TO THE HON. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Pursuant to Section 3-202.1 of the City Charter, Council Members Spadafore and Hussain have called a special meeting of the City Council on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. Due to public safety concerns resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom Conferencing using Meeting ID 195 756 708.¹

I. ROLL CALL

II. MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS The public may comment for up to three minutes. Those wishing to make public comments will need to raise their hands or submit written comments to city.clerk@lansingmi.gov by the end of the public comment period:¹

To Raise Your Hand:
- On the phone: Dial *9
- On a mac: Option Y
- Windows: Alt Y

V. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

A. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

1. Extend the Declaration of State of Emergency regarding COVID-19

VI. MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

VII. REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk’s Office at (517) 483-4131 (TDD (517) 483-4479). 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

¹ Lansing City Council Resolution #2020-055 suspended the Council rule requiring physical presence at meetings for the duration of the declared state of emergency. Michigan Executive Order 2020-15 provides temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings. See attached Public Participation Notes.
Public Participation Notes

Just want to watch the meeting? Here are the best options:

- CityTV live station on cable TV
- CityTV live webcast (http://www.ustream.tv/channel/gov-tv-city-of-lansing-s-city-tv-station)

Want to make Public Comment?

Join Zoom Meeting from Computer

https://zoom.us/j/195756708  (Note: this option requires downloading Zoom software. If you have not already installed the software, this may take a few minutes.)
Meeting ID: 195 756 708

Dial from your phone:
646 876 9923 -or-
312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 195 756 708

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Maybe want to make Public Comments?
You can watch the meeting on CityTV on cable or webcast, and then call in with the phone option during the Public Comment portion of the agenda.

Accessibility
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1. Lansing City Council Resolution #2020-055 suspended the Council rule requiring physical presence at meetings for the duration of the declared state of emergency. Michigan Executive Order 2020-15 provides temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings. See attached Public Participation Notes.
WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 under Resolution 2020-053, City Council approved Mayor Schor’s Declaration of Emergency through April 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution emphasized the fact that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, and affected state and local governments have also declared states of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 Governor Whitmer signed a “Stay Safe, Stay Home” Executive Order in response to the severe health and concerns relating to the COVID-19 outbreak in the State of Michigan, and under the authority granted under Chapter 234.05, the Lansing Emergency Management Ordinance, the Mayor declared a local state of emergency on March 16, 2020 taking effect March 17, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council finds that the circumstances warrant an extension of the Mayor’s emergency declaration and continuation of the emergency response plan to ensure that public health is protected; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Council approves an extension of the declaration of emergency, through and including April 30, 2020, and authorizes such powers and duties as provided by Chapter 234.05, the Lansing Emergency Management Ordinance, together with those powers provided by statute, including those set forth in MCL § 30.401 et seq.