



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Thursday, April 17, 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
Matt Staples, OCA
Ben Dowd, Lansing Pride
Andy Kilpatrick, Director Dept. Public Service
Marc Jones, Dept. Public Service
Eric Stahley, Hoffman Brothers
Scott Cook, Dept. Public Service
Mitch Whisler, Dept. Public Service

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAR20, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Discussion/Action

COMMUNITY FUNDING – Application; Lansing Pride, Lansing Pride Celebration

Mr. Down spoke on the event, this is now the 2nd biggest event outside of silver bells in the City. It is 4 blocks of festival, and this request is to offset costs. Councilmember Spadafore spoke in support of an increase to \$1000.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUEST FOR LANSING PRIDE, LANSING PRIDE CELEBRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Staples asked for a little time to get some information on the item for Setting a Hearing for Amending Chapter 1615. Councilmember Brown stated they will return to him as he wants it on the record from OCA.

RESOLUTION – Noise Special Permit; Hoffman Bros. Inc. request to allow for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 019 Project

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SPADAFORE TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Jones notified the Committee that the start date has been pushed out about six weeks to mid-May and added that if Saturdays are not available it could push into 2026. Adding that some businesses are closed on Saturday and that will assist in not disturbing people. Mr. Jones finished that they do have a support letter from MDOT.

Mr. Stahley mentioned that the weather is unpredictable, and they cannot add resources to expedite when Saturdays are not allowed. Councilmember Brown noted they've received complaints about starting before 8:00am, and asked will they violate that, Mr. Stahley answered they will not violate. Councilmember Spadafore noted concerns that they are asking for 2 years out, Mr. Kilpatrick answered it is considered two construction years, but it is one request. Councilmember Spadafore advised that for future requests they request when the need arises and does not support the 2026 season at this time. Mr. Kilpatrick added that because of the process if they wait until they are behind it's too late.

Mr. Jones mentioned there were two comments at the Public Hearing, but they didn't live in the project area, no opposition in the project area and no opposition from the Open House

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION NOISE SPECIAL PERMIT; HOFFMAN BROS., INC. REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO) 019 PROJECT IN REMOVING THE 2026 DATES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing on Amending Chapter 1615 to allow fireworks on Juneteenth, June 19, of each year

Mr. Staples noted this amendment is to add Juneteenth to the list so individuals can launch fireworks, that is allowed under state statute MCL 28.457.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING CHAPTER 1615 TO ALLOW FIREWORKS ON JUNETEENTH, JUNE 19, OF EACH YEAR FOR APRIL 21, 2025. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Act 51 Street Certification; Colchester Road, Risdale Avenue, and Perkins Street for a total of 685.56 feet

Mr. Cook explained they rate the streets every year and found segments that are not currently certified. They have gone through the process to survey the center lines, this resolution allows that.

Councilmember Garza asked if there is any revenue from this, Mr. Kilpatrick responded very little.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR ACT 51 STREET CERTIFICATION; COLCHESTER ROAD, RISDALE AVENUE, AND PERKINS STREET FOR A TOTAL OF 685.56 FEET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-12; regulate parking along the 1200 block of N. Grand River Ave.

Mr. Whisler stated they received a request from LPD to clarify the existing parking regulations and pavement striping and existing bike lane markings be adjusted along the west side.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-12 TO REGULATE PARKING ALONG THE 1200 BLOCK OF N. GRAND RIVER AVE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-13; regulate parking along the 500 block of W. Ionia St.

Mr. Whisler indicated they did an internal review of the existing parking regulations, the signs weren't updated so this is to provide that.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-13 TO REGULATE PARKING ALONG THE 500 BLOCK OF W. IONIA ST. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 24-59 & 24-60; regulate parking along the 600 to 800 blocks of W. Genesee St.

Mr. Whisler noted this was a request from a resident to remove the two-hour parking restrictions. The petition received 53% approval to remove, the department recommends removal. Councilmember Brown asked what the percentage requirement is. Mr. Whisler answered the look for a majority but rarely get 50% to respond. Councilmember Garza noted so 47% had no response, Mr. Whisler confirmed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 24-59 & 24-60 TO REGULATE PARKING ALONG THE 600 TO 800 BLOCKS OF W. GENESSEE ST. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-64; regulate parking along Wakefield Ave.

Mr. Whisler indicated items I & J are related and spoke on both. Part of their review after the CSO the Public Service Department sends out surveys with two options. Option 1 is for no change and Option 2 is to change. The response was for no change.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-64 TO REGULATE PARKING ALONG WAKEFIELD AVE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 24-65; regulate parking along Strathmore Rd.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 24-65 TO REGULATE PARKING ALONG STRATHMORE RD. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-10; regulate parking along Tranter St.

Mr. Whisler noted they received a request to change parking regulations along Tranter St. A parking survey was sent with a majority response in favor of changing. The department recommends moving forward.

Councilmember Garza spoke in support of the TCO.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-10 TO REGULATE PARKING ALONG TRANTER ST. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-03T; temporarily regulate parking along the 100 block of S. Capitol Ave.

Mr. Whisler began because construction is expected to last 15 months, they looked at relocating the current loading zone from Michigan/Capitol towards Allegan and will not close off sidewalk.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORÉ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-03T TO TEMPORARILY REGULATE PARKING ALONG THE 100 BLOCK OF S. CAPITOL AVE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-04; install yield signs on Thackin Dr. at Bayview Dr.

Mr. Whisler said they received a request from LPD, a complaint from a person that thought there was a missing stop sign, there was no stop sign initially, the department reviewed the area based on the findings request a yield sign installed.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORÉ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-04 TO INSTALL YIELD SIGNS ON THACKIN DR. AT BAYVIEW DR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-08; install a yield sign on Fairfax Rd. at Cooper Ave.

Mr. Whisler noted a request from CityWorks was received on a tree blocking the view at the intersection, a 15mph approach for safety is identified and recommended installation of yield sign.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORÉ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-08 TO INSTALL A YIELD SIGN ON FAIRFAX RD. AT COOPER AVE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order No. 25-09; install a stop sign on Regent St. at Elizabeth St.

Mr. Whisler spoke on another CityWorks request, a traffic analysis for crashes was completed and identified a 9mph approach for safety, recommend moving forward.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORÉ TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 25-09 TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN ON REGENT ST. AT ELIZABETH ST. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:40pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on May 1, 2025