



AGENDA
Committee on Public Services
Monday, November 9, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

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Council Member Dunbar, Chair
Council Member Spitzley, Vice Chair
Council Member Spadafore, Member

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Public Comment on Agenda Items(3 minutes)**

- 3) **Minutes**
 - September 14, 2020

- 4) **Discussion/Action:**

A.) RESOLUTION – Appointment; Thomas Michael Hickson, Jr., 3rd Ward Member; Board of Public Service; Term to Expire June 30, 2023

- 5) **Other**

- 6) **Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee on Public Service
Monday, September 14, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL-via remote audio/video

Council Member Dunbar, Chair
Council Member Spitzley, Vice Chair
Council Member Spadafore, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Dept.
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney
Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney
Brian McGrain, EDP Director
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service Director
Chad Gamble
Nancy Mahlow
Kiara Lancaster-Hay
Paul Roettger
Justin (no last name given)

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 31, 2020 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

Mr. Roettger spoke in opposition to the current parking enforcement process during COVID and the \$10 visitor parking permit and \$125 permit cost.

Justin asked the Committee for details on why parking on the streets are a nuisance and not allowed.

Discussion

Council Member Spitzley acknowledged that during these months of discussion Council has heard from both sides of the discussion, and the City needs to continue to keep the public informed. She noted her understanding was that they were not enforcing during the time Council was looking at the proposed amendments. Council Member Spadafore clarified it is

an active ordinance and is currently being enforced. He continued with his understanding that the enforcement is to keep streets clear for emergencies, cleaning and traffic, so if the City issues permits to allow parking it would defeat the goal. Lastly he noted that there are ordinances that do not allow inoperable or abandoned vehicles on the streets, blocking driveways or hydrants. Council Member Dunbar added to the discussion that parking has never been prohibited during the day, and this would be to address snow emergencies and cleaning.

Mr. Gamble stated the department is finding the challenge is that with more vehicles on the streets, it makes it harder for street clean up, maintenance, snow emergencies, and addressing flooding situations. Mr. Gamble confirmed that the ordinance currently on the books has only been enforced for a few months. Another concern Mr. Gamble noted was that the streets are being used as parking lots as an extension of their driveways. Mr. Gamble concluded that he was encouraging Council to consider how long a vehicle should be parked on the street. Council Member Dunbar pointed out that currently the only prohibition is parking from 2am – 5am. The Council has heard from residents who cannot afford the permit to allow that parking, and also speeding on the streets. Her opinion would be if cars are allowed to park on the street it would slow the speeds. Mr. Gamble encouraged the Council to consider amending the ordinance to address low income issues. Council Member Spitzley supported the Committee comments and noted they cannot make decisions based on “vehicular pollution”, and she noted that Council has heard the Mayor is not opposing these amendments.

ORDINANCE –Amendment; Repeal Section 404.01(j); Eliminate the prohibition of street parking from 2am – 5am

Council Member Spadafore shared his screen with proposed amendments.

Section 4. Nothing about this repeal shall affect, or be construed to affect, the City's authority to otherwise manage parking on City streets, including the ability to tow abandoned or inoperable vehicles.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO AMEND THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR SECTION 404.01(J) TO INCLUDE A NEW SECTION 4. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ORDINANCE-Amendment; Repeal Section 404.13; Eliminate Annual and Temporary Permits for Overnight Parking

Council Member Spadafore shared his screen with the proposed amendments.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 404, SECTION 404.13, TO ELIMINATE ANNUAL AND TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING AND CREATE THE ABILITY FOR RESIDENTS OF INDIVIDUAL STREETS TO PETITION THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY TO DETERMINE IF LIMITING OR PROHIBITING PARKING BY TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER IS APPROPRIATE . THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 404, Section 404.13, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby repealed entirely and replaced as follows:

404.13 – RESIDENTIAL PETITION TO TRAFFIC ENGINEER REGARDING STREET PARKING.

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ALONG ANY STREET WHERE THE MAJORITY OF FRONT FOOTAGE OF BOTH SIDES IS ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE, IF A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON SUCH STREET SIGN A PETITION REQUESTING LIMITATION OR PROHIBITION OF STREET PARKING ALONG ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF SUCH STREET, THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER SHALL UNDERTAKE A STUDY EXAMINING WHAT PARKING IS NEEDED AND IF ANY LIMITATION OR PROHIBITION OF PARKING BY TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER IS APPROPRIATE.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO AMEND THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR SECTION 404.13 TO ADD THE OPTION FOR A TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER.

Council Member Dunbar asked Mr. Kilpatrick and Mr. McGrain if their departments would have any issues with the proposed changes, and they confirmed they would not. Council Member Spadafore asked if residential parking zones would not be effected and Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

ORDINANCE- Create Section 404.12: Regulate Street Parking during Snow Emergencies

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECTION 404.12. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The Committee asked the administration to forward the policy so they can keep the constituents informed.

DISCUSSION – Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Priorities

The Committee reviewed the recommended policies by the Board of Public Service.

Council Member Spitzley had a scheduling conflict and had to leave the meeting.

Board of Public Service Items:

1. Increase general fund support for implementation of the City's Street System Asset Management Plan, with a priority placed on reconstructing and preserving neighborhood streets, especially in those areas of the city which have been historically underserved. We encourage the Department to continue utilizing new and innovative ways to extend the life of our existing streets.
2. Maintain and expand funding for sidewalk repairs and right-of-way maintenance and improvement, with a priority placed on underserved areas; this should all be done while keeping safety a priority for Lansing residents and visitors, and meeting or exceeding the compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
3. Maintain and expand funding to update and improve the fleet of city vehicles, with specific priority for the Department.
4. Establish Lansing as a leader in PFAS regulation, testing, monitoring and enforcement through maintaining and increasing funding for educational and training purposes, and working with relevant federal, state, county and local governments, and non-government organizations.
5. Expand opportunities for multi-family residential and business recycling.
6. Follow recommendations (to the greatest extent feasible) of the energy audit of all facilities and properties to save on energy and cut costs by replacing wasteful

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devices with ones that are energy efficient and reduce the carbon footprint of the City of Lansing.

The Committee discussed each item and concurred to add all items on the priorities under the Committee on Public Services.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE ADDING THE ITEMS TO THE BUDGET PRIORITIES. ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

City Council Office Manager, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: _____

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Hetke, Veronica](#); [Mayor Intern](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Board or Commission
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:13:45 PM

Application for Appointment to Board or Commission

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Lansing Board, Commission or Committee.

Certain boards, commissions or committees require appointees to be a registered elector in the City of Lansing (Charter Section 2-102) and be a resident of Lansing for one year prior to taking office (Charter Section 2-102).

Appointees to every board, commission or committee must not be in default to the City at the time of taking office (Charter Section 2-103.2) and not have been convicted, within 20 years of taking office, of a violation of the election laws of the City of Lansing, State of Michigan, or the United States; a violation of public trust; or any felony (Charter Section 2-103.1).

Lansing City Charter, Section 5-104, Ineligibility For Boards, restricts certain City employee activities on some boards: "No person holding another City office or activity employed by the City shall be eligible to be a voting member on any board."

(Section Break)

Date	8/28/2020
First Name	Thomas
Middle	Michael
Last Name	Hickson, Jr.
Other name(s) by which you have been known, including maiden names	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Date of Birth	
Address	2012 Rossiter, Thomas Hickson
City	LANSING
State	MI

Zip Code	48911
Email	tomhickson@hotmail.com
Gender	male
Find my ward:	Lansing Neighborhoods Ward Map
Ward	3
Precinct	31
Best phone number to contact you	5177124911
Last 4 digits of social security number	
In what year did you move to Lansing?	2003. I previously lived here from 2000-2002 as well.
Additional information regarding experience and credentials	Previous employment included eight years as Legislative Director for the Michigan Association of Counties. Also was the Legislative Liaison for the Department of Environmental Quality and worked on infrastructure issues in that role.
Occupational Background	I currently serve as the Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy at the Michigan Catholic Conference. I have worked at the State Capitol in various public policy roles since 1996.
Educational Background	Bachelors of Political Science and Economics Albion College, cur laude, 1996. I also took some master's level courses on Public Administration at Western Michigan University.
Previous Appointments	Habitat for Humanity Capitol Region Board of Directors
Current Appointments	none
Please attach a resume if available	RESUM6EA.doc
First choice for board to serve on	Public Service
Second choice of a board to serve on	Capital Region Airport Authority (CRAA)
Third choice of a board to serve on	Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Council

Fourth choice of a board to serve on

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Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Please be specific as to your goals and ideas about how you wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission

As a Lansing resident living in the third ward, I have a tremendous interest in the quality of life for this city. I have chosen to live here and have been in my current home since 2003. Previously I lived in the city from 2000-2002.

Qualifications and Eligibility – At this time, if you do not meet one or more of the qualifications or eligibility requirements listed at the top, please state here the requirement to be met and explain how you will be qualified or eligible before you would be sworn in to an appointed office

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Background Check Authorization

I agree

Please type your name in this box to signify that you can serve on a board or commission and the information in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge

Thomas Hickson

Date & Time

8/28/2020 12:15 PM

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Executive level public policy professional with over 20 years of legislative experience including successful advocacy on numerous policy agenda items, management of two public policy teams, and consultation with outside clients.

EXPERIENCE:

Michigan Catholic Conference, Lansing, MI:

Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy, January 2011 to present.

Manages all legislative activities for the Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC). Specializes in advocacy for tax policy, education issues, religious freedom issues, immigration and poverty reduction. Manages the Public Policy office which includes two public policy advocates and an archivist. Develops the legislative priorities and strategies for the MCC. As a member of the MCC executive team, participates in decision making in many aspects of the conferences activities in areas beyond the scope of public policy, including assisting with strategies on finance, public relations and benefits. Testifies in legislative hearings and negotiates with members of the legislature and Governor's administration on key legislation of importance to the church. Promotes and increases participation in an approximately 7000 member legislative grassroots network comprised of Catholic voters around the state. In 2011 was named as an Honorable Mention as one of the state's top lobbyists by Michigan Information and Research Services poll.

Michigan Association of Counties, Lansing, MI:

Director of Legislative Affairs, December 2003 to January 2011.

Managed all legislative activities of Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and directly provided counsel to the following MAC Committees: Taxation and Economic Development, Transportation, Judiciary and Environmental and Regulatory Affairs. Managed two Legislative Coordinators that represented MAC on other policy issues. Developed strategies to advance the MAC board legislative agenda. Hired and managed the staff communications coordinator to develop media strategies to advance the MAC Board legislative agenda.

Contributed a monthly topical column to the MAC newspaper and contributed to the weekly MAC legislative updates. Worked with the member counties to develop the MAC grassroots legislative network. Traveled throughout the state to provide legislative updates to member counties. Reported directly to the Executive Director and provided assistance to that position on an as needed basis. Provided legislative guidance to Michigan Association of Counties Workers Compensation Fund Board.

Represented the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners (MACDC) in all legislative matters and provided a legislative column in their monthly magazine. Provided legislative updates at the MASDC quarterly board meetings. Served as the local government representative to the Michigan Wetlands Advisory Council as a Senate Majority Leader Appointee. Received an appointment by Governor Granholm to the Governor's Jail Overcrowding Task Force. In 2007 and 2009 was ranked as the third and second best association lobbyist, respectively, in the Michigan Information and Research Services poll.

Legislative Coordinator, December 2002 to December 2003.

Managed legislative issues in the area of environment, public health, social services, and county owned nursing homes. Provided direct legislative representation for the Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council and assisted them in developing legislative priorities and securing speakers for their legislative

conferences. Testified in legislative committees and provided updates to the MAC Board of Directors. Provided legislative counsel to the MAC Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Committee. Facilitated a multi-agency workgroup on public health issues. Coordinated panel discussions for legislative and annual conferences. Penned articles for association newspaper and legislative updates for weekly bulletins.

Department of Environmental Quality, Executive Office, Lansing, MI:

Legislative Liaison, October 2001 to December 2002.

Served as the central point of contact for the Department to the Legislature and Governor's office. Was responsible for Department policy development and all related legislative coordination. Worked closely with interest groups to form coalitions necessary to ensure passage of Department's policy initiatives. Testified on legislation and responded to legislative office constituent queries.

Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, Lansing, MI:

Assistant Legislative Liaison, October 2000 to October 2001.

Served as the point of contact for the Legislature to the Department. Worked with the Governor's office and Departmental divisions to formulate positions on bills and develop legislation to achieve departmental policy goals. Responsibilities included testifying in committee and meeting with individual legislators to convey Department positions on legislation. Responded to constituent queries by legislators.

House Republican Programs and Research, State Capitol, Lansing, MI:

Environmental Policy Advisor, September 1999 to October 2000.

Worked with the chairman of the House Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee to develop environmental policy and set committee agendas. Conducted extensive research and preparing analyses on legislation by working closely with State departments, private interest groups, bill drafters and legislators. Staffed the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Environmental Quality, by analyzing and assisting in the development of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality Budgets. Served as a resource to House Republican Representatives for assistance with environmental issues.

Office of State Representative Andrew Richner, State Capitol, Lansing, MI:

Legislative Assistant, April 1998 to August 1999.

Worked with Representative Richner and Programs and Research staff to set agendas for the House Family and Civil Law Committee. Conducted legislative research and bill tracking for Rep. Richner's legislation. Managed interns, resolved constituent concerns and prepared talking points for the Representative's speaking events.

Office of State Senator Jon Cisky, State Capitol, Lansing, MI:

Constituent Relations Assistant, November 1996 to April 1998.

Served as a liaison between constituents of the Senate district and state department to assist them in resolving various conflicts. Also wrote talking points for the Senator and managed the office internship program.

Scheduling Assistant, August 1996 to November 1996.

EDUCATION: **Albion College**, Albion, MI. Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, earned May 1996.
Majors in Economics & Management and Political Science.
GPA: 3.6/4.0, Dean's List.

REFERENCES: Available upon request. **SALARY REQUIREMENT:** Negotiable.

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the appointment of Thomas Michael Hickson Jr. as a 3rd Ward member of Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted by the Mayor's Office and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Service met on November 9, 2020 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Thomas Michael Hickson Jr. as a 3rd Ward member of Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2023;