



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
JANUARY 4, 2021**

Via ZOOM Conferencing, Meeting ID 816 7414 6511

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by City Clerk Swope

**PRESENT:** Council Members Betz (remotely from Lansing, MI), Dunbar (remotely from Lansing, MI), Garza (remotely from Lansing, MI), Hussain (remotely from Lansing, MI), Jackson (remotely from Lansing, MI), Spadafore (remotely from Lansing, MI), Spitzley (remotely from Lansing, MI), Wood (remotely from Lansing, MI)

**ABSENT:** None

A quorum was present.

Council Member Spitzley asked people to remember Sherie Davy, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Jackson asked people to remember people impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Swope.

**RESOLUTION 2021-001**  
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, a nomination for President and Vice President for the Lansing City Council in 2021 was made on January 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Wood nominated Councilmember Spadafore as President and Council Member Hussain as Vice President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council elects Councilmember Spadafore as President and Councilmember Hussain as Vice President of the Lansing City Council for calendar year of 2021.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

President Spadafore took over chairing the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

By Vice President Hussain

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of October 26, November 9, November 30, December 7, and December 14, 2020

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

**Yeas:** Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Wood

**Nays:** None

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK**

Council Member Jackson apologized for lack of attendance at Ways and Means Committee meetings in 2020.

Council Member Wood requested that her pay raise go toward retiree health care fund.

Council President Spadafore thanked City Council for their support as Council President for 2021. He also thanked Sherri Boak and the Information Technology Department for their help in 2020 in transitioning to virtual meetings due to the pandemic.

Council Vice-President Hussain thanked Council President Spadafore in transitioning to virtual meetings. He also thanked Sherri Boak, Renee Richmond, the Information Technology Department, CityTV, Jim Smierka and the Law Department, and the Administration for their leadership in 2020.

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

City Clerk Swope announced that the public needed to electronically “raise their hand” in order to speak during public comment period.

### MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Schor wished a Happy New Year to all. He congratulated Council President Spadafore and Council Vice-President Hussain on their election by Council. He also provided details on the recent retiree healthcare agreement.

He notified Council that the Police Department would be applying for a grant later in the week and Chief Green sent an email to Council about it earlier in the day.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

### SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public needed to electronically “raise their hand” in order to speak during public comment period.

### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

By Vice President Hussain that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spadafore make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, , Wood

Nays: Spitzley

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

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

b. Executive Directive 2020-03; The City of Lansing’s Commitment to Fair and Bias-Free Treatment of all People  
REFERRED TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

c. Appointment; DeLisa Fountain as the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement and recommendation of eligibility waiver  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

d. Affidavit of Disclosure, Samantha Harkins, Office of the Mayor  
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

e. Affidavit of Disclosure, James Smiertka, Law Department  
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

f. Communication from Cassandra Baumann on multiple City issues  
PLACED ON FILE

g. Communication from Julia Kramer on multiple City issues  
PLACED ON FILE

h. Communication from Daniel Hoffman regarding the death of Anthony Hulon  
PLACED ON FILE

i. Communication from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; Request ID No. 2012-15626, New SDM License issued under MCL 436.1533(5) at 212 South Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

### REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council President Spadafore thanked CityTV for their work in 2020 in the transition to virtual meetings. He also shared that in order to complete the

internal auditor interview process the Personnel Committee would continue to be comprised of Council Members Hussain, Wood, Spadafore, and Garza

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Mayor Schor clarified that Deputy Mayor Samantha Harkins has switched from full time to part time employment with the City and was always employed by the City in the past year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

District Court Judge Ward shared details about the CDC eviction moratorium extension to January 31, 2021 for eligible renters.

Michael Lynn Jr spoke about various City matters.

Daniel Arnold spoke about his support of law enforcement.

**ADJOURNED TIME 7:41 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**