



**MINUTES**  
**Committee on City Operations**  
**Wednesday, February 20, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Brown called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

**PRESENT**

Council Member Jeffrey Brown, Chair  
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice-Chair  
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Renee Richmond, Council Administrative Assistant  
Charles Randall, Internal Auditor  
Greg Venker, OCA  
Ashely Smith  
Rawley Van Fossen, Director ED&P  
Aqleema Muhammad Essa  
Ali Ahmad Qurbanali  
Marc Jones, Dept. Public Service  
Mitch Whisler, Dept. Public Service

**MINUTES**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2025, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

No Public comment.

**Discussion/Action**

**RESOLUTION – Non-Profit Recognition, Everett High School Vikings Alumni Association**

Ms. Smith stated the organization began Summer, they've evolved and are needing additional funding so this will assist in getting there. So applying for Non-Profit to obtain a raffle license for their first fundraiser.

Councilmember Garza asked what other fundraisers have the done, Ms. Smith responded they've done small t-shirt and water bottle sales, and mocktail sales.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE NON-PROFIT RECOGNITION, EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL VIKINGS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Claim Appeal #2152, Aqleema Muhammad Essa for \$2,130 in trash fees at 1807 Ray Street

Mr. Qurbanali spoke that they were going through a clean-up and called for a container, however the neighbor they share a driveway with would not move their vehicle.

Councilmember Garza asked if people still lived in 1803, and Mr. Qurbanali stated they moved out about 3-4 weeks ago. Mr. Qurbanali continued his mother cannot financially afford it, Councilmember Brown asked if there were payment plan options. Mr. Venker informed if not paid by the deadline they go on the taxes. Mr. Qurbanali said that would be fine if they come out of their taxes, Mr. Venker then explained they don't come out of any tax return they would be added to the property taxes. Mr. Van Fossen agreed to meet with Mr. Qurbanali after the meeting to explain and exchange information for the assessing office.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO DENY THE CLAIM APPEAL #2152, AQLEEMA MUHAMMAD ESSA FOR \$2,130 IN TRASH FEES AT 1807 RAY STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Set a Public Hearing on Noise Special Permit; Hoffman Bros. Inc. request to allow for the Combined Sewer Overflow 019 Project

Mr. Jones explained this will allow the contractors to work on Saturdays for the duration, unsure on start date but April 19<sup>th</sup> is hopeful.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; HOFFMAN BROS. INC. REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR THE COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW 019 PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-56, rescinding the parking prohibition along the north side of W. Thomas St. from Turner St. to the western dead end

Mr. Whisler informed the Committee Public Service received a request to remove the parking restrictions, a petition was received with 80% in favor, adding that side used to be an excavation company that is no longer in business and the Department supports the request. Councilmember Garza asked if any were in opposition, and Mr. Whisler stated that isn't asked it is a majority in the area that is required.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-56, RESCINDING THE PARKING PROHIBITION ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF W. THOMAS ST. FROM TURNER ST. TO THE WESTERN DEAD END. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-61, regulate parking on Eaton Road

Mr. Whisler stated this at TCO 24-63 are tied together, when a CSO is done staff goes through and updates signs, etc. A time limit sign was noticed and no longer appropriate, so the department did a survey to remove or keep. Most were positive but it was a low return rate but recommends removal and they will continue to monitor.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-61, REGULATE PARKING ON EATON ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-63, regulate parking on Wayburn Road

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-63, REGULATE PARKING ON WAYBURN ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION – Notice from Michigan Liquor Control Commission; ADVANCED UZP Inc. request for Transfer Ownership Escrowed 2024 SDD & 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 to 4700 Pleasant Grove Road (RID#RQ-2410-14646)

Councilmember Brown stated the Committee received three notices from MLCC and that local government authority is not needed but an opinion can be provided. Stating letters from Ward 3 Councilmember Hussain, and from SWAG and Rejuvenating South Lansing were provided. He then asked Mr. Venker if the Committee needs to do anything further, Mr. Venker answered it is not required but if they or Council wishes to do a resolution in opposition for consideration by MLCC that is acceptable.

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Councilmember Brown asked Councilmember Kost if he had anything to add, Councilmember Kost answered nothing further beside letter included.

DISCUSSION – Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; ADVANCED UZP Inc. request for Transfer Ownership Escrowed 2024 SDD & SDM License with Sunday Sales Permit (AA), 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 2263 Cedar St. Holt to 4519 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing; Transfer Governmental Unit under MCL 436.1531(22) from Delhi Township to Lansing City at 4519 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (RID #RQ-2410-14651)

Councilmember Brown asked Councilmember Garza if he had anything to add, Councilmember Garza answered no.

### **Other**

Mr. Venker explained this was brought up in the confusion on when a motion is made for claim appeals. With the way it is phrased member are unsure if they vote yes or no what are they voting for. Continuing that this committee would recommend the denial or granting of the appeal before the final decision at Council. Councilmember Spadafore commented that it then doesn't matter what this committee does, Mr. Venker disagreed but stating the final decision is at Council. The Committee consensus was to continue discussions on this and on other verbiage.

Ms. Richmond noted the next scheduled meeting for 3/06 needs to be rescheduled, Councilmember Brown indicated he would look at dates and follow up with her.

**Adjourn**

Adjourned at 4:42pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 28, 2025