



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
January 27, 2025**

Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Kost

PRESENT: Council Members Brown, Carter, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Kost, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

Council Member Garza asked people to remember Tom Delaney, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Kost.

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

President Kost announced item 8 will be sent back to the administration to be resubmitted.

Council Member Garza spoke about a joint constituent contact meeting.

Council Member Hussain spoke about the Rejuvenating South Lansing 10-year anniversary celebration and about Charter Commission meetings.

Council Member Pehlivanoglu spoke about the virtual comment option for Charter Commission meetings.

Community Event Announcements

Nicklas Zande announced the Old Everett Neighborhood Association meeting.

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 Schor spoke about the annual report, paramedic positions at the Lansing Fire Department, and the Empower Program Graduation.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Nicklas Zande spoke about Act-8-2024.

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Carter

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

Resolution #2025-007

By the Committee on Development and Planning
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for reappointment of Don Sober as a member of the South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire July 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed with this resolution that they have vetted the applicant based on the original application and believes that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning met on January 22, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Don Sober as a member of the South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire July 31, 2028.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2025-008

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 41 of the Lansing City Council Rules, a proposed rule revision shall be placed on the Council Agenda for Council receipt and review, but "shall not be considered for adoption sooner than the next council meeting;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby amends the City Council Rule 16 Standing Committees by inserting the Committee on Municipal Audit as set forth below.

Rule 16 Standing Committees; the standing committees of Council and their functions are as follows:

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AUDIT

Objectives of the Committee are to provide guidance and oversight to the City Council Internal Auditor in the performance of his/her responsibilities, create and review annual audit plans, and evaluate the financial position of the City.

The Committee on Municipal Audit will prepare an annual audit plan by June 30th each year.

This does not impede other requests made by other Councilmembers

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2025-009

By Council President Kost
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, in September 2024 Council President Garza created the Ad Hoc Audit Committee and City Council approved under Resolution 2024-196; and

WHEREAS, under the charge of the Ad Hoc Audit Committee, a standing audit committee was determined to be necessary and proposed to City Council for the creation of a Committee on Municipal Audit under Rule 16 of the Council Rules; and

WHEREAS, the rule change was introduced on January 13, 2025 and was considered for adoption at the January 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, with amending of Council Rule 16 to incorporate a new Standing Committee; Committee on Municipal Audit, the Ad Hoc Audit Committee will dissolve and cease as of January 27, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the adoption of the amendment to Council Rule 16 creating the Committee on Municipal Audit, the 2024 Ad Hoc Audit Committee will cease to exist.

By President Kost

Motion Carried

Resolution #2025-010

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made the recommendation for appointment of Christopher Harkins as an At-Large member of the Board of Water and Light for a term to expire June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has confirmed with this resolution, that they have vetted the applicant based on the original application and believes that the applicant meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on January 27, 2025 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Christopher Harkins as an At-Large member of the Board of Water and Light for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

By Vice President Carter

Motion Carried

FAILED

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

By Vice President Carter to appoint Shelbi Frayer as an At-Large member of the Board of Water and Light.

Motion Failed by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Hussain, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore

Nays: Council Members Carter, Garza, Brown, Jackson, Kost

Resolution #2025-011

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Act-8-2024, 520 South Washington Avenue, Use of Right-of-Way

WHEREAS, Ovation Center for Music and Arts has requested to formalize easements for use of the West Lenawee Street and South Washington Avenue rights of way to permit building encroachments for the Ovation Center for Music and Arts development; and

WHEREAS, a building encroachment will extend up to 5.07 feet into South Washington Avenue to facilitate the building of an accessibility ramp; and

WHEREAS, a building encroachment will extend up to 4.53 feet into West Lenawee Street and up to 4.73 feet into South Washington Avenue, with a building overhang of up to 14.3 feet above finished grade, to facilitate the building of entrance ramps at the northeast corner of the building; and

WHEREAS, a roof overhang will extend up to 1.6 feet into the West Lenawee Street right of way and up to 50 feet above finished grade; and

WHEREAS, a roof overhang will extend up to 2.48 feet into the South Washington Avenue right of way and up to 50 feet above finished grade; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, the Planning Commission reviewed the location, character, and extent of the proposal in accordance with its Act 33 Review procedure, and voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend approval of Act-8-2024, 520 South Washington Avenue, Use of Right-of-Way; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole has reviewed the report and recommendation of the Planning Commission and concurs therewith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby approves Act-8-2024, and approves the easements for the use of building encroachments into the West Lenawee Street and South Washington Avenue rights-of-way, on the property legally described as:

A parcel of land being part of Lots 1-4 and 9-12, Block 1469, Original Plat of the City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 36, Ingham County Records, the boundary of said parcel described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Block 149; thence South 89° 13' 23" East along the North line of said Block 149 a distance of 161.50 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 89° 13' 23" East continuing along said north line 168.50 feet to the Northeast corner of said Block; thence South 00° 32' 26" West along the East line of said Block 149 a distance of 263.50 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 4 of said Block 149; thence North 89° 18' 36" West along the South line of said Lot 4 a distance of 89.00 feet; thence North 00° 32' 27" East 57.50 feet; thence North 89° 27' 35" West 79.50 feet; thence North 00° 32' 26" East 206.46 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel subject to all easements and restrictions, if any.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to sign and execute all documents to complete this transaction, subject to prior approval as to content and form by the City Attorney.

By Vice President Carter

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 Carter that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Kost make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

Item(s) from the City Clerk re:

Minutes of Boards and Commissions placed on file in the Clerk's Office
Placed on File

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Grant Acceptance; Lansing Police Department Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
Referred to the Committee on Ways and means and to the Internal Auditor

Grant Acceptance; National Trust for Historic Preservation
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Internal Auditor

Act-6-2024; Vacation of Horne Drain Easement, Lansing School District, 2000 Lewton Pl.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Act-7-2024; Permanent Utility Easement, Lansing School District, 2000 Lewton Pl.
Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Special Assessment; Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Setting a Public Hearing on Special Assessment: Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Liquor Express Lansing Inc. request for Transfer Ownership Escrowed 2024 SDD and SDM License with Sunday Sales Permit (AM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDD License – Spirits, and Sunday Sales Permit (PM) for SDM License – Mixed Spirit Drink from Rite Aid Of Michigan, Inc.; Transfer Location from 610 N Cedar St, Ste A, Mason to 925 E Kalamazoo St, Lansing; Transfer Governmental Unit under MCL 436.1531(22) from Mason City to Lansing City at 925 E Kalamazoo St, (RID # RQ-2501-00186)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; RBM Properties LLC request for transfer membership interest by adding 224 Grewal Investments, LLC as a member through transfer to the company; and as a result, through redistribution, existing member Kevin L. Meyer will hold 25.5% membership interest, Irving Ronk will hold 4% membership interest, Joseph S. Bell, Jr. will hold 4% membership interest, Jenna B. Meyer will hold 25.5% membership interest, Christopher R. Meyer will hold 25.5% membership interest and 224 Grewal Investments, LLC will hold 15.5% membership interest (RID # RQ-2411-15377)
Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Remarks by Council Members

President Kost spoke about the Committee on Municipal Audit and shared that the members of the committee are Council Member Spadafore as Chair, Council Member Carter as Vice-Chair and Council Member Pehlivanoglu as Member.

Council Member Brown spoke about At-Large Constituent Contact meetings.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Nate Ford spoke about the Lansing Entheogens and Psychedelic Society.

Nancy Mahlow spoke about the At-Large position on Board of Public Service.

Adjourned Time 7:40 P.M.



Chris Swope, City Clerk