



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
JANUARY 13, 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 7:50 p.m. by President Spadafore

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

**ABSENT:** None

A quorum was present.

Council Member Betz asked people to remember his partner's sister, Katrina Brann, who will soon be undergoing brain surgery, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spadafore.

**APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

By Vice President Hussain

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of January 6, 2020

Motion Carried

**SPECIAL CEREMONIES**

1. Tribute; in recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan's Holiday Luncheon

Mayor Schor spoke in support of the tribute

President Spadafore spoke in support of the tribute.

Elaine Hardy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission Chairperson, shared that the MLK Luncheon is the largest MLK luncheon and longest running in the Country, and introduced members of the Commission in attendance.

**RESOLUTION #2020-002**

**BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BETZ, DUNBAR, GARZA, HUSSAIN,  
JACKSON, SPADAFORE, SPITZLEY AND WOOD  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING**

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan will host its 35<sup>th</sup> Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Luncheon on January 20, 2020, with the theme "There Comes a Time When Silence is Betrayal"; and

WHEREAS, this year's Keynote Speaker, U.S. Representative John Lewis is an icon of the civil rights movement. His work advanced the civil rights and social justice in our country for the past six decades. Representative Lewis began his political career in 1981 and was then elected to Congress in 1986. Since then he has served as U.S. Representative of Georgia's fifth Congressional District. He is also an award winning author of the *March* trilogy that he co-authored; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most anticipated events in the City of Lansing, the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration brings people together and reminds us to all be tolerant, kind, and accepting of one another for our similarities and our differences.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council commends the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan for their continued dedication and service to our youth and residents of the City of Lansing and wishes them the best of luck on this uplifting celebration.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council commemorates the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward, justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

By President Spadafore

Motion Carried

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

Vice President Hussain spoke about the upcoming Lewton Rich neighborhood meeting.

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

City Clerk Swope spoke about the upcoming March Presidential Primary, the 2020 elections, and absentee ballot voting.

**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 thanked the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan for their service, and spoke about the mobile food pantry and Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson although he was legally prohibited from giving additional details about Johnson's situation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

By Vice President Hussain to approve items 1b and 2b on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2020-003**

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BETZ, DUNBAR, GARZA, HUSSAIN, JACKSON, SPADAFORE, SPITZLEY AND WOOD  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing, through the Human Relations and Community Services Department, will be hosting the 40th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 17, 2020, entitled "There Comes A Time When Silence Is Betrayal"; and

WHEREAS, this day should be a day of participation, wherein all citizens contribute something positive to their community in keeping with Dr. King's lifelong work toward peace, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day honors the life and contributions of America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality, the leader who not only dreamed of a color-blind society but who also led a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of non-violence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in history by using the power of words and acts of nonviolence to advocate for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King campaigned for unprecedented civil rights legislation, and was also the driving force behind the "March for Jobs" in 1963, also known as "March on Washington" where his famous "I Have a Dream" speech secured his status as a leader and led to inspire the nation to act on civil rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council commends the Human Relations and Community Services Department on their 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King being held on January 17, 2020 in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTION #2020-004**

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the reappointment as stated below:

Elected Officers Compensation Commission:  
Derek Melot as an At-Large Member for a term to expire October 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office has verified that the nominees has been vetted and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on January 13, 2020 and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment as stated below:

Elected Officers Compensation Commission:  
Derek Melot as an At-Large Member for a term to expire October 1, 2026.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTIONS**

**HELD OVER UNDER THE RULES**

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 41 of the Lansing City Council Rules, a proposed rule revision shall be placed on the Council Agenda for Council receipt and review, but "shall not be considered for adoption sooner than the next council meeting;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby amends the City Council Rules 4 and Rule 10 as fully set forth below.

**LANSING CITY COUNCIL RULE**

(Rule amendment introduced January 13, 2020, and to be considered for adoption January 27, 2020)

*Rule 4. Appointment of Committee Members; Creation of Ad-Hoc Committees.* The President shall appoint all Council Members to the standing committees, any Council Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee and to any outside agency (see Section 3-102.6 of the City Charter). The President shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each standing committee and any ad-hoc advisory committee. Each standing committee of City Council shall consist of three Council Members., **EXCEPT THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2020. SHOULD ANY ISSUE REFERRED TO A FOUR MEMBER COMMITTEE RESULT IN A TIE VOTE, THE ISSUE SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE SHALL BE DISCHARGED OF THAT ISSUE.** The President may, at his or her discretion, create or discharge any ad-hoc advisory committees.

*Rule 10. Consent Agenda.* In preparing the agenda, the Clerk's office **WILL DETERMINE WHICH MATTERS ON THE AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE MATTERS AND SHALL PLACE ALL** shall place all Legislative Matters, except for those requiring more than five votes or a roll-call vote, **ROUTINE MATTERS** on the Consent Agenda.

All Legislative **ROUTINE** Matters on the Consent Agenda may be acted upon in one vote; provided, however, that any Council member may identify specific items that are not to be included in the single Consent Agenda vote, but which are to be discussed and voted upon separately. These items shall be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are to be considered as part of the regular portion of the meeting to which they relate.

By Vice President Hussain

Per Council Rule #41, the motion cannot be voted on until the next Council Meeting.

**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 Wood make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:
  1. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
    - a. Grant Acceptance; National League of Cities Grant, Cities Addressing Fines & Fees Equitably  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR
    - b. Grant Acceptance; Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant requested by Lansing Police Department  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR
    - c. Appointment; Michael Redding as an At-Large Member of the Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2021  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
  1. Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of request of Transfer stock interest in conjunction with various 2019 Watercraft licenses and permits, for J & K Catering, Inc. located at 2951 W. Main St. and 206 W. River St., Grand Ledge  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
  2. Communication from Katherine Gleason about the lack of CATA bus routes in the Downtown "midtown" Lansing neighborhoods  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

By Vice President Hussain that the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations be discharged of:  
Appointment; Nathan Triplett as a City of Lansing member of the Capital Area Transportation Authority Board for a term to expire September 30, 2021 and that the item be referred to the Committee of the Whole

Motion Carried

President Spadafore read into the record the 2020 Councilmember committee assignments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

Maxine Cain voiced her appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Barbara Roberts Mason voiced her appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Elaine Fischhoff spoke about climate change emergency resolution.

Dale Copedge voiced his appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Mike Hudson voiced his appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Cathy Kerwin voiced her appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Sharon Dade voiced her appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Linda Keefe spoke about various City government related matters.

Lee Taylor voiced his appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Heather Taylor voiced her appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Eugene L. Cain voiced his appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Eunice Foster voiced her appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Marshall Clabeaux spoke about "budget considerations".

Brantley Barnes spoke about the parking ordinances.

Bobbie Hardy voiced her appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Gwendolyn Bodiford voiced her appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Clyde Carnegie voiced his appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Katherine Fournier spoke about the parking ordinances.

Willie Davis voiced his appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

Susan Cancro voiced her appreciation and recognition of the work of Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson.

**ADJOURNED TIME 9:07 P.M.**

---

**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**