



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 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, Jeffries, Quinney, Wood

**ABSENT:** Council Member Dunbar, Houghton (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Washington, Yorko (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

A quorum was not present.

Council Member Boles Robinson asked people to keep in their thoughts the Bassey and Brinkler families, who recently lost loved ones, during the moment of Meditation. President Wood asked people to remember the September 11, 2001 victims during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Wood.

**APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

Council Members Houghton and Yorko arrived at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

By Vice President Boles Robinson

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of July 29 and August 5, 2013

Motion Carried

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS  
AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Member Wood announced the Listening Ear is looking for volunteers and has orientation sessions scheduled.

Council Member Boles Robinson announced her Second Saturday meeting.

Council Member Houghton announced Cavanaugh Park Neighborhood and Old Everett Neighborhood meetings. She spoke about her experience being a greeter for the first day of school.

City Clerk Swope announced that the proposed Charter amendment regarding marijuana will be on the ballot in November. He announced a forum of the League of Women Voters.

**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 Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner. He spoke in support of the Jackson National Life Insurance Company items up for public hearing this evening. He provided an update on the Holmes Rd. construction project, the MDOT project on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., and the Consumers Energy project on Moores River Dr.

Council Members Quinney and Robinson mentioned the need for traffic control at the intersection of Holmes Rd. and Express Ct.

Randy Hannan announced the September 11 Ceremony. He discussed the rollout of the new recycling carts. He announced Lansing Community Connect and the upcoming Mobile Food Pantry.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS**

1. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1304 Glenrose Avenue
2. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 521 Fenton Street
3. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1116 E. Kalamazoo Street

President Wood gave an overview of the hearings.

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

Shirley Willis spoke on behalf of her neighborhood association in favor of the orders to make safe or demolish the property at 1304 Glenrose.

**REFERRAL OF SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS**

1. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1304 Glenrose Avenue

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

2. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 521 Fenton Street

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

3. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1116 E. Kalamazoo Street

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of IDD-1-13; Industrial Development District

- for Jackson National Life Insurance Company
2. In consideration of IDD-2-13; Industrial Development District for Jackson National Life Insurance Company
3. In consideration of PPE-1-13; Exemption of new Personal Property for Jackson National Life Insurance Company
4. In consideration of PPE-2-13; Exemption of new Personal Property for Jackson National Life Insurance Company

Council Member Jeffries gave an overview of the hearings.

• Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

John Brown spoke in favor of the incentives for Jackson National Life Insurance Company.

**REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. In consideration of IDD-1-13; Industrial Development District for Jackson National Life Insurance Company  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
2. In consideration of IDD-2-13; Industrial Development District for Jackson National Life Insurance Company  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
3. In consideration of PPE-1-13; Exemption of new Personal Property for Jackson National Life Insurance Company  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
4. In consideration of PPE-2-13; Exemption of new Personal Property for Jackson National Life Insurance Company  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

By Council Member Boles Robinson

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2013-173**

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

**Psalms 108:4**

*For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.*

WHEREAS, Mother Mary J. Walton a servant of the Lord for over 50 years was born in Eldorado, Arkansas and she accepted the Lord while in the Sunshine Bank at her local church; and

WHEREAS, Mother Walton finished her primary, secondary and intermediate education and attended college in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mother Walton is a retired Registered Radiological Technician, as well as a retired Practical Nurse. She married James A. Walton and the Lord blessed them with son; over the years "Mother" has had many spiritual sons, daughters, and grandchildren whom she

has regarded as her own; and

WHEREAS, Mother Walton is faithful member of Whitlock Memorial Church of God in Christ and after many years of service was appointed Jurisdictionally Supervisor of Southwest Michigan Jurisdiction #4. She has held this position consecutively for 19 years. Mother Walton is also the alternate General Supervisor Representative and a member of the National Executive Board and chairperson for the Red Cards and Compliments Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mother Walton is the founder and president of the Summit, and outreach ministry that has been a blessing and a consolation to the countless hurting women for over 29 years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that most importantly Mother Walton is a faithful worker in the Lord's vineyard. Through her years of dedicated service she has taught and trained many people spiritually from many different walks of life. The Lansing City Council welcomes Mother Mary J. Walton to Lansing and wishes her the very best as she continues her calling from the Lord.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTION #2013-174**

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

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, September 30, 2013, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving and/or opposing the Ordinance for rezoning:

PRD-1-2013, Planned Residential Development, 3600 Dunckel Road, Student Housing Complex

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #2013-175**

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

WHEREAS, The Lansing Police Department (LPD) submitted a 100% Federally-funded multi-jurisdiction grant application (#2013-H4089-MI-DJ) to the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance for a four-year Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and

WHEREAS, The LPD JAG application was endorsed by the City of East Lansing and Ingham County, and was accepted by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (award # 2012-DJ-BX-0582); and

WHEREAS, The JAG grant is a cooperative plan with the City of East Lansing, Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Justice Assistance will award \$105,367 to be split \$89,689.00 to the City of Lansing, \$10,678.00 to the City of East Lansing and \$5,000.00 to the County of Ingham; and

WHEREAS, the federal award of \$105,367 requires no local match from any of the local agencies; and

WHEREAS, The JAG grant will fund items necessary to increase the capability to introduce new data management technology in order to increase efficiencies at the Lansing Police Department (\$83,489), fingerprint scanning equipment for the City of East Lansing (\$10,678), overtime for a Violent Crime Initiative for LPD and the Ingham County Sheriff Department (\$5,000 / each), and administrative costs (\$1,200);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the multi-agency 2013 Justice Assistance Grant in the total amount of \$105,367 (requiring no local match) for the grant period beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2016; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary operating transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.

By Council Member Boles Robinson

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2013-176**

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Relations and Community Services (HRCS) submitted a grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the 2012 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Supportive Housing Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application; and

WHEREAS, the HRCS applied for grant renewal funding for the following agencies: Advent House Ministries, Capital Area Community Services, Gateway Community Services, Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, Haven House, National Council on Alcoholism, and St. Vincent Catholic Charities for one-year renewal grants to support existing Supportive Housing Program initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the HRCS has received notice from HUD that renewal grants were awarded for a total amount \$1,715,847; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has received all ten of the grant agreements from HUD; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor agency shall be responsible for securing the required cash match requirements stipulated by HUD in receiving said grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Lansing, Michigan, accepts the terms of the grant agreement as received from HUD and the City of Lansing does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. That the administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and transfer necessary funds to administer and monitor the grants and to appropriate such additional funds as shall be necessary to complete the project subject to the City Council transfer policies.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to HUD for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To implement the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreements.
4. To authorize the Mayor of the City of Lansing to be the local authorized representative to sign documents in behalf of the City of Lansing.
5. To comply with any and all terms of said HUD agreements, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portion of this resolution.

By Council Member Boles Robinson

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2013-177**

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

That the following FY 2014 transfer be approved:

101-112120  
Internal Auditor

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| \$1,500.00 from Internal Auditor Salaries    | 101.112120.702000 |
| \$1,500.00 to Internal Auditor Miscellaneous | 101.112120.741000 |

To provide miscellaneous funds for general use including office supplies, business cards, etc. There are currently residual funds available from the position being vacant from July 1, 2013 to August 26, 2013.

By Council Member Boles Robinson

Motion Carried

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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

Z-3-2013, 3600 Dunckel Road, Rezoning from "F" Commercial & "J" Parking Districts to "DM-2" Residential District

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

**RESOLUTION #2013-178**

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

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Z-3-2013, 3600 Dunckel Road, Rezoning from "F" Commercial & "J" Parking Districts to "DM-2" Residential District

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT  
RELATED MATTERS**

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**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

ADJOURNED TIME 7:59 P.M.

• Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

1. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
  - a. Grant Acceptance; HUD 2012 Continuum of Care Program

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

- b. SLU-5-2013; request from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce to utilize the property at 534 S. Walnut Street for a parking lot

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

- c. Hazard Mitigation Plan

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Affidavits of Disclosure submitted by:
  - a. Chad Frazier, Lansing Police Officer
  - b. Michelle Burkhardt, Lansing Police Officer
  - c. Jason Spoelma; Lansing Police Officer

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

2. Letter from Charles Hoffmeyer regarding violence at the nightclub at 6810 S. Cedar Street

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

3. Letter from Comcast Cable regarding channel lineup changes

REFERRED TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

4. Letter from several individuals regarding the City of Lansing's Sister City relationship with St. Petersburg, Russia

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

5. Letter from Russell Scovill supporting deeding Fire Station #5 to Capital Area American Legion Post #12

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING AND REFERRED TO THE MAYOR

**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Council Member Boles Robinson to excuse Council Members Dunbar and Washington from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

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

Mary Elaine Kiener spoke about Niowave's tax abatement.

Russell Terry spoke about various City matters.

Rina Risper spoke about Niowave and Walnut Neighborhood Organization.

Anita Smith-Harris spoke about living conditions.

L. W. Morrow spoke about fuel cells.

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**