



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
JANUARY 6, 2020**

Tony Benavides Lansing 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 City Clerk Swope

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

**ABSENT:** None

A quorum was present.

Council Member Wood asked people to remember the wife of Judge Jamo, Elizabeth Jamo, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. City Attorney Smiertka asked people to remember the wife of Jack Roberts, Gail Roberts, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Spitzley asked everyone to keep U.S Congressman John Lewis in their prayers in light of recent news of Lewis' stage four cancer. Council Member Garza asked everyone to keep the soldiers of our military in their prayers. Mayor Schor asked everyone to remember the wife of Aaron Bales, Liz Dyste-Bales, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation.

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spadafore

**RESOLUTION #2020-001**

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 2020 was made on January 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Wood made a motion to nominate Councilmember Spadafore for President and Councilmember Hussain for Vice President; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council elects Councilmember Spadafore as President and Councilmember Hussain as Vice President for the Lansing City Council year of 2020.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

By Vice President Hussain

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of December 2 and 16, 2019

Motion Carried

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

Council Member Jackson spoke about his upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Ward constituent meeting.

Council Member Garza spoke about his upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward constituent meeting.

Council Member Wood and Mayor Schor had a discussion regarding the recent Autumn Ridge Apartment Complex code compliance issues.

Vice President Hussain spoke about the upcoming Lansing-Eaton Neighborhood Organization (LENO) meeting and his 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward constituent meeting.

Council Member Spitzley spoke about the city-wide issue regarding home and apartment code compliance.

President Spadafore congratulated Council Members Betz, Hussain, Spitzley, and Wood.

City Clerk Swope spoke about the March Presidential Primary and the upcoming 2020 elections.

**COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Loretta Stanaway announced the Lansing Cemetery Courtesy Office's upcoming training session for volunteers.

**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**

Mayor Schor spoke about the upcoming prayer vigil for U.S Congressman John Lewis, Chief Information Officer Christopher Mumby, and congratulated Council Members Hussain, Betz, Wood, and Spitzley.

**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 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 Hussain that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spadafore 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. Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1522 W. Holmes Road  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
    - b. Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 215 S. Homer  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
    - c. Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department request for Bornor Restoration as the vendor for the South Washington Office Complex roof repair  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR
    - d. Sole Source Purchase; Lansing Police Department request for Action Target Inc. as the vendor for bullet traps for the Lansing Police Firearms Range  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR
    - e. Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
  1. Claim Appeal; Claim #1731, Sarah Al-Saadi for \$469 in trash removal fees at 2004 W. Miller Rd.  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
  2. Claim Appeal; Claim #1753, Tasha Williams for \$265 in grass and weed fees at 2710 W. Miller Rd.  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

**REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Spitzley thanked Council Member Wood for her service.

President Spadafore thanked Council Member Wood for her service, and announced the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

Samantha Vaive spoke about traffic lights.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

**ADJOURNED TIME 7:29 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**