# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LANSING SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Boles

PRESENT: Council Members Boles, Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Houghton, Quinney, Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: Council Member Dunbar

Council President Boles asked people to remember Mary Lou Pittman and Enriquez Castillo, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation.

## SPECIAL CEREMONIES

1. Tribute; in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month Wood

Council Member Boles spoke in support of the tribute.

Council Member Wood spoke in support of the tribute.

Rachel Berzack thanked the Council for the recognition, and shared details about the upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness events.

Caroline Nelson shared details on how the different organizations came together to raise community awareness about supporting domestic violence victims and working to end domestic violence.

**RESOLUTION #2014-244**
BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES, BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, On Thursday, October 2, 2014 the Committee for the Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candlelight Vigil will hold a candlelight vigil to remember those we have lost as a result of abuse, celebrate those who have survived, connect with those who work to end violence, and raise public awareness about domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's event is Healing through Art and will feature posters from the "Beating Hearts: Stories of Domestic Violence" exhibit, and an interactive art exhibit "The Door: A Journey from Domestic Violence Victim to Survivor" by Stacie Dubay. The program will also feature stories from domestic violence survivors, a reading of names of those who lost their lives to domestic violence, a silent silhouette display and a candle lighting ceremony, and

WHEREAS, The Candlelight Vigil is a collaboration between EVE (End Violent Encounters), CARE (Capital Area Response Effort), MSU Safe Place, the SIREN/Eaton Shelter, the Women's Center of Greater Lansing, Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame, and the Lansing Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who are working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

BE IT RESOLVED; that the City of Lansing City Council wishes to recognize the efforts of the Committee for the Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candlelight Vigil for supporting and enriching the lives of those touched by domestic violence. We thank you for your continued efforts and service.

By Council Member Wood

Motion carried

## COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Wood shared details of upcoming community events including a Mt. Hope Cemetery fundraiser, a public forum hosted by the Tri-County Planning Commission, and an upcoming theatrical performance.

Council Member Yorko shared details of the upcoming Downtown Neighborhood Association Meeting, and the recent Butler Corridor presentation.

Council Member Quinney spoke about the legacy of Mary Lou Pittman, and shared memories of her.

Council President Boles shared details about the Capital Area District Library's 50th Anniversary event, and the Lansing Police Department Operations Center Open House,

City Clerk Swope shared details about the upcoming November election.

## COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representatives from WAI-IAM, a non-profit organization with a mission of empowering our youth and inspiring individuals suffering from substance abuse, invited the public to their Clean & Sober Tailgate.

## 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

Mayor Bernero spoke about his concerns with the appointment process to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding the appointment process to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission among President Boles;

Council Members Brown Clarke, Quinney, Washington, and Wood; City Attorney McIntyre; and Mayor Bernero.

By Council Member Yorko to Discharge the resolutions that would reappoint the current Council members to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Motion Failed by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Brown Clarke, Houghton, Quinney, Washington,Yorko

Nays: Council Members Boles, Wood

By Council Member Houghton to Resolve into the Committee of the Whole

Motion Failed by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Brown Clarke, Houghton, Washington, Yorko

Nays: Council Members Boles, Quinney, Wood

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan shared details about the Mobile Food Pantry, and the Feed the Babies event.

Randy Hannan also spoke about the merits of setting public hearings for the Cameron Tool Corporation and Eyde Company projects, the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority, and the sale of the Waverly and Michigan Parks.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of Municipal Partnership Agreement between the City of East Lansing and the City of Lansing to Form an Authority for the Regulation of Taxicab Companies and Drivers and Articles of Incorporation of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority

2. In consideration of Noise Waiver; Michigan Department of Transportation request night time and weekend work for Paving Operations for Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Edgewood to Victor

3. In consideration of Noise Waiver; Michigan Department of Transportation request night time and weekend work for Paving Operations for Pavement Patching on I-496

4. In consideration of Noise Waiver; Hoffman Brothers, Inc. request on Saturdays for a non-motorized pathway along the Consumers Energy utility corridor between Waverly Road and Pennsylvania Avenue

Council Member Brown Clarke provided an explanation of the Municipal Partnership Agreement between the City of East Lansing and the City of Lansing to Form an Authority for the Regulation of Taxicab Companies and Drivers and Articles of Incorporation of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority.

Council Member Yorko provided an explanation of the three Noise Waiver requests.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Steve Denniston spoke about his concerns with the Uber Company and the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority.

David Johns spoke in support of sale of the Waverly and Michigan Park.

Mary Anne Prince spoke in support of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority

John Clark spoke about the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority, and requested Uber to be treated in the same way as taxis by the Authority.

Claude Beavers spoke about parks, money and the City Board appointment process.

Chris Gathof spoke in support of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority, and requested Uber drivers to be treated the same as taxis by the Authority.

Osama Elassad spoke in support of the Uber company.

Dorothea Martin spoke in support of the Uber company.

Michael Arocha spoke in support of the Uber company.

Michael White spoke in support of the Uber company.

Paul desLauriers spoke in support of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority.

Terry Reed spoke in support of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority, and requested Uber drivers to be treated the same as taxis by the Authority.

Vartan Muradov requested Uber drivers be treated the same as taxis by the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority.

Abdelrahim Hamad spoke in support of the Uber company.

Harold Leeman Jr. spoke against the sale of the Waverly Park and Michigan Park.

## REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings are before the Council this evening for action.

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

## CONSENT AGENDA

By Council Member Brown Clarke

To approve items 1c and 3a on the Consent Agenda.

**RESOLUTION #2014-245**
BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES, BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Pittman was born in Lansing on February 7, 1936 to Lena Mae Lyles and Foster Young. Mary Lou also had two sisters, Virginia and Loretta, along with one brother, Robert; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014 Lansing suffered a tragic loss with the passing of this wonderful woman at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pittman married Willie Pittman Sr. in 1954 and had five beautiful children; Sherrill, Willie, Vanessa, Adova, and Michael. Marylou also has nine (9) grandchildren, and eighteen (18) great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou was actively involved in her church, New Mount Calvary, and served on their Usher Board. Mary Lou was actively involved in the community, volunteering her time and services with helping the homeless and senior citizens, particularly with the voting process; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby recognizes Mary Lou Pittman as an influential and exceptional member of this community and extends its condolences and sympathy to her family and friends during this time of sorrow. May you know the comfort and peace that comes from above.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTION #2014-246**
BY THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Aging Consortium, known as Tri-County Office on Aging, produced the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Implementation Plan as required by the Older Americans Act and the Older Michiganians Act; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations reviewed the document on September 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council reviewed the Tri-County Office on Aging's Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Implementation Plan; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves said document as presented.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

## RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION #2014-247**
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 Church of God in Christ, is kicking off its 90th birthday celebration with a free Family Fun Fest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, September 21, 2014 on the church grounds. The church will give away hundreds of backpacks filled with supplies, offer a free clothes closet that includes personal hygiene items for those who attend and many more activities; and

WHEREAS, the church located at 5304 Wise Road, built in 1976 after three previous moves, sits on 15 acres and has approximately 300 active parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Church Elder Richard Wilson founded the Church of Christ in God in 1924 at 914 Williams, and two years later moved it to Birch Street where it became known as the Birch Street Church of God in Christ. In the 1950's the church purchased the Mayflower Church on West St. Joseph and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (formally Logan Street), at which point it become known as the Lansing Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Samuel Duncan Jr, who started out as a church member, was named Bishop after serving as church pastor since 1992, and currently oversees 26 churches throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the church in addition to offering daily prayers, host a food pantry and have a clothing ministry involving three dozen ministries members offering something for everyone.

BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Lansing City Council wishes to recognize Lansing Church of God in Christ for 90years of service to the Lord and its members. Savior Jesus Christ who said in regard to the church- "Upon this rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it". May you continue on in your journey and service for many more years to come.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-248**
BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION DISTRICT
228 and 232 S. Washington Square

WHEREAS, the owner of property located at 228 and 232 S. Washington Square in the City of Lansing, Michigan (the "Property") has requested in writing that the City of Lansing establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District (the "District") as enabled by Public Act 146 of 2000, the "Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act" (the "Act"), and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property, George F. Eyde Family LLC, is the legal owner of greater than fifty percent (50%) of all taxable value of the property located within the proposed District, and

WHEREAS, the property in question and the proposed boundary of the District is legally described as:

> 228 S. WASHINGTON SQUARE – LOT 27 BOARD OF STATE AUDITORS SUB REC L 1 P 26
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> 232 S. WASHINGTON SQUARE – LOT 28 BOARD OF STATE AUDITORS SUB REC L 1 P 26

and,

WHEREAS, the Act requires that before establishing a District the Lansing City Council hold a public hearing in order to provide an opportunity for owners, residents or other taxpayers of the City of Lansing to appear and be heard regarding the establishment of the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District under the provisions of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that the Clerk shall publish once in a publication of general circulation within the community a notice of the scheduled public hearing and that the notice appear not less than 10 or more than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing and that the Clerk also cause the owner of property within the proposed district to receive written notice of the public hearing to be delivered by certified mail.

By Council Member Quinney

Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-249**
BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
228 and 232 S. Washington Square

WHEREAS, George F. Eyde Family LLC, owner of the property located at 228 and 232 S. Washington Square in the City of Lansing, Michigan (the "Property") has applied to the City of Lansing for the City to approve the issuance of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate (the "OPRA Certificate"), pursuant to the Michigan Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, being Public Act 146 of 2000 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the property in question of the Certificate is legally described as:

228 S. WASHINGTON SQUARE – LOT 27 BOARD OF STATE AUDITORS SUB REC L 1 P 26

232 S. WASHINGTON SQUARE – LOT 28 BOARD OF STATE AUDITORS SUB REC L 1 P 26

WHEREAS, the Act requires that before granting a Certificate the Lansing City Council hold a public hearing in order to provide an opportunity for the applicant, the City Assessor, a representative of the affected taxing units, the residents, and other taxpayers of the City of Lansing general public appear and be heard regarding the approval of the OPRA Certificate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate under the provisions of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that the Clerk shall publish once in a publication of general circulation within the community a notice of the scheduled public hearing and that the notice appear not less than 10 or more than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing and that the Clerk also cause the owner of property within the proposed district to receive written notice of the public hearing to be delivered by certified mail.

By Council Member Quinney

Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-250**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing received and filed an application from Cameron Tool Corporation requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT-3-14) pursuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, prior to acting upon this request, it is necessary to hold a public hearing on Cameron Tool Corporation's application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT-3-14), to allow for any resident or taxpayer or ad valorem taxing unit the right to appear and be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on the 13th day of October, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., on the Cameron Tool Corporation application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT-3-14) located at 1800 Bassett, Lansing, MI within the boundary more particularly described as:

N 3 FT LOT 2 SHIRLEY PARK, ALSO LOTS 1 THRU 9 INCL, OUTLOTS A & B, ALL VAC SHIRANN ST SHIRANN SUB, ALSO PARTS LOTS 27 THRU 34 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11 COM N LINE BASSETT ST 163 FT W OF E LINE LOT 30, TH N 231 FT TO N LINE LOT 31, W 1.5 FT, N 165 FT, W 167.76 FT, S 66 FT, W 169.65 FT, S 197.64 FT, E 85.66 FT TO POINT 90.34 FT W OF NE COR LOT 29, S 14.91 FT, E 80.99 FT, S 117.34 FT TO N LINE BASSETT ST, E 172.3 FT TO BEG; ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11 Tax ID 33-01-01-08-126-004, and

PARTS LOTS 31, 33 & 34 COM SW COR LOT 31, TH E 125 FT, N TO S LINE LOT 34, E 169.65 FT, N 66 FT, W 283.88 FT TO E LINE LMRR, S'LY 264.03 FT ALONG R/W TO BEG; ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11 Tax ID 33-01-01-08-126-093, and

LOTS 27, 28 & W 25.7 FT LOT 29, EXC COM 9.3 FT W OF NE COR LOT 29, TH S 14.66 FT, W 80.99 FT, N 14.91 FT, E 81.04 FT TO BEG, EXC PARTS ABOVE LOTS USED AS BASSETT ST R/W ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11, Tax ID 33-01-01-08-126-082,

and that the City Clerk cause the legislative body of each taxing unit levying ad valorem taxes on this property, as well as the owners of real property located within the stated boundary, be notified of this application and the scheduled public hearing.

By Council Member Quinney

Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-251**

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

Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for the Creation of
Industrial District IDD-1-14 for Cameron Tool Corporation

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lansing has received a request from Cameron Tool Corporation to create Lansing Industrial Development District (IDD-1-14) encompassing property commonly known as 1800 Bassett, Lansing, Michigan and legally described as:

N 3 FT LOT 2 SHIRLEY PARK, ALSO LOTS 1 THRU 9 INCL, OUTLOTS A & B, ALL VAC SHIRANN ST SHIRANN SUB, ALSO PARTS LOTS 27 THRU 34 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11 COM N LINE BASSETT ST 163 FT W OF E LINE LOT 30, TH N 231 FT TO N LINE LOT 31, W 1.5 FT, N 165 FT, W 167.76 FT, S 66 FT, W 169.65 FT, S 197.64 FT, E 85.66 FT TO POINT 90.34 FT W OF NE COR LOT 29, S 14.91 FT, E 80.99 FT, S 117.34 FT TO N LINE BASSETT ST, E 172.3 FT TO BEG; ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11 Tax ID 33-01-01-08-126-004, and

PARTS LOTS 31, 33 & 34 COM SW COR LOT 31, TH E 125 FT, N TO S LINE LOT 34, E 169.65 FT, N 66 FT, W 283.88 FT TO E LINE LMRR, S'LY 264.03 FT ALONG R/W TO BEG; ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11 Tax ID 33-01-01-08-126-093, and

LOTS 27, 28 & W 25.7 FT LOT 29, EXC COM 9.3 FT W OF NE COR LOT 29, TH S 14.66 FT, W 80.99 FT, N 14.91 FT, E 81.04 FT TO BEG, EXC PARTS ABOVE LOTS USED AS BASSETT ST R/W ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11, Tax ID 33-01-01-08-126-082; and,

WHEREAS, prior to acting on this request, it is necessary to hold a public hearing on the proposed creation of IDD-1-14, to allow for all residents, taxpayers and other interested persons the right to appear and be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on the 13th day of October, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., and that the City Clerk cause to be published notice of such hearing in a publication of general circulation when all persons interested may attend and be heard and make any objection they may have to the proposed District, and that the City Clerk also cause the owners of real property located within the proposed amended district to be notified of the request and the scheduled public hearing.

By Council Member Quinney

Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-252**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Christopher Blake Johnson of 2009 Gordon Avenue in Lansing, MI, 48910, as an At-Large Member to the Lansing Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Financing Authority/Lansing Brownfield Authority for a term to expire February 28, 2016.

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Ways and Means met on September 12, 2014 and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Christopher Blake Johnson of 2009 Gordon Avenue in Lansing, MI, 48910, as an At-Large Member to the Lansing Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Financing Authority/Lansing Brownfield Authority for a term to expire February 28, 2016.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-253**
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Lansing requires the City Council to adopt an annual statement of Budget Policies and Priorities serving to guide the Administration in developing and presenting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, with joint efforts from the Administration and the Financial Health Team, established the following Mission/Vision and goals; and

The City of Lansing's mission is to ensure quality of life by:

I. Promoting a vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive community that provides opportunity for personal and economic growth for residents, businesses and visitors.
   a. The City's diverse economy generates and retains (sustains) high quality stable jobs that strengthen the sales and property tax base and contribute to an exceptional quality of life.
   b. The City is governed in a transparent, efficient, accountable and responsive manner on behalf of all citizens.
   c. The city's neighborhoods have various resources that allow them to be on a long term viable and appealing basis.
   d. Support economic development initiatives that promote and retain new industries and markets.

II. Securing short and long term financial stability through prudent management of city resources.
   a. Wise stewardship of financial resources results in the city's ability to meet and exceed service demands and obligations without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.
   b. Pursue and facilitate shared services regionally that allow for cost savings and revenue enhancement.
   c. Support initiatives that build the City's property and income tax base.

III. Providing reliable, efficient and quality services that are responsive to the needs of residents and businesses.
   a. The City's core services and infrastructure are efficiently, effectively and strategically delivered to enable economic development and to maintain citizen's health, safety and general welfare.

IV. Adopting sustainable practices that protect and enhance our cultural, natural and historical resources.
   a. Seek partnership opportunities with educational and corporate institutions and to maintain and expand our talent base.
   b. Create vibrant places, support events and activities that showcase our waterfront and green spaces.
   c. Raise the level of support for projects and initiatives that showcase local and state history.

V. Facilitating regional collaboration and connecting communities
   a. The city has a safe efficient and well connected multimodal transportation system that contributes to a high quality of life and is sensitive to surrounding uses.
   b. Seek a balanced distribution of affordable housing in the tri-county region.

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to continue its commitment, if funding is available, to:

- Maintain and improve the City's infrastructure
- Preserve and ensure clean, safe, well-maintained housing and neighborhoods;
- Provide comprehensive and affordable recreational programs and youth and family services;
- Explore alternatives for improved efficiency in service and delivery; and

WHEREAS, in considering these Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget priorities, the Administration is encouraged to ascertain the feasibility of funding any new programs through either the reduction of spending in existing program areas or the exploration of new funding sources that would assure the sustainability of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Administration is encouraged to supplement, not supplant any existing resources for police, fire and local roads with the General Fund revenues collected under this millage;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council, hereby, acknowledges that the City will likely need to adopt, at best, a budget which recognizes the structural changes that are the result of lost revenues and future liabilities, encourages the Administration to prudently develop next year's budget with the following conditions:

- Protection of public and emergency services; and
- Use of the Budget Stabilization Fund to prevent layoffs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration review the attached statement of policies and priorities and implement those items that would boost efficiencies to increase productivity or reduce costs, that could replace existing programming, or if funding becomes available, that could be considered as new programming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration is requested to the extent practicable to include non-appropriations clauses and other similar out provisions in existing and future leases, and vendor contracts upon review of City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration is requested to the extent practicable to negotiate a 20% reduction in costs in existing and future leases and vendor contracts and that a report is generated to show examples of success.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration is requested to include in its Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget, the necessary funding to accomplish all requested plans, studies, evaluations, reviews, report submissions, program assessments, and analyses noted within this resolution below, or, alternatively, documentation as to why such activities are prohibitively costly***.***

I. Promoting a vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive community that provides opportunity for personal and economic growth for residents, businesses and visitors.
   a) The City's diverse economy generates and retains (sustains) high quality stable jobs that strengthen the sales and property tax base and contribute to an exceptional quality of life.

      (1) Economic Development The Administration should require a beautification standard / expectation and a storm water mitigation plan for all proposed development projects that receive incentives from the City. Such standards should serve as a planning and economic development tool that will enhance property values, create jobs, and revitalize neighborhoods and business areas.

   b) The City is governed in a transparent efficient accountable and responsive manner on behalf of all citizens.

      (1) Administration is to present to City Council a delineation of recommendations of the Financial Health Team, noting which recommendations have been implemented, which are in the FY 2016 proposed Budget, which are planned to be implemented at a future time, and which have been determined not to be implemented at any time. A timetable for future implementation is requested.

      (2) Administration is to present to Council a Supplemental Accounting Level Detail.

      (3) Develop and analyze a cost recovery schedule for City services.

      (4) Develop a return on investment analysis for all proposed changes in City services.

      (5) Identify and provide a complete analysis of the City's structural deficits and the Administration's plan to eliminate the same.

      (6) Incorporate into the proposed Budget a 5-Year projection of revenues and expenditures.

      (7) As part of the budgeting process, Administration create an ordinance that we set aside an amount for the sustainability of Capital Projects.

   c) The City's neighborhoods have various resources that allow them to be long term viable and appealing.
      (1) Administration research surrounding community models for neighborhood organization technical support structure within the city.

      (2) Administration create or modify a position to be a liason between the neighborhoods and appropriate city departments. Then define responsibilities based on best practices on what other communities do.

      (3) Expedite Improving Abandoned Residential and Commercial Buildings: The City Attorney and the Planning and Neighborhood Development Department should continue expediting the forced improvements or closure of abandoned, neglected, and burned out houses and commercial buildings, and use the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

      (4) Grocery Stores: The Administration and the City of Lansing Economic Development Corporation should pursue grocery stores in the urban core using all State and Federal incentives, such as Public Act 231 of 2008 (Tax Incentive for the establishment of retail groceries promoting healthy foods), the Federal Community and Economic Development Healthy Food Financing Initiative and the issuance of a national request for proposals to encourage the location of urban grocery stores.

      (5) Code Compliance: The Administration shall ensure the Code Compliance Department is conducting the appropriate inspections and issuing appropriate fines to ensure the buildings in our city are safe and that we have quality neighborhoods. The Administration is to conduct a study of the Code Compliance needs for the city and report back to the City Council on the findings of the study.

   d) Support economic development initiatives that promote and retain new industries and markets.

II. Securing short and long term financial stability through prudent management of City resources.
   a) Wise stewardship of financial resources results in the City's ability to meet and exceed service demands and obligations without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.
   b) Pursue and facilitate shared services regionally that allow for cost savings and revenue enhancement.
      (1) Administration pursue partnerships with stakeholders, (intra municipal and intergovernmental), to align services in relation to public services.

      (2) Facilities Plan: The Administration is requested to submit a five and ten year Master Facilities Plan including school and county facilities that are used for current and future City uses. City Council is also requesting that the Administration continue to work on the delayed maintenance issues with regard to all City Facilities.

   c) Support initiatives that build City's property and income tax base.

III. Providing reliable, efficient and quality services that are responsive to the needs of residents and businesses.
   a) The City's core services and infrastructure are efficiently, effectively and strategically delivered to enable economic development and to maintain citizen's health, safety and general welfare.

   (1) Establish uniform procedures for staff and contractors pertaining to code compliance remediation and reporting.
   (2) City-wide Emergency Preparedness: The Administration should allocate sufficient funding for the Emergency Management Division to prepare City Employees with appropriate emergency training, continue efforts to prepare the public and neighborhood groups to assist in emergencies, and provide basic search and rescue operations and necessary emergency equipment at key City facilities, and communicate the plan to the public. Updated and continual training should be provided. The Administration shall assist residents in times of unforeseen disasters.

   (3) Fire Facilities Maintenance: The Administration is to conduct a study of the maintenance needs of all fire stations and report quarterly to City Council an update on the status of the study.

(4) Regionalism: The Administration should continue with the current regional efforts, and look into the possibility of expanding the efforts.

(5) Police-Community Relations: The Police Department should continue to ensure and work on improving police-community relations. Reaffirm the City's commitment to equality and freedom for all people regardless of actual or perceived race, sex, religion, ancestry, national original, color, age, height, weight, student status, marital status, familiar status, housing status, military discharge status, sexual orientation, gender identification or expression, mental or physical limitation, and legal source of income.

(6) Crime Prevention: The Administration is requested and encouraged to invest in programs for long-term crime prevention strategies.

(7) Allocate Overtime for Zero Tolerance Areas: The Administration should earmark sufficient overtime funds for patrol officers to address problem solving to help curtain crime in zero tolerance areas.

(8) Community Policing: Continue to develop programming and search for grant funds to increase COPs in neighborhoods with a goal not only to reduce crime but to stabilize the neighborhood over an extended period of time that will help to ensure its ability to rebound.

IV. Adopting sustainable practices that protect and enhance our cultural, natural and historical resources.

a) Seek partnership opportunities with educational and corporate institutions and to maintain and expand our talent base.

b) Create vibrant places, support events and activities that showcase our waterfront and green spaces.

(1) Trail/Greenways: The Administration should encourage the Parks and Recreation Department to work collaboratively with the Tri-County Planning Commission to develop / expand our citywide / regional trail system and seek opportunities to reduce expenses in this effort. Additionally, look at the feasibility of connecting the River Trail (through bike lanes / Greenways to Trails) where there is currently no access to the trail.

c) Raise the level of support for projects and initiatives that showcase local and state history.

V. Facilitating regional collaboration and connecting communities.

a) The City has a safe efficient and well connected multimodal transportation system that contributes to a high quality of life and is sensitive to surrounding uses.

(1) Corridor: City Council encourages the Administration continue to develop a plan to revitalize and enhance all major corridors that lead into the City.

b) Seek a balanced distribution of affordable housing in the tri-county region.

c) Administration shall encourage the Lansing School District Board to re-enact a functional Intergovernmental Relations Committee that is comparative to our Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-254**

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the following reappointments to the Board of Water & Light:

Margaret Bossenbery as Second Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2018 and David Price as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, recommendations have been reported upon and vetted by the Mayor's office and meet all the Lansing Charter Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on Monday, September 22, 2014 to review and recommend approval of the reappointments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the following reappointments to the Board of Water & Light:

Margaret Bossenbery as Second Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2018 and David Price as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion passed with Council Member Boles and Council Member Wood voting no

**RESOLUTION #2014-255**

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, uniformity in licensing and regulation of taxicab companies and taxicab drivers is desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the public as well as desirable for the taxicab companies and taxicab drivers; and

WHEREAS, both the City of Lansing and the City of East Lansing have the authority to license and regulate taxicab companies and taxicab drivers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Partnership Act, two or more local governments are authorized to enter into a contract with each other to form an Authority to perform functions that each local government could exercise separately; and

WHEREAS, an Authority formed pursuant to the Public Transportation Authority Act may license and regulate taxicab companies and taxicab drivers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, in consultation with the City of East Lansing, has presented the "Municipal Partnership Agreement Between the City of East Lansing and the City of Lansing to Form an Authority for the Regulation of Taxicab Companies and Drivers" and the "Articles of Incorporation of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority" with his support and recommendation that it be approved, and the Committee of the Whole concurs in the recommendation.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing hereby approves the "Municipal Partnership Agreement Between the City of East Lansing and the City of Lansing to Form an Authority for the Regulation Taxicab Companies and Drivers" and the "Articles of Incorporation of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority."

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lansing's approval is subject to the timely approvals of the "Municipal Partnership Agreement Between the City of East Lansing and the City of Lansing to Form an Authority for the Regulation Taxicab Companies and Drivers" and the "Articles of Incorporation of the Greater Lansing Taxi

Authority."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is authorized to execute the "Municipal Partnership Agreement Between the City of East Lansing and the City of Lansing to Form an Authority for the Regulation Taxicab Companies and Drivers" and the "Articles of Incorporation of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority" after it is approved by the City of East Lansing and after its final approval as to content and form by the City Attorney.

By Council Member Brown Clarke

Motion passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-256**

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

Act-13-12, Sale of Waverly and Michigan Avenue Park Property

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is the owner of real property commonly known as Waverly Golf Course, A/K/A/ Waverly Park, and adjacent Michigan Avenue Park, collectively referred to as the "Property" and described as:

A parcel of land in the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 18, T4N, R2W, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of said parcel described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 18; thence S89°29'42"E along the North line of said Section 18 a distance of 2010.33 feet to the West line of Bonair Farms Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 48, Ingham County Records as extended; thence S00°35'43"W along said West line and its extension 2631.77 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 18; thence N89°44'11"W along said East-West 1/4 line 2004.00 feet to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 18; thence N00°27'26"E along the West line of said Section 18 a distance of 2640.21 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel containing 121.46 acres, more or less, including 6.12 acres more or less, for right of way along Saginaw Highway, Waverly Road and Michigan Avenue; said parcel subject to all easements and restrictions if any,
; and

WHEREAS, the two parks that constitute the Property are dedicated City of Lansing parks, located in Lansing Township, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing proposes to sell the Property to Schostak Brothers and Company, Inc., 17800 Laurel Park Drive, Suite 200C, Livonia, MI 48125; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-403.6 of the Lansing City Charter and Section 208.10 of the Code of Ordinances require sale of park land be approved by the voters of the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on May 11, 2011, the Parks Board approved placing the sale of the Property on the ballot for consideration by Lansing voters; and

WHEREAS, at the election held on August 7, 2012, the electors of the City of Lansing voted to approve the sale of the property as required by Section 8-403.6 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2012, the Planning Board found, based on its review of the location, character, and extent of the proposal, as well as the findings of City Council, in accordance with its Act 33 Review procedures, that no public purpose has been identified that would require the City to retain ownership of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Board voted unanimously (5-0), recommend approval of Act-13-12, the marketing for sale and disposition of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Real Estate Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement) between the City of Lansing and Schostak Brothers and Company, Inc., 17800 Laurel Park Drive, Suite 200C, Livonia, MI 48125 for the Property has been placed on file with the City Clerk for more than 30 days and is presented for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning has reviewed this Agreement, and report and recommendation of the Planning Board, and concurs therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby approves and authorizes the sale of the Property, commonly known as Waverly and Michigan Parks, and legally described as:

A parcel of land in the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 18, T4N, R2W, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of said parcel described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 18; thence S89°29'42"E along the North line of said Section 18 a distance of 2010.33 feet to the West line of Bonair Farms Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 48, Ingham County Records as extended; thence S00°35'43"W along said West line and its extension 2631.77 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 18; thence N89°44'11"W along said East-West 1/4 line 2004.00 feet to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 18; thence N00°27'26"E along the West line of said Section 18 a distance of 2640.21 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel containing 121.46 acres, more or less, including 6.12 acres more or less, for right of way along Saginaw Highway, Waverly Road and Michigan Avenue; said parcel subject to all easements and restrictions if any, as placed on file with the City Clerk, for the sum of Five Million Seven Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars ($5,795,250.00), less closing costs and real estate agency fees, to Schostak Brothers and Company, Inc., 17800 Laurel Park Drive, Suite 200C, Livonia, MI 48125; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration will develop and submit to Council not later than six months after closing a proposal to replace the sledding hill on the Property at a location within the City of Lansing and to complete construction of the sledding hill not later than 18 months after closing to be funded from the proceeds of the sale of the property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration will bring the appropriation of any net proceeds from the sale of the Property to Council for its approval.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to sign and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the aforementioned sale, subject to their prior approval as to content and form by the City Attorney.

By Council Member Quinney

Motion passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-257**

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

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation requested a waiver of the noise ordinance for repaving on M-99 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.) between Edgewood Boulevard and Victor Avenue;

WHEREAS, the night work is scheduled through mid-November and would take place from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., seven days a week, to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Monday, September 22, 2014 in consideration of the request for a waiver of the noise ordinance and the majority of those that spoke supported the request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, grants the Michigan Department of Transportation a waiver of the noise ordinance for repaving on M-99 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.) between Edgewood Boulevard and Victor Avenue from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., seven days a week, through mid-November, to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project.

By Council Member Yorko

Motion passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-258**

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

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance for concrete pavement repairs on I-496 between the west city limits and Cedar Street;

WHEREAS, the work is scheduled for the weekends of October 10, October 17 and November 14, 2014 to avoid MSU home football game weekends;

WHEREAS weekend work would take place from Friday at 9:00 p.m. to Monday at 6:00 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Monday, September 22, 2014 in consideration of the request for a waiver of the noise ordinance and the majority of those that spoke supported the request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, grants the request from the Michigan Department of Transportation for a waiver of the noise ordinance to allow concrete pavement repairs on I-496 on the three weekends of October 10, October 17, and November 14, 2014, from Friday at 9:00 p.m. to Monday and 6:00 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to the public and expedite the project.

By Council Member Yorko

Motion passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-259**

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

WHEREAS, Hoffman Brothers, Inc., contractor for the City of Lansing, has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance to permit construction work on the non-motorized pathway along the Consumers Energy utility corridor in south Lansing on Saturdays between 8 AM and 5 PM;

WHEREAS, Saturday work will consist primarily of grading and paving;

WHEREAS, Saturday work is expected to continue through the end of November, 2014;

WHEREAS, the request was made to ensure construction of the project is completed in 2014;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Monday, September 22, 2014 in consideration of the request for an issuance of the waiver and the majority of those that spoke supported the request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, grants the request from Hoffman Brothers, Inc. for a waiver of the noise ordinance to permit construction work on the non-motorized pathway along the Consumers Energy utility corridor in south Lansing on Saturdays between 8 AM and 5 PM through November 29th, 2014 to ensure completion of the project this construction season.

By Council Member Yorko

Motion passed

**RESOLUTION #2014-260**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, for the past seventeen years, the Capital Area Response Effort (CARE) Programs has served the City of Lansing in ending family violence in Ingham County, violence; and

WHEREAS, the CARE Program provides empathic listening to the victims, assesses a victims risk of further injury or homicide, provides education on the power and control behavior of assaults, personal safety planning, helps to arrange safe shelter, provides advocacy with legal and civil court proceedings, assists with Victims' Rights Compensation medical forms, provide available free 911 phones, arranges transportation to local community agencies, accesses other community resources available to the victims, dispenses emergency personal need items; and

WHEREAS, drawing as necessary on community referrals, the CARE program is a post-arrest response team responding to victims of relationship violence in Lansing, East Lansing, Lansing and Meridian Townships and Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, the CARE Program utilizes 3 staff and approximately 42 volunteers (on-call 7-days a week from 0800 – 0100 hours) via Tri-county dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, the CARE Program also responds to victims of non-arrest relationship violence via phone contracts and/or if dispatched by local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with Ending Violent Encounters (EVE,Inc.) and MSU Safe Place shelters, the CARE Program provides thirty-five hours volunteer training sessions, three times a year and 60 days probation period for CARE volunteers. Volunteer training is geared specifically to domestic violence laws, victim's rights, community resources, empathic listening, crisis intervention and safety planning; and

WHEREAS, via numerous agencies and organizations, the CARE Program also promotes better community awareness of relationship violence by providing community education and training; and

WHEREAS, the CARE Program is funded for 10/01/2014 – 09/30/15 by a renewable direct federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant of $155,000, $126,480 covered by the grant with a City match of $28,520 (using in-kind local match).

BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council authorizes the Administration to accept and administer a VOCA-CARE grant from the Michigan Crime Victims Service Commission in the amount of $155,000, for the fiscal period beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 and to create accounts and make necessary transfers.

By Council Member Wood

Motion passed

## 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. City Council Meeting Schedule for 2015

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
   a. New Cemetery Fees for Mount Hope Cemetery

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

## MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

Motion Carried

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Claude Beavers spoke about various City matters.

Russell Terry spoke about various City matters.

Paul desLauriers spoke about various City matters

Jeff Schumacher spoke about concerns about the Uber Company, and recognized the work of Tracy Scott in the City Clerk's Office.

Harold Leeman Jr. shared with his displeasure with the Council vote to sell Waverly and Michigan Park.

ADJOURNED TIME 10:15 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK