



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
FEBRUARY 8, 2016

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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 Brown Clarke

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

ABSENT: Council Member Houghton (arrived at 7:03)

Council Member Wood asked people to remember Elaine Swope, City Clerk Chris Swope's mother, and Lansing Fire Captain Steve Babcock both of whom recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Brown Clarke

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Houghton arrived 7:03 p.m.

Council Member Washington thanked those who came to the First Contact Community Meeting, and spoke about the upcoming UAW Cesar Chavez Memorial Fundraiser on March 26th.

Council Member Houghton spoke about the first Southeast Roundtable Conversation Community Meeting regarding the possibility of lead in the city's water, and the Old Everett Neighborhood Association Safety Meeting.

City Clerk Swope thanked everyone for the kind words regarding the passing of his mother, and gave an update on the Presidential Primary Election on March 8th.

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, thanked Board of Water & Light for their help in the city of Flint by providing expertise in removing lead pipes, expressed that the Mayor and the rest of Lansing mourns the loss of Fire Captain Steve Babcock, and the Mobile Food Pantry.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Julie Powers spoke in support of the sale of the parking lot.

CONSENT AGENDA

By Council Member Yorke

To approve items 1a, 1b, and 1c on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-013

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

WHEREAS, Cicero E. Sturdivant, Jr. was born on July 20, 1924, in Joiner, Arkansas to Cicero Sturdivant and Eddie-Ellis Sturdivant. Cicero legally changed his name to Calvin at the age of eighteen; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Sturdivant moved to Michigan after high school, working for Fisher Body, retiring after thirty-eight years. In addition to working full time, Calvin enrolled in Lansing Community College and later attended Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Sturdivant was a faithful member, Sunday School Superintendent, and Co-Sunday School Teacher of Friendship Baptist Church; an editor contributor to the Lansing State Journal for several decades; author of the book, "A Railroad Ran Through It," which chronicles his childhood in segregated southern Arkansas; and an avid gardener; and

WHEREAS, Calvin met his wife, Irene Dixon, while attending church. Calvin married Irene on October 29, 1955 and together they had four children and three grandchildren before he passed away peacefully on June 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Sturdivant was awarded the Harriet Tubman Award at the 2002 Ellis/Sturdivant Reunion in honor of his selfless act of bringing his parents and each of his siblings to Lansing and purchased a home for them after they had lost everything in a fire in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the children and grandchildren of Calvin have continued his annual Black History celebration since his passing, with the 3rd Annual Calvin E. Sturdivant Memorial Black History Program will be held on February 21, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby acknowledges the 3rd Annual Calvin E. Sturdivant Memorial Black History Program and extends its appreciation in the continuation of Mr. Sturdivant's honorable legacy of integrity and humility.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2016-014

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

WHEREAS, Vivian Fay Anthony-Garner was born on February 16, 1953 in Marion, Arkansas. On January 25, 2016 Lansing suffered a

tragic loss with the passing of this wonderful community member at the age of 62. Vivian leaves behind her devoted husband, Samuel and their son Andre Anthony; and

WHEREAS, Vivian obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Michigan State University before going on to obtain a Master's Degree in Administration in 1984. In 1975 Vivian began her career with the Lansing Public School District as a teacher and later as an administrator; and

WHEREAS, Vivian was well known for her tireless efforts to raise the bar in Special Education. As a teacher, Vivian pushed for academic and personal success of her students, inspiring them to know that education was liberating; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Vivian became the assistant principal at Everett High School. As the Director of Special Education she collaborated with staff and parents to establish a credible and progressive curriculum and support programs. Vivian retired in 2008 from Everett High School as an administrator; and

WHEREAS, Vivian will be long remembered as a vital part of the Everett High School and Lansing community and for her selfless, proficient and caring style of administration. She loved being a part of student activities, going out of her way to provide materials, time, and love to those in need. Students, parents, teachers, and colleagues will long remember her as a vital part of the Everett and Lansing community.

BE IT RESOLVED, Lansing City Council hereby recognizes Vivian Fay Anthony-Garner as an exceptional member of this community. Lansing City Council extends its condolences and sympathy to Vivian's family and friends during this time of sorrow.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2016-015

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

WHEREAS, in March of 1986, Pastor David Foreman accepted the commission from God to create a local church and an outreach ministry, founding the Reachout Baptist Church. The name would later change to Reachout Christian Center Church; and

WHEREAS, God continued to bless Reachout Christian Center Church as they grew from a ten-member congregation to a membership large enough that they purchased 66 acres of land in 1992 and built a new 8,000 square feet sanctuary in 1995. In 2003, Reachout Christian Center Church was able to further expand its church and build a 10,800 square feet addition; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Reachout Christian Center Church are to establish a strong local church; provide a world outreach ministry; to worship and praise God freely, without shame, in spirit and in truth according to the principles of the Word of God; to grow up spiritually and edify each other; to apply the principles of successful Christian living and apply God's Word in day-to-day experiences; and to reach out to the lost, sick, and oppressed world, clearly communicating the promises in God's Word; and

WHEREAS, Pastor David and Evangelist Annie C. Foreman have been married for over 40 years and have five children, 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They are both active members of the Lansing community; David currently serves as the treasurer for the Clergy Forum of Greater Lansing and Annie sits on many committees in the community and is active in the Sixty Plus Elderlaw Clinic of Cooley Law School; and

WHEREAS, Reachout Christian Center Church is hosting its 30th

anniversary celebration March 9 through March 11, 2016 entitled, "Reaching out to save the Lost.....30 Years Later."

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council wishes to congratulate Reachout Christian Center Church on its 30th year anniversary. May you continue on in your journey and service for many more years to come.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2016-016

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

WHEREAS, Stephen H. "Blue" Babcock was born on January 4, 1951 to Versile and Geraldine (Lundstrum) Babcock; and

WHEREAS, Stephen and Mary Babcock met during scouting activities as kids but really got to know each other during their college years and married. They have a daughter, Sherianne and son Nathaniel; also six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Stephen Babcock joined the Lansing Fire Department in 1993 as a dispatcher for eight years, before becoming a full-fledged firefighter. Stephen was one of the first registered EMTs in the United States. He was with the Lansing Fire Department for 23 years and was the Firehouse historian; and

WHEREAS, Stephen was transferred to Fire Department Emergency Management Division in March 2015 where he oversaw the Public Information Officers and focused on Continuity of Operations Planning for the City. He was a well-known spokesman for the Lansing Fire Department, and was often considered the "face" of the department for his work with the media; and

WHEREAS, Captain Stephen Babcock on Wednesday February 4, 2016 lost a battle of only a few months to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was 65 leaving his wife, family and friends with cherished memories.

BE IT RESOLVED, Lansing City Council hereby recognizes Capt. Stephen Babcock as an exceptional member of the Lansing Fire Department and Lansing community, and a devoted family man. Lansing City Council extends its condolences and sympathy to his family and friends and members of the Lansing Fire Department during this time of sorrow.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-017

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, with the retirement of the City Council's Internal Auditor, the City Council is in need of temporary assistance to continue to timely fulfill its duties and obligations per the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Personnel met on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 and determined that the recently retired Internal Auditor can return and assist City Council on a temporary basis starting February 9, 2016 and working thru May 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Auditor will work up to 8 hours a day, not to exceed 32 hours bi-weekly under contract performing tasks temporarily

in the capacity of Internal Auditor within the constraints of the current FY2015/2016 budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby approves entering into a temporary contract with James DeLine for temporary services in the position of the Internal Auditor on the execution of a contract for a period mentioned above.

By Council Member Yorko

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2016-018

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

Act-15-2015, Sale of Parking Lot #24, south of E. Michigan between Clemens and Fairview

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing proposes to sell the 0.83 acre Parking Lot #24, in "as is" condition to 2000 Block, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the property is rectangular, approximately 0.83 acres in size, and is currently zoned "J" Parking District; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on December 1, 2015, the Planning Board found, based on a review of the location, character, and extent of the Act-15-2015 proposal, that:

- Lot #24 is a public parking lot that primarily serves the adjacent businesses in the 2000 Block of East Michigan Ave. (south side),
- redevelopment of this parking lot could not only be a boost to the Eastside, but could also relieve a financial burden to the City,
- Lot #24 contains part of two alleys that need to be vacated to facilitate development,
- utility service, snow storage, and access can be provided for in the redevelopment of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend approval of Act-15-2015, a proposal to sell the 0.83 acre Parking Lot #24 to 2000 Block, LLC, and to vacate the portions of the alleys that lie within the lot; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning has reviewed the purchase agreement and the report and recommendation of the Planning Board and concurs therewith.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby approves Act-15-2015, and vacates the subject east-west alley legally described as:

Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 117, thence east 264 feet to the SE corner of Lot 124, thence south 10 feet to the NE corner of Lot 125, thence west 264 feet to the NW corner of Lot 116, thence north 10 feet to the P.O.B., all within Block 302, Leslie Park Subdivision, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby vacates the subject north-south alley legally described as:

Beginning at the NE corner of Lot 116 thence south 132 feet to the SE corner of Lot 113, thence east 10 feet to the SW corner of Lot 128, thence north 132 feet to the NW corner of Lot 125, thence east 10 feet to the P.O.B. all within Block 302, Leslie Park Subdivision, City of Lansing, Ingham

County, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the sale of the 0.83 acre Parking Lot #24, legally described as:

Lots 113 through Lot 125 and Lots 125 through 128 of Leslie Park Subdivision, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded I Liber 4, Page 2, Ingham County Records, for the amount of: \$50,000, plus closing costs.

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

By Council Member Washington

Motion Carried with Wood voting no

**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 Yorko 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

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- b. General Fund Status Report for Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

- c. Presidential Primary Announcement

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 - a. Resolution of Support for UrbanBeat, LLC application for a Redevelopment Liquor License

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. Authorizing Issuance of Wet Weather Control Program Limited Tax General Obligation Bond; Frances Park Pump Station Improvements Project

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

- c. Grant Acceptance; Financial Empowerment Center Carryforward Funds for the Cities for Financial Empowerment Supplementary Grant

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

- d. Grant Acceptance; Capital Region Community Foundation Grant for the Financial Capability for Youth Employment

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

- e. Z-1-2016; 635 W. Willow Street, Rezoning from "B" Residential District to "DM-4" Residential District and 656 W. Maple Street, Rezoning from "B" Residential District to "DM-1" Residential District

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- 1. Communication regarding concerns about Medical Marijuana dispensaries from "Community leaders residing in or representing Lansing's Eastside"

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Yorke spoke about Z-1-2016.

Council Member Dunbar encouraged people to attend the fish fry at their local church every Friday as Lent starts on Wednesday.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON
CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Julia Godwin voiced concern about goings on at Friendship Manor apartments.

J.B. Curry spoke in support of Z-1-2016.

Austin Ashley spoke in support of Z-1-2016.

Council Member Yorke apologized for sharing potential dates for Z-1-2016 hearings that have yet to be set by the Committee on Development and Planning.

Council Member Washington accepted Council Member Yorke's apology.

Alex Hall voiced concerns regarding Friendship Manor Apartments.

Harold King spoke about various city matters.

Julie Powers spoke in support of Z-1-2016.

Stan Shuck spoke about various city matters..

ADJOURNED TIME 8:01 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK