



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JANUARY 11, 2016

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:13 P.M. by President Brown Clarke.

PRESENT: Council Members Brown Clarke, Dunbar, Houghton, Hussain, Spitzley, Washington, Wood, Yorko

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

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

1. Mayoral and Council Presentation; Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Council President Browne Clark spoke in support of tribute.

Randy Hannan, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, spoke in support of the tribute and issued the official Proclamation from the Mayor's office to the Commission.

Elaine Hardy, Chairperson of the MLK Commission, thanked the Council for the recognition, shared details about the events, and introduced members of the Commission in attendance.

RESOLUTION #2016-003

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN CLARKE, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, HUSSAIN, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing, through the Human Relations and Community Services Department, will be hosting the 36th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 15, 2016, entitled "True Peace is not Merely the Absence of Tension, but the Presence of Justice;" and

WHEREAS, this day should be a day of participation, wherein all citizens contribute something positive to their community in keeping with Dr. King's lifelong work toward peace, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day honors the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, the leader who not only dreamed of a color-blind society but who also led a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of non-violence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in history by using the power of words and acts of nonviolence to advocate for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King campaigned for unprecedented civil rights legislation, and was also the driving force behind the "March for Jobs" in 1963, also known as "March on Washington" where his famous "I Have a Dream" speech secured his status as a leader and led to

inspire the nation to act on civil rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council commends the Human Relations and Community Services Department on their 36th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King being held on January 15, 2016 in the City of Lansing Council Chambers and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

By Council President Browne Clark

Motion Carried

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Yorko shared memories of last year's Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon.

Council Member Washington shared some details about her First Contact Meeting.

City Clerk Swope shared details about the upcoming Presidential Primary Election, specifically regarding absentee ballots.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address the 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 Martin Luther King Jr. Day events and the Mobile Food Pantry.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend Chapter 297 Human Rights

Council Member Wood gave an overview of the public hearing.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Stephen Purchase spoke in support of the Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend Chapter 297 Human Rights.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend Chapter 297 Human Rights

REFERRED TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items remaining on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2016-004

BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN CLARKE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2014 the City Council established an Ad-Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion to ensure and continue positive support of the continued efforts of the City of Lansing, Michigan as a welcoming community for diverse populations.

WHEREAS, this Committee will continue to pursue future support options and protection for those seeking refuge or asylum.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, this Ad-Hoc Committee will consist of three (3) members, those being Council Member Carol Wood (Committee Chairperson), Council Member Jody Washington and Council Member Patricia Spitzley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Committee will continue to meet through October 13, 2016.

By Council President Brown Clark

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 Yorke that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Brown Clarke make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

• Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:
 - a. Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities placed on file in the Clerk's Office

PLACED ON FILE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 - a. Z-6-2015; 203 S. Clippert Street (Former Red Cedar Golf Course), rezoning from "A" Residential District to "E-1" Apartment Shop District; Ferguson/Continental Lansing, LLC

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- b. SLU-6-2015; Parking Lot at 830/836 E. Jolly Road; Community Mental Health Authority

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- c. SLU-7-2015, Parking Lot at 1434 E. Jolly Road; Stiles Landscaping

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- d. Request for a Waiver of the Provisions of the Noise Ordinance contained in Chapter 654 of the Code of Ordinances for I-96 Bridges

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- e. Request for a Waiver of the Provisions of the Noise Ordinance contained in Chapter 654 of the Code of Ordinances for US-127 Sound Wall

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding:
 - a. Application for SDM License, Decker-Prescott Enterprises, LLC, 1629 E. Michigan

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. Application for Transfer of Ownership of SDM License, THJ Inc., 916 E. Grand River

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

2. Affidavit of Disclosure, Heather Shawa-DeCook, Board of Water and Light

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Wood thanked Stephen Purchase for his support and assistance at the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity.

Council Member Yorke announced a meeting at Lansing Community College regarding the BWL Eckert Power Plant review team and shared that the City of Lansing was recognized by the City of Lansing Motor City Heritage Board Award as the most collaborative City.

Council President Brown Clarke shared Committee Assignments

ADJOURNED TIME 7:46 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK