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 Dunbar, Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Washington; Wood

ABSENT: None

City Clerk Swope asked people to remember Toni Thomson, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Swope.

RESOLUTION #2019-001
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 2019 was made on January 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Hussain made a motion to nominate Councilmember Wood as President; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Dunbar made a motion to nominate Councilmember Spadafore as Vice President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council elects Councilmember Wood as President and Councilmember Spadafore as Vice President for the Lansing City Council year of 2019.

By Council Member Spitzley

Council Member Dunbar asked that the question be divided to vote on the President and Vice President separately.

The question being adoption of the portion of the resolution to elect Council Member Wood as President.

Motion Carried with Council Members Dunbar and Jackson voting “nay.”

The question being adoption of the portion of the resolution to elect Council Member Spadafore as Vice President.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Spadafore

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of December 10, 2019

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

By Vice President Spadafore

To suspend City Council Rule #9 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion Carried

The following item was added to the agenda:

1. Sale of City Property; Townsend Parking Ramp located at 221 Townsend Street to the Michigan Senate

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Hussain provided updates on neighborhood organizations in the Third Ward.

Council President Wood provided updates on the Genesee Neighborhood Association and Rejuvenating South Lansing.

City Clerk Swope provided an update on medical marijuana facilities licensing process.

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 neighborhood grant workshop, applications for neighborhoods to submit applications to host Concerts in the Park this summer, upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations by the City of Lansing, and the Cardboard Classic sled race.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:
  
  Loretta Stanaway spoke about the election of Council President and Vice-President.
  
  Elaine Womboldt spoke about the election of Council President and Vice-President.
  
  Mary Reynolds spoke about the election of Council President and Vice-President.

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 Spadafore that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Wood 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
     b. Notification of Real Estate Purchase Agreement on File, City of Lansing and Michigan Senate, Townsend Parking Ramp located at 221 Townsend Street
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
     c. Liquor License; Tannin, LLC for a transfer location of Class C Liquor License for 1620 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing MI 48912
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
  2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
     a. Appointment; James A. Houthoofd, Jr. as a member of the Saginaw Street Corridor Improvement Authority for a term to expire June 30, 2021
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
     b. Appointment; Jeff McAlvey as a Member of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2025
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
     c. Appointment: Stephen Young as a Member of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
     d. Deficit Elimination Plan; Special Assessment Capital Project Fund
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
     e. Fee Changes; Todd Martin Youth Leadership Tennis
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES
     f. Donation Acceptance; June Knostman Frances Park Fund
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
     g. Reappointments; Cassie Alley to the Elected Officers Compensation Commission and Christine M. Zarkovich to the Downtown Lansing Inc. Board
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
     h. Sale of City Property; Townsend Parking Ramp located at 221 Townsend Street to the Michigan Senate
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
  - Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
    1. Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding:
       a. Transfer Ownership 2018 SDD & SDM licensed business
       b. Transfer Ownership 2018 SDD License With Sunday Sales Permit (PM) Only from Zrad, LLC, and Transfer Location From 990 Decamp, Leslie To Kroger Company of Michigan, 443 Mall Ct, Lansing 489122.
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
  2. Claim Appeal; Claim #1632, June Mar Be for $518 in trash fees at 2024 Hillcrest St.
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
  3. Claim Appeal; Claim #1635, Steven W. Hanks for $1824 in trash fees at 4614 Ballard Rd.
       REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Washington had a clarification question on the date for public hearing for the potential sale of Townsend Parking Structure to Council President Wood.

Council President Wood stated that the public hearing for the potential sale of Townsend Parking Structure was planned for January 28th.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Steven Kukulka spoke about trash removal ideas.

Elaine Womboldt spoke in opposition to recreational marijuana.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

Mary Reynolds spoke about various City matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 7:31 P.M.

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CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK