



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
FEBRUARY 24, 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 President Spadafore

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

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

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 February 10, 2020

Motion Carried

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

President Spadafore spoke about the proposed budget schedule. He also spoke about the upcoming neighborhood summit.

Council Member Spitzley spoke about the upcoming budget presentations.

Council Member Jackson recognized the underground reporting of Daniel Arnold.

Council Member Betz spoke about the upcoming Peoples' Assembly event.

Council Member Wood spoke about the Rejuvenating South Lansing meeting.

Council Member Spitzley recognized Veronica Wilkerson Johnson for her upcoming retirement.

Council Member Hussain spoke about the Lansing-Eaton Neighborhood Organization's upcoming meeting, the South West Action Group's monthly meeting, and his 3rd ward constituent meeting.

City Clerk Swope spoke about important dates regarding the upcoming March primary election, absentee voting, and voter registration.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eidee Barnes spoke about signatures for a petition from Fair and Equal Michigan.

**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 also recognized Veronica Wilkerson Johnson, and spoke about the next Neighborhood Summit and the upcoming Homeless No More fundraiser. The Mayor also reminded everyone of the upcoming Census.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Mitch Rice spoke about the setting of a show cause hearing in consideration of orders to make safe or demolish 1522 W. Holmes Road.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

By Vice President Hussain

To approve items 1a, 4a, 4b on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2020-024

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

WHEREAS, today more than ever, our religious leaders play a critical role in keeping the community nurtured and motivated to take on every day challenges and to celebrate the community's triumphs. These leaders carry significant influence in our lives and are among the most highly respected individuals in the community; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 29, 2020, The Divine Connection in association with Dean Transportation, Two Men & A Truck, Tabernacle of David, and Capital Area District Libraries, just to name a few will honor some of the City's most esteemed and influential pastors of the Greater Lansing area at the 10th Annual Pastors Salute; and

WHEREAS, having made a positive impact on the community, the Pastors will receive letters from their members, and a plaque to publicly observe and applaud their contributions and showcase their good works in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to recognize the 2020 most honored Lansing Pastors for their dedication to the community. We celebrate their triumphs as leaders, mentors, and motivators. Congratulations Pastors, we wish you continued success.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2020-025

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Lucianna Solis, 2011 Old Oakland Avenue, Lansing, MI 48915 as an At-Large Member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2022;

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

WHEREAS, the Committee on Public Safety met on February 13, 2020 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms Lucianna Solis, 2011 Old Oakland Avenue, Lansing, MI 48915 as an At-Large Member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2020-026

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Kathleen (Kathy) Tobe, 4030 Clayborn Road, Lansing, MI 48911 as a 3RD Ward Member of the Fire Board for a term to expire June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted by the Mayor's Office and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Public Safety met on February 13, 2020 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms Kathleen (Kathy) Tobe, 4030 Clayborn Road, Lansing, MI 48911 as a 3RD Ward Member of the Fire Board for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2020-027

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING
RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR BROWNFIELD
PLAN #79
MICHIGAN REALTORS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has prepared and forwarded an approved Brownfield Plan pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property commonly referred to as 700 N Washington Ave located in the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, prior to Council's action on this request, it is necessary to hold a public hearing on the Plan, to allow for any resident, taxpayer or ad valorem taxing unit the right to appear and be heard;

WHEREAS, maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan are available for public inspection at the Lansing Economic Area Partnership, 1000 South Washington, Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48912, and that all aspects of the brownfield plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on Brownfield Plan #79 – Michigan Realtors Redevelopment Project under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, for property more particularly described as:

700 N. Washington Avenue (Parcel No. 33-01-01-09-453-061) - S 1/2 LOT 2 BLOCK 53 ORIG PLAT

0 N. Washington Avenue (Parcel No. 33-01-01-09-453-051) – N ½ LOT 2 BLOCK 53 ORIG PLAT

724 N. Washington Avenue (Parcel No. 33-01-01-09-453-023) - LOTS 3, 4 & 5 BLOCK 53 ORIG PLAT

730 N. Washington Avenue (Parcel No. 33-01-01-09-453-011) – S 33 FT OF W 81.5 FT LOT 6 BLOCK 53 ORIG PLAT

732 N. Washington Avenue (Parcel No. 33-01-01-09-453-001) – N 33 FT OF W 81.5 FT LOT 6 BLOCK 53 ORIG PLAT

104 E. Madison Street (Parcel No. 33-01-01-453-111) – E 83.5 FT LOT 6 BLOCK 53 ORIG PLAT

And that the City Clerk cause notice of such hearing to be published twice in a publication of general circulation, no less than 10 days or more than 40 days prior to the date of the public hearing, and that the City Clerk also cause the legislative body of each taxing unit levying ad valorem taxes on this property, to be notified of Brownfield Plan #79 – Michigan Realtors Redevelopment Project and the scheduled public hearing.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2020-028

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, March 16, 2020, 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 Resolution for Special Land Use Permit:

SLU-1-2020: N. Homer Street (Parcel #: 33-01-01-11-251-281), Special Land Use Permit, Telecommunications Tower in the "A" Residential Zoning District

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2020-029

BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolution to Set a Public Hearing Regarding the Granting of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Certificate
1611 East Kalamazoo Street

WHEREAS, Allen Neighborhood Center Support Corp, owner of the property located at 1611 East Kalamazoo St. in the City of Lansing, Michigan (the "Property") has applied to the City of Lansing for the City to approve the issuance of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate (the "OPRA Certificate"), pursuant to the Michigan Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, being Public Act 146 of 2000 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Property in question of the Certificate is legally described as:

LOT 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 BLOCK 4 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 16, Parcel Number: 33-01-01-15-427-302, and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that before granting a Certificate the Lansing City Council hold a public hearing in order to provide an opportunity for the applicant, the City Assessor, a representative of the affected taxing units, the residents, and other taxpayers of the City of Lansing general public appear and be heard regarding the approval of the OPRA Certificate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the approval of an OPRA Certificate under the provisions of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that the Clerk shall publish once in a publication of general circulation within the community a notice of the scheduled public hearing and that the notice appear not less than 10 or more than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2020-030

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

WHEREAS, Tasha Williams sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$265.00 for grass and weed violations and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 2710 W Miller Rd. (Tax ID #33-01-05-06-455-171); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the Committee met on February 11, 2020 and denied the claim in the amount of \$265.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby, denies the claim in the amount of \$265.00 for the grass and weed violations and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 2710 W Miller Rd. (Tax ID #33-01-05-06-455-171).

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

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried with Council Member Betz voting "nay"

RESOLUTION #2020-031

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

WHEREAS, Sarah Al-Saadi sought to eliminate a special assessment of \$469.00 for trash violations and all associated penalties and interest, on the property tax bill for 2004 W. Miller Rd. (Tax ID #33-01-05-05-356-111); and

WHEREAS, upon filing a claim to the Committee on General Services, the Committee met on February 11, 2020 and denied the claim in the amount of \$469.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, hereby, denies the claim in the amount of \$469.00 for the trash violations and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill for 2004 W

Miller Rd. (Tax ID #33-01-05-05-356-111).

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

By Council Member Hussain

Motion Carried with Council Member Betz voting "nay"

RESOLUTION #2020-032

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure (dwelling) at 1522 W. HOLMES ROAD, Parcel #33-01-01-29-376-151 and Legal Description: LOT 13 GIDDINGS SUB, City of Lansing to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on 2/26/2019, and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on 9/26,2019, the Lansing Demolition Board held a special meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Premises Code (1460.09) to order the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Housing and Premises Code require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby schedules a show cause hearing for Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor City Hall, 124 W. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 1522 W. HOLMES ROAD to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Manager of Code Compliance notify the owner of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

By Council Member Garza

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2020-033

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, fees for services are to be approved by Lansing City Council; and

WHEREAS, administration is submitting fees for consideration and approval for rental of Lansing City Market and Plaza as an event venue which will begin prior to the new fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to provide access to Lansing City Market and Plaza for events to residents of Lansing and non-residents of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to offer this service at fees that recover the costs of providing the event venue;

WHEREAS, the new fees proposed are to compensate the Department of Parks and Recreation and offset the costs involved in providing a new event venue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council approves the fee schedule as stated below in this resolution, effective on the date of passage of this resolution for rental of Lansing City Market and Plaza:

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the proposed fees are as follows:

LANSING CITY MARKET PROPOSED FEES:

	<u>Proposed fee</u>
City Market and Plaza	\$200.00 Per Hour Resident/Non-Resident
Conditional Refundable Deposit	\$500.00

By Council Member Wood

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 294 Section 294.02(d), to eliminate the requirement that the city attorney shall be the legal advisor to the police and fire retirement system board

The Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

RESOLUTION #2020-034

BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933, for the purpose of permitting the public to be heard regarding the proposed amendment to Ordinance Section 294.02(d) to eliminate that the City Attorney shall be the legal advisor to the City's Police and Fire Retirement System.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Council Member Wood introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by amending Chapter 292 Section 292.09, to eliminate the requirement that the city attorney shall be the legal advisor to the employees' retirement system board.

The Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

RESOLUTION #2020-035

BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933, for the purpose of permitting the public to be heard regarding the proposed amendment to Ordinance Section 292.09 to eliminate that the City Attorney shall be the legal advisor to the City's Employees' Retirement System.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

The Committee on Development and Planning introduced:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by adding a new section 884.____ for the purposes of providing for an extension of a service charge in lieu of taxes for ninety-eight (98) low income elderly dwelling units in a project known as the Porter Senior Apartments, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as amended

The Ordinance was referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

RESOLUTION #2020-036

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of supporting and/or opposing the Ordinance amending the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Porter Senior Apartments.

By Council Member Spitzley

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 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

b. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ending on June 30, 2019
 PLACED ON FILE

c. Report of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities Term Expirations
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

d. Executive Order 2020-01; Policy and Procedure for Temporary Marihuana Event Licenses
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 a. Deficit Elimination Plan; Special Assessment Capital Project Fund (PEND-1500)
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

b. Issuance and Sale of 2020 Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds for Capital Improvements (PEND-1505)
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

c. Issuance and Sale of Refunding of Building Authority Bonds and Tax Increment Finance Authority Bonds (PEND-1508)
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

d. Issuance and Sale of Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (PEND-1507)
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

e. Decertification; Alliance Drive and a portion of Technology Boulevard (PEND-1498)
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

f. Amend Chapter 240 to restructure the Grant Awarding Process for Basic Human Services (PEND-1518)
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

g. Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department request for MSKS Inc. as the vendor for the purchase of engineering services for the Two-Way Street Conversion Project for Downtown Lansing
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

h. Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department Waterworks Systems and Equipment as the vendor for the purchase of five Warminster fiberglass reinforced plastic replacement slide gates
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

1. Claim Appeal; Claim #1757, Frank JaJou for \$716.80 in trash fees at 1722 W. Miller (PEND-1492)
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

2. Claim Appeal; Claim #1761, Michael Hotwagner for \$440 in trash fees at 1608 Comfort Street (PEND-1519)
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

3. Notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; transfer of ownership of a 2019 SDD license only with Sunday Sales (PM) permits from 5101 South Pennsylvania Ave. to 2200 West Holmes Rd. to be held in conjunction with existing SDM license
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

Daniel Arnold spoke about public health.

Dinah DeWald spoke about parking.

Mitch Rice spoke about the amendment to Chapter 240 to restructure the Grant Awarding Process for Basic Human Services.

Eidee Barnes spoke about parking.

Nikki Phan spoke about parking.

Evelyn Conklin spoke about parking.

Connor Meston spoke about parking.

ADJOURNED TIME 7:59 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
 CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**