



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JANUARY 14, 2019

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 President Wood

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

ABSENT: None

Vice President Spadafore asked people to remember David Kositchek's mother, Ruth, 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 Wood.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice President Spadafore

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of January 7, 2019

Motion Carried

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

- 1. Tribute; Recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission on their Annual Luncheon

President Wood spoke in support of the tribute.

Mayor Schor spoke in support of the tribute.

RESOLUTION #2019-002

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

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King Commission of Mid-Michigan will host its 34th Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Luncheon on January 21, 2019, with the theme "Be the Change You Wish to See in the World"; and

WHEREAS, humility, justice, freedom, and love measure the character of this year's Keynote Speaker, Governor L. Douglas Wilder. He became the first African-American elected governor in U.S. history, leading the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1990-1994, he also was the first African-American state senator in Virginia since Reconstruction and served five terms; and

WHEREAS, Governor Wilder persisted in sponsoring legislation that eventually led to establishing a state holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He is also known as a distinguished Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, a newspaper columnist, and the driving force for establishing a national slavery museum in Fredericksburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King Commission of Mid-Michigan is also proud to welcome the Grammy Award winning gospel music recording artist Pastor Donnie McClurkin, Jr. as the 2019 special guest vocalist. Donnie McClurkin Jr. is the Pastor of Perfecting Faith Church of New York, a top selling gospel music artist and the winner of numerous Stellar, BET Awards, Soul Train Awards, NAACP Image Awards, and Dove Awards; 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 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 Wood

Motion Carried

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.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Washington shared details about the Allen Neighborhood Center events and programming.

Council Member Jackson provided details about his Fourth Ward Constituent meeting.

Council Member Hussain provided details about his Third Ward constituent meeting, Lewton-Rich Neighborhood meeting, and the Beacon Field Southwest Park Project.

Council Member Dunbar shared details about the South Lansing Farmer's Market.

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 show cause hearings and 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 Beacon Field Southwest fundraising success, re-opening of Washington Park Ice Rink, Neighborhoods in Bloom

Grants, Mobile Food Pantry and Teen Nights at the Community Centers

PLANNING

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. In consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 2500 W. Jolly Rd.
2. In consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1414 Ballard

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

There were no speakers.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of Z-5-2018; 136 E. Malcolm X Street and Vacant Parcel to its East, Rezoning from "DM-4" Residential & "J" Parking Districts to "G-1" Business District
2. In consideration of Z-6-2018; 522 Leshner Place, Rezoning from "DM-3" Residential District to "D-1" Professional Office District
3. In consideration of Z-7-2018; Two Vacant Lots at the Northwest Corner of W. Cavanaugh Road & Lowcroft Avenue, Rezoning from "A" Residential District to "C" Residential District

Council Member Hussain gave an overview of the public hearings.

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Kathy Miles spoke about various city matters.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

REFERRAL OF SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. In consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 2500 W. Jolly Rd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

2. In consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 1414 Ballard

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of Z-5-2018; 136 E. Malcolm X Street and Vacant Parcel to its East, Rezoning from "DM-4" Residential & "J" Parking Districts to "G-1" Business District

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

2. In consideration of Z-6-2018; 522 Leshner Place, Rezoning from "DM-3" Residential District to "D-1" Professional Office District

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

3. In consideration of Z-7-2018; Two Vacant Lots at the Northwest Corner of W. Cavanaugh Road & Lowcroft Avenue, Rezoning from "A" Residential District to "C" Residential District

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice President Spadafore asked that items all items be removed from the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2019-003

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Hamenymana Odasi sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$395.00 for tall grass removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 915 Vine Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-15-152-141); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$395.00 was denied on December 11, 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Hamenymana Odasi in the amount of \$395.00 for tall grass removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 915 Vine Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-15-152-141).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2019-004

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Michael Sdao sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$2,537.00 for trash removal fees, tag monitoring fees and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 600 Jessop Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-33-286-001); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the claim in the amount of \$2,537.00 was denied on December 11, 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim of Michael Sdao in the amount of \$2,537.00 for trash removal fees, tag monitoring and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 600 Jessop Street (Tax ID #33-01-01-33-286-001).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2019-005

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Bobbie Maxwell sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$330.00 for tall grass removal fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 2319 Greenbelt Drive (Tax ID #33-01-01-31-278-261); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the Committee met on December 11, 2018 and partially granted the claim in the amount of \$265.00, leaving a remaining balance owing of \$65.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, hereby, partially grants the claim in the amount of \$265.00 for tall grass removal fees, and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 2319 Greenbelt Drive (Tax ID #33-01-01-31-278-261), leaving a balance owing of \$65.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2019-006

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

WHEREAS, a certain real estate purchase agreement relating to the Townsend Parking Ramp between the City of Lansing and the Michigan Senate has been submitted for the approval of this Council, having been on file with the City Clerk since December 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Building Authority will convey title to the Townsend Parking Ramp to the City of Lansing for receipt by this Council; and

WHEREAS, a certain resolution authorizing the defeasance of bonds has been submitted for this Council's approval, including an Amendment #6 to a contract of lease; and

WHEREAS, an Act 33 review of the preceding purchase agreement is being conducted by the City of Lansing Planning Board, pursuant to its procedures; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the substitution of property under contract with the tax increment finance authority has been submitted for this Council's approval; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required on the above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be set for Monday, January 28, 2019, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving and/or opposing the above items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lansing City Clerk is hereby directed to provide notice of this public hearing, as is required by City Charter.

By Vice President Spadafore

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Council Member Wood introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Chapter 1610 – Uniform Fire Code and Uniform Fire Code Standards.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Safety

RESOLUTION #2019-007

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LANSING, that a public hearing be set for January 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering amending Chapter 1610- Uniform Fire Code and Uniform Fire Code Standards by adopting by reference Chapter 39 Processing and Extraction Facilities of the 2018 International Fire Code.

Interested Persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried

**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

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
a. Special Assessment Roll, Glenburne Commons, Trash & Grass Abatement
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

b. Brownfield Plan #62-Amended, Oliver Towers, 310 N. Seymour
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

c. Lansing Economic Development Corporation REO Town Project, Pablo's Mexican Restaurant, 1102 S. Washington Avenue and W. Elm Street
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

d. Appointment; Robert Fryling as an At-Large Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2021
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

e. Reappointment; Michael DeMartelaere as an At-Large Member of the Income Tax Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2022
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

f. Sale of Townsend Parking Ramp, TIFA Amendment 6
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

g. Sale of Townsend Parking Ramp, Accepting Deed from Lansing Building Authority
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

h. Sale of Townsend Parking Ramp, Resolution Defeasing Bonds
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 with Sunday Sales Permit (AM & PM) at 3127 Turner St, Lansing 48906 from Rachna Inc. to Kajal Liquor Inc.
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

b. Transfer Location 2018 Resort Class C & SDM License With Sunday Sales Permit (AM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM), Outdoor Service (1 Area), Catering Permit, (2) Bars And Dance-Entertainment Permit, (Original 550 Resort License, Not At Its Original Location, Must Meet Seating And Food Requirements) From 7786 E Us 10, Walhalla To 419 Spring St, Lansing And Transfer Governmental Unit From Branch Twp., Mason County To Lansing City, Ingham Count
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

2. Affidavit of Disclosure, Timothy Mapley, Lansing Police Officer
REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Wood read into the record the Council Member Committee Appointments:

Committee of the Whole
Carol Wood; Chair
Peter Spadafore; Vice Chair

Committee on General Services
Jody Washington; Chair
Brian T. Jackson; Vice Chair
Carol Wood; Member

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Brian T. Jackson; Chair
Jeremy Garza; Vice Chair
Kathie Dunbar; Member

Committee on Public Services
Peter Spadafore; Chair
Kathie Dunbar; Vice Chair
Jeremy Garza; Member

Committee on Public Safety
Carol Wood; Chair
Patricia Spitzley; Vice Chair
Adam Hussain; Member

Committee on Development and Planning
Adam Hussain; Chair
Jeremy Garza; Vice Chair
Jody Washington; Member

Committee on Ways and Means
Patricia Spitzley; Chair
Peter Spadafore; Vice Chair
Kathie Dunbar; Member

Committee on Personnel

Peter Spadafore; Chair
Carol Wood; Vice Chair
Patricia Spitzley; Member
Brian T. Jackson; Member

PUBLIC COMMENT ON
CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Steven Kukulka spoke about trash removal and change in ownership at Logan Square business plaza.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

Remedios Robinson shared her challenges with trying to organize a community meeting at Porter Apartments.

Michael Robinson shared his challenges with trying to organize a community meeting at Porter Apartments.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:18 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK