OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LANSING PROCEEDINGS OF SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Boles Robinson, Dunbar, Houghton, Jeffries, Quinney, Washington, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: None

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Washington announced the Northtown Neighborhood Association meeting and the Eastside Neighborhood Organization candidate forum. She announced the Allen Neighborhood Center Farmer's Market would soon be moving indoors for the season.

Council Member Boles Robinson thanked Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson and those involved with Lansing Community Connect. She announced the Averill Woods Neighborhood Association meeting and the Hoops for Hope Celebrity HoopFest.

Council Member Houghton spoke about the recent Mobile Food Pantry. She announced the Bluebell Park Neighborhood meeting.

President Wood announced the Friends of Historic Cemeteries tour.

Council Member Yorko announced the Westside Neighborhood public safety meeting

City Clerk Swope announced his office would soon receive ballots for the upcoming election and would be sending them out soon. He announced National Voter Registration Day.

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 recent Lansing Community Connect and Mobile Food Pantry events. He announced that Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson, Director of Human Relations and Community Services, recently received the Carla Javits Award at the Michigan Summit to End Homelessness.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of SLU-3-2013; Request from Riverview Church to utilize the property at 1115 S. Washington Avenue for a church

Council Member Jeffries gave an overview of the public hearing.

Justin Detmers, Pastor Noel Heikkinen, and Ed Cloutier gave an overview of the public hearing on behalf of the applicants.

Council Member Jeffries explained that there would be an additional public hearing on this matter.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Ed Glazer spoke in favor of SLU-3-2013.

Ashley Lamb spoke in favor of SLU-3-2013.

Shondell Brandon spoke in favor of SLU-3-2013.

Tom Ruhala of Haslett spoke against the claim denial for 1005 Smith Ave.

Dave Droscha of Mason spoke in favor of SLU-3-2013.

Ryan Wert spoke in favor of SLU-3-2013.

Ifield Joseph spoke in favor of SLU-3-2013.

Rev. John Burns spoke about the tribute resolutions.

Al Surink of Dimondale spoke in favor of SLU-3-2013

Charles Ford spoke in favor of SLU-3-2013.

Reo Town Commercial Association submitted a letter in favor of SLU-3-2013.

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of SLU-3-2013; Request from Riverview Church to utilize the property at 1115 S. Washington Avenue for a church

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

By Council Member Boles Robinson

To approve items 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 4a, 4b, 4d, 4e, and 7a on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-179
BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,

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

WHEREAS, September 13 & 14, 2013, marks the 3rd Annual Lansing for César E. Chávez Committee celebration of the 2013 Tejano/Latino Music Festival; and

WHEREAS, the music festival will showcase local and statewide Tejano style bands along with other musical talent. The event will include food booths reflecting the diversity of Lansing, merchandise vendors displaying their wares, and community vendors sharing valuable information along with activities for children and enjoyment for the entire family; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing for César E. Chávez Committee is a grass roots non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the great labor leader and humanitarian, César E. Chávez who represents the American ideal of equality, tolerance, and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing for César E. Chávez Committee was responsible for the efforts to rename Lot 56 in Old Town to César E. Chávez Plaza and that East Grand River receive the distinction of memorial street honorarium with dual signage; and

WHEREAS, the Tejano/Latino Music Festival is one of the fundraising efforts to help finance a new arch at the César E. Chávez Plaza.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Lansing City Council, hereby, congratulates and wishes much success to the Lansing for César E. Chávez Committee 3rd Annual Tejano/Latino Music Festival and recognizes César E. Chávez for his unwavering efforts of assuring fair wages, good living conditions and humane working conditions, health care, education, and respect for American farm workers continuing to this very day.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-180

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

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Lonnie J. Chipp is a native of Highland Park, MI, where he was the oldest son in a family of six children. Upon graduation from Highland Park High School, he enlisted in The United States Navy where he served from 1980 to 1994 and learned the basic necessity for life's survival; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chipp has been married to Loretta Chipp for 18 years and he is the father of two adult daughters Jasmine and Connie. He is the godfather of four, adopted father and mentor to many young adults; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chipp accepted Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of his life in 1994. He accepted the calling into the ministry in 1995 and was licensed in 1996. Reverend Chipp was ordained in 2000. After serving as an Assistant Minister at New Ebenezer Baptist Church in Detroit Michigan and a long history of serving the Lord he accepted a new calling; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Lonnie J. Chipp was named Pastor of New Mount Calvary Baptist Church in late 2009, bringing renewed vitality and interest in evangelism, discipleship, and focusing on meeting the holistic needs of the church body and the community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chipp serves as a Master Gardner, and has tilled the membership and has created a colorful spiritual garden grown with the soil of salvation. He has a "do it anyway" outlook when it comes to doing the good work of the Lord. He avails himself 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to support congregation, the sick and shut in and community needs. He is a strong believer that to know God is to know his Word for yourself. He not only believes this but demonstrates this in his life and that of his family; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chipp also serves as a voluntary Pastor providing pastoral care for patients at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing Michigan. He has also extended the church facility to local community groups for their monthly meetings and has worked with a number of community based organizations to offer the church as a venue for food drives and other types of community relation services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Pastor Lonnie J Chipp and Sister Loretta Chipp are faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard. Through years of dedicated service they have spiritually touched many people in different walks of life. The Lansing City Council wishes them congratulations on their 4th Anniversary and the very best in their continued efforts in their calling from the Lord. "Honoring our Pastor with Overwhelming Love" and the biblical reference of "I Thessalonians 5: 12-13."

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-181

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

WHEREAS, Rev. Lonnie Chipp well over 18 years ago declared during a church service, that God had told him Loretta would be his wife. Sister Chipp at the time did not see God's message to her, but later did and they have been united happily in marriage for over 18 years; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Chipp and Sister Chipp have raised two beautiful and talented daughters Jasmine and Connie; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Chipp is seem by the community and members of the church as a special person encouraging and lending her time and talents especially to the young ladies in the community; and

WHEREAS, "Sister Loretta" wanted to put aside titles and insisted that members of the church call her "Sister Loretta or simply "Loretta"; and

WHEREAS, "Sister Loretta" is a prayer warrior for her husband Rev. Chipp being there to serve him and be an example to as called by the Lord to others. But with all her responsibilities, first and foremost, she looks to God. Her primary concern is God's will in her life. She is a woman after God's own heart. Let's examine the characteristics of this remarkable woman — a role model for Christian women today.

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council wishes to congratulate Sister Loretta Chipp and Rev. Lonnie Chipp on the 4th Anniversary celebration at New Mount Calvary Baptist Church. "The beauty of a woman is seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides. True beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It's the caring that she loving gives, the passion that she shows and the beauty of a woman only grows with passing years." Audrey Hepburn

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-182

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

WHEREAS, Lonnie David "Boogie" Johnson was born on November 13, 1938, in Chicago, Illinois and moved to Lansing when he was only

9 months old; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie attended J. W. Sexton High School and was a proud alumnus of Michigan State University where he earned his Bachelor Degree in Political Science, and completed post-graduate studies in social work to earn a Master of Social Work; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Johnson became a founding member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Sigma Undergraduate Chapter. He retired from management at the Michigan Department of Public Health in 2000. However, he continued to work tirelessly on community-based efforts. Mr. Johnson had a heart for underprivileged youth and the socio-economic advancement of African- Americans. He championed the imperative to raise prostate cancer health awareness among African-American and multi-cultural men; and

WHERAS, Lonnie David "Boogie" Johnson will be remembered for his infectious laugh, heart of gold, service to others, and his humanitarian spirit. Above all else Mr. Johnson was a man of great faith. His greatest accomplishment was his family, whom he treasured, along with his close friends; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie David "Boogie" Johnson's legacy continues through his wife, Dr. Glen Chambers-Johnson, six children, nine grandchildren; a host of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, his St. Stephen's Community Church, UCC family, and the Lonnie D. Johnson Annual Health Awareness Conference so named to honor his legacy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council wishes to acknowledge and honor Lonnie David "Boogie" Johnson's legacy continues through his wife, Dr. Glen Chambers-Johnson, six children, nine grandchildren; a host of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, his St. Stephen's Community Church, UCC family, and the Lonnie D. Johnson Annual Health Awareness Conference so named to honor his legacy.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-183

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

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Reverend John Henry Burns II is the Senior Pastor of St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church, located at 522 West Maple in Lansing, where he was appointed in August 2011; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John Henry Burns II was baptized at the age of 14 and accepted his call into ministry in 2001, ordained as an Elder in 2005 to serve at Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John during his tenure at Oak Grove served many roles in the community including Hospital & Bereavement Minister, founder of the Health Commission, Men's Mountain Top Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John served in leadership roles in many health initiatives in the Metro Detroit Area before coming to Lansing, including the "Clean indoor air act" in Wayne County, Senator Ray Murphy African American Health Institute, and annual Minority Health Conference at Beaumont Hospital; and

WHEREAS, In December 2012 Reverend John Henry Burns II moved with his wife of 36 years, Reverend Dr. Patricia Coleman-Burns, to East Lansing where his beliefs in ministry are rooted in the spiritual and evangelistic growth in the day to day lives of the members of the St. Matthew Church at 522 W. Maple in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John Henry Burns II and Reverend Dr. Patricia Coleman- Burns have two sons, John Seve Burns, and Dr. Robert Samuel Burns, and four grandchildren, Taiya, Madison, Angela and Robert II; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John Henry Burns II has shown his stewardship in service with his role in the Aquila and Priscilla Ministry, weekly bible studies, founder and active in AME 4th District Sons of Boaz Prayer Convocation, the Sons of Allen, Christian Education Congress, Michigan Men's Prayer Line; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John has actively represented St. Matthew including the opening prayer for Mayor Virg Bernero's State of the City Address in 2012, Repeal of Emergency Manager Law, and community support to end gun violence in our schools and communities, and hosting the Walnut Community Annual Picnic; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John Henry Burns II is a member of The Greater Lansing Clergy Forum, where he serves on the constitution, political action, and social justice committees and is leading the Men's Summit Forum to be held October 12th at Lansing Community College; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John ministerial assignments, family background and life's journey has provided him with an understanding of a spiritual insight that compels him to constantly pause when God brings someone across his walk that has a need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council wishes to acknowledge and honor Reverend John Henry Burns II on his third appointment in the Presiding Elder area of Dr. H Michael Lemmons of the Michigan Conference under the prelateship of Bishop John R. Bryant the 106th elected and ordained episcopal leader of the 4th District. In addition to acknowledge the Reverend John on his continued ministerial role in the St. Matthew church community and the larger community of Lansing.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-184

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

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Hoop for Hope Celebrity Hoopfest has occurred over the last four (4) years to help bring awareness and benefits to the Make A Difference Adopt A Family Program; and

WHEREAS, the Make A Difference Adopt A Family Program has been holding events and sponsoring families for 10 years in conjunction with Residence Education and Housing Services, On The Rise Entertainment, Meijers, and the City of Lansing Human Relations; and

WHEREAS, the group sponsors an average of 50 families in Ingham County every year. In 2013 they plan to sponsor 200 families with the proceeds from the 2013 Hoop for Hope Celebrity Hoopfest; and

WHEREAS, with the generous donation of time and skill from the celebrities such as Morris Chestnut, Pooch Hall, Jay Ellis, Lamman Rucker, Claudia Jordan, Christian Keyes, the event will allow 200 families to receive much needed items; and

WHEREAS, the families will be able to join the sponsors at Meijers to obtain food, personal items, household items, and fulfill their wish list.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council wishes to acknowledge and honor the Make A Difference Adopt A Family Program, and the annual Hoop for Hope Celebrity Hoopfest for their efforts to help sponsor 200 families in 2013. And we also recognize their continued efforts throughout the year to offer assistance,

direction, and services for the families in the City of Lansing who will most benefit from their generous offers. We wish them the best of luck with the 2013 Hoop for Hope Celebrity Hoopfest.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-185

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

WHEREAS, Christopher Relf sought to eliminate a special assessment of $3,797.50 for nuisance fees on 2013 Summer Tax Bill and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 2309 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on September 17, 2013 to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim filed by Christopher Relf of $3,797.50 for a special assessment for nuisance fees on 2013 Summer Tax Bill and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 2309 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing, Michigan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further action is required by the City Attorney for processing this claim.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-186

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

WHEREAS, JENNEIN, INC. sought to eliminate a special assessment of $1,471.50 for trash and debris and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 819 N. Larch, Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on September 17, 2013 to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim filed by JENNEIN, INC. of $1,471.50 for a special assessment on trash and debris and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 819 N. Larch, Lansing, Michigan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further action is required by the City Attorney for processing this claim.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-187

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

WHEREAS, D & D Lansing LLC sought to eliminate a special assessment of $4,742.00 for trash and debris violation and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 3820 S. Cedar, Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on September 17, 2013 to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim filed by D & D Lansing LLC of $4,742.00 for trash and debris violation and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 3820 S. Cedar, Lansing, Michigan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further action is required by the City Attorney for processing this claim.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-188

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

WHEREAS, Todd Bennett sought to eliminate a special assessment for Trash removal in the amount of $1,791.00 and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 1209 Lathrop St., Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on September 17, 2013 to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, approves the claim in the amount of $1,791.00 for trash removal for the location of 1209 Lathrop St., Lansing, Michigan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-189

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Charter requires the City Council to approve all “special counsel” retained by the Lansing Board of Water and Light; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate this process, the Board has proposed a list of outside law firms to call upon to provide legal services to the Board on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney recommends and requests City Council approval of the following firms proposed as outside legal counsel to the Lansing Board of Water and Light:

1. Brookover & Carr, P.C.
2. Butzel Long
3. Clark Hill PLC
4. Canady Law Offices
5. Carlin, Edwards, Brown & Howe, PC
6. Dickinson Wright PLLC
7. Dykema Gossett PLLC
8. Foley Lardner
9. Foster Swift Collins & Smith, P.C.
10. Foster Zack Little Pasteur & Manning, P.C.
11. Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C.
12. Grua, Jamo & Young, P.L.C.
13. Haywood Harrison, P.C.
14. Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn, LLP
15. Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston, P.C.
16. Keller Thoma
17. Kelley Cawthorne PLLC
18. Latham & Watkins
19. Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, PC
20. McGinty, Jakubiak, Hitch & Housefield
21. Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC
22. Murphy, Brenton & Spagnuolo, P.C.
23. Oade, Stroud & Kleiman, PC
24. Plunkett & Cooney
25. Secrest Wardle
26. The Gallagher Law Firm
27. Varnum Riddering Schmidt Howlett LLP
28. Willingham & Coté
29. Philip Dwyer, PC
30. Melvin McWilliams, PC
31. Barnes & Thornburg
32. Spiegel & McDiarmid (FERC)
33. Barrack, Rodos & Bacine

34. Milberg LLP
35. Robbins, Geller, Rudman & Dowd LLP

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the City Attorney recommendation and request, the City Council hereby approves the following firms as the Board of Water and Light's outside legal counsel:

1. Brookover & Carr, P.C.
2. Butzel Long
3. Clark Hill PLC
4. Canady Law Offices
5. Carlin, Edwards, Brown & Howe, PC
6. Dickinson Wright PLLC
7. Dykema Gossett PLLC
8. Foley Lardner
9. Foster Swift Collins & Smith, P.C.
10. Foster Zack Little Pasteur & Manning, P.C.
11. Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C.
12. Grua, Jamo & Young, P.L.C.
13. Haywood Harrison, P.C.
14. Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, LLP
15. Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston, P.C.
16. Keller Thoma
17. Kelley Cawthorne PLLC
18. Latham & Watkins
19. Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, PC
20. McGinty, Jakubiak, Hitch & Housefield
21. Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC
22. Murphy, Brenton & Spagnuolo, P.C.
23. Oade, Stroud & Kleiman, PC
24. Plunkett & Cooney
25. Secrest Wardle
26. The Gallagher Law Firm
27. Varnum Riddering Schmidt Howlett LLP
28. Willingham & Coté
29. Philip Dwyer, PC
30. Melvin McWilliams, PC
31. Barnes & Thornburg
32. Spiegel & McDiarmid (FERC)
33. Barrack, Rodos & Bacine
34. Milberg LLP
35. Robbins, Geller, Rudman & Dowd LLP

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2013-190
BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFRIES
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, October 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving and/or opposing the Special Land Use Permit request under the Zoning Ordinance for the following property:

SLU-3-2013: Special Land Use Permit –Church Use at 1115 S Washington Avenue

By Council Member Jeffries

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-191
BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS; be it resolved that due to special circumstances, City Council will hold a City Council Meeting on Monday, October 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing Michigan; and

WHEREAS; the purpose of the meeting will be to approve or deny the PPE-01-12; Application for Exemption of New Personal Property Tax request by Niowave, Inc. for property located at 1012 N Walnut St., Lansing Michigan; and

WHEREAS; the second purpose of the meeting will be to approve or deny the Special Land Use permit for 1115 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing Michigan for Riverview Church to utilize the property as a church.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that there will be a City of Lansing City Council Meeting on Monday, October 14, 2013 for approval or denial of the PPE-01-12; Application for Exemption of New Personal Property request by Niowave, Inc. for property located at 1012 N. Walnut St., and the Special Land Use permit for 1115 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing Michigan for Riverview Church to utilize the property as a church.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-192
BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Tom Ruhala sought to eliminate a special assessment of $1,205.00 for brush and tree limb debris assessment and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 1005 Smith, Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on September 17, 2013 to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim filed by Tom Ruhala of $1,205.00 for brush and tree limb debris assessment and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 1005 Smith, Lansing, Michigan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further action is required by the City Attorney for processing this claim.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-193
BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshal has determined that the structure (dwelling) located at 1304 Glenrose, Lansing Michigan Tax ID#33-01-01-08-254-111, Legal Description: S 118.5ft Lot 57 & S 118.5ft of W 4ft Lot 56 Rosdale Park Sub is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 108.1.1 of the Lansing Housing Code and the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and was red tagged on March 7, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by the Demolition Board on June 27, 2013, at which the Hearing Officer determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by July 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officer filed a report of his findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Housing Code and the Housing

Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Lansing Housing Code require a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on September 9, 2013, to review the findings and the order of the Demolition Board and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Housing Inspector has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Board Officer has not occurred; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 1304 Glenrose, Lansing Michigan are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Demolition Board to demolish or otherwise make safe that said structure (dwelling) within thirty (30) days from the date of this resolution, September 23, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Demolition Boards order for demolition or make safe, the Lead Housing Inspector is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED whether demolition is accomplished by said property owner or the city that appropriate seeding and restoration of property take place to avoid run-off to adjacent properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of such demolition shall be a lien against the real property and shall be reported to the City Assessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the owners in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment record shall be notified by the City Assessor of the amount of such cost by first class mail at the address shown on the records. Upon the owners failure to pay the same within thirty (30) days after mailing by the City Assessor of the notice of the amount thereof, the amount of said costs shall be a lien and shall be filed and recovered as provided by law and the lien shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the general property tax act.

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-194

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshal has determined that the structure (dwelling) located at 1116 E Kalamazoo, Lansing Michigan Tax ID#33-01-01-15-376-241 Legal Description: Lot 4 Block 2 Lansing Improvement Company's ADD is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 108.1.1 of the Lansing Housing Code and the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and was red tagged on June 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by the Demolition Board on June 27, 2013, at which the Hearing Officer determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by July 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officer filed a report of his findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Housing Code and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Lansing Housing Code require a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on September 9, 2013, to review the findings and the order of the Demolition Board and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Housing Inspector has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Board Officer has not occurred; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 1116 E Kalamazoo, Lansing Michigan are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Demolition Board to demolish or otherwise make safe that said structure (dwelling) within thirty (30) days from the date of this resolution, September 23, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty (20) days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Demolition Boards order for demolition or make safe, the Lead Housing Inspector is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED whether demolition is accomplished by said property owner or the city that appropriate seeding and restoration of property take place to avoid run-off to adjacent properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of such demolition shall be a lien against the real property and shall be reported to the City Assessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the owners in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment record shall be notified by the City Assessor of the amount of such cost by first class mail at the address shown on the records. Upon the owners failure to pay the same within thirty (30) days after mailing by the City Assessor of the notice of the amount thereof, the amount of said costs shall be a lien and shall be filed and recovered as provided by law and the lien shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the general property tax act.

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-195

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshal has determined that the structure (dwelling) located at 521 Fenton, Lansing Michigan Tax ID#33-01-01-33-281-041, Legal Description: Lot 98 Maple Hill is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 108.1.1 of the Lansing Housing Code and the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and was red tagged on February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by the Demolition Board on June 27, 2013, at which the Hearing Officer determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by July 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officer filed a report of his findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take

appropriate action under the Lansing Housing Code and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Lansing Housing Code require a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on September 9, 2013, to review the findings and the order of the Demolition Board and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Housing Inspector has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Board Officer has not occurred; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 521 Fenton, Lansing Michigan are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Demolition Board to demolish or otherwise make safe that said structure (dwelling) within thirty (30) days from the date of this resolution, September 23, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty (20) days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Demolition Boards order for demolition or make safe, the Lead Housing Inspector is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

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By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-196

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Committee on Public Services met on September 18, 2013 to review the Hazard Mitigation Plan, last Revised August 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be set for Monday, September 30, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Revision date August, 2013.

By Council Member Quinney

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-197

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution 2013-127 adopted by this Council, the City Assessor held a public hearing on July 29, 2013, regarding Assessment Roll SR-002 for the removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks adjacent to certain properties; and

WHEREAS, the cost incurred between October 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013 by the City total $4,148.00; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Public Services met on August 21, 2013 to review the public hearing findings and removed 2101 Colonial Plaza, 2420 Harding Avenue and 2411 Fairfax from the assessment roll; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby directs that special assessment roll number SR-002 as returned by the City Assessor, be ratified and confirmed as amended in Committee; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby directs the City Assessor to notify the owners of properties affected by this roll in accordance with City Ordinance 1020.06.

By Council Member Quinney

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 Robinson 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. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
   a. Appointment of Tameko Richard as a Business Representative to the Downtown Lansing Inc. Board of Directors for a term to expire June 30, 2014

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

   b. 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

   c. Amendment to General Motors 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT)

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

d. Lansing Board of Water & Light Return on Equity Agreement

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Letter from Rod Gregg regarding sidewalks

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Boles Robinson announced a workshop on financial security.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

Lori Fruk spoke about the Freedom of Information Act.

Rodney Terry spoke about homelessness and joblessness.

Russel Terry spoke about an electric outlet.

L. W. Morrow spoke about fuel cells and blight.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:34 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK