kyle Le spoke in favor of SLU-4-13.

Ha Le spoke in favor of SLU-4-13.

Phat Truong of Holt spoke in favor of SLU-4-13.

Yen Tran of Ypsilanti spoke in favor of SLU-4-13.

Tobin Weston spoke in favor of SLU-4-13.

Adam Whitz of Delta Township spoke in favor of SLU-4-13.

Kevin Le of Holt spoke in favor of SLU-4-13.

Mary Ann Prince spoke in favor of SLU-4-13.

Kathi Raffone spoke in favor of SLU-4-13 and expressed concerns with the Board of Water & Light agreement.

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of SLU-4-13; Request from Vietnamese American Buddhist Association of Lansing to utilize the property at 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. for a church

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2013-237

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD & YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS after a five year courtship Veronica and Terry Ulrich were married in 1983, and during this courtship Terry learned the ways of the Polish/Slovak culture and has served this community with pride; and

WHEREAS Veronica was born of Polish/Slovak parents and Polish grandparents, was raised four blocks from the Federated Polish Home. Her grandfather, Peter Pabis, was major organizer and builder of the Polish Home between the years of 1929 and 1934 and beyond; and

WHEREAS Veronica's mother, Helen (Pabis) Snauko was raised here in the traditional Polish culture and over the years she served in many capacities from serving food to attendees at the banquets, a to hat and coat check girl. As she became older Veronica was asked to help in the kitchen making many of the specialties that were on the menu; and

WHEREAS Veronica, with her daughter Lisa attended Polish language classes in the evening under Anna Adrich, who taught at the MSU evening college. They also joined the "All Star Polka Dancers" under the Instructress Rosemary Wrobel. It was here the Polish Culture and History of Poland was learned and shared; and

WHEREAS Veronica participated in the St. Casimir Polka Mass and breakfast; demonstrated and performed regional in folk dances at nursing homes, and ethic festivals throughout Michigan. Veronica participated in performances at the Capitol Rotunda performing and singing traditional Christmas songs; and

WHERAS Veronica, as a White Eagle member, was elected as Lady-Vice President for Group 42 and serves as head of the Kitchen Committee for the her group. She has promoted the sale of tickets for the Younkers Community Day Event, and is the Publicity Chairman for Palaski and Pierogi Days; and

WHEREAS Terry has served in many capacities at the Polish Hall from making repairs to the parking lot, cutting and weeding of the shrubs around the Polish Hall to serving as Co-Chairperson and Chairperson of the Pulaski Days; and

WHERAS in 2004 Terry was elected as Vice Chairperson of the White Eagles Society, Group 42 and assumed the duties of President when Joe Peplinski moved to Kentucky. Today he still assumes the leadership and fulfills the functions of President and Financial Secretary signing up new members, accepting payments and remitting them to the Home Office; and

WHERAS in their spare time both Veronica and Terry attended the Lansing Police Senior Citizen Class and for ten years they have volunteered with the Lansing Police Department River Trail Patrol, greeting out-of-town tourist, assisting lost or injured citizens, feeding the dogs Milk Bones, and handing out trail maps. Terry has also served and is still active on the Lansing Police Advisory Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council wishes to thank Terry and Veronica Ulrich for their dedication to the Polish heritage in our community and their volunteerism with the Lansing Police Department. Życzymy najlepszych i dziękuję za usługi na rzecz społeczności Lansing. (We wish you the very best and thank you for your service to the Lansing community.)

By Council Member Boles

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-238

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

WHEREAS, an Agreement between the City of Lansing and the Lansing Board of Water and Light extending for a period of five years a previously executed Return on Equity Agreement has been presented for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement increases the City's Return on Equity from the current rate of five percent (5.0%) to a new rate of six and 1 tenth percent (6.10%) for the term of the Agreement, which begins July 1, 2013 and ends June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners by a 6-1 vote approved the Agreement at their meeting held on July 23, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the Agreement and the Mayor or Executive Assistant to the Mayor are authorized to execute it after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FY 2014 adopted budget be amended as follows:

	FY 2014 Budget Increase/(Decrease)
General Fund Revenue	
Board of Water and Light Return on Equity Revenue	$3,700,000
General Fund Expenditures	
Public Service Department Operating (Streetlighting)	$3,700,000

By Council Member Boles

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 Vice President Boles 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:

1. Letters from the City Clerk re:
   a. Fireworks Display License Application from Downtown Lansing, Inc./Night Magic Displays for a public display of fireworks for Silver Bells in the City to be held November 22, 2013

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

   b. Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities placed on file in the Clerk's Office

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
   a. Grant Acceptance; Stormwater, Asset Management, Wastewater (SAW)

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

   b. Act-9-2013; Meijer at 6200 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Sanitary Sewer Easement

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Affidavits of Disclosure from:
   a. Christina Thomas, Interim Secretary, Building Safety

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

   b. Bradley Drury, Fire Marshal

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

2. Claim appeal submitted by Alex Tomlinson and Zach Tomlinson, trash removal fee for property located at 415 W. Barnes Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Mary Ann Prince spoke about the City Election.

Russell Terry spoke about the City Election.

Willy Williams spoke about various City matters.

Belinda Fitzpatrick spoke about the City Election.

Claude Beavers spoke about the City Election.

Kathi Raffone spoke about the City Election.

Thomas Hamlin spoke about the marijuana Charter Amendment.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:16 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK