Via Zoom

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in special session and was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by President Spadafore

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

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

President Spadafore asked people to keep health care workers in their thoughts. Council Member Spitzley asked people to remember victims of COVID-19, 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.

**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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

David Lambert submitted written public comments.

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #2020-056**

*BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BETZ, DUNBAR, GARZA, HUSSAIN, JACKSON, SPADAFORE, SPITZLEY AND WOOD*

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 under Resolution 2020-053, City Council approved Mayor Schor’s Declaration of Emergency through April 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution emphasized the fact that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, and affected state and local governments have also declared states of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 Governor Whitmer signed a “Stay Safe, Stay Home” Executive Order in response to the severe health and concerns relating to the COVID-19 outbreak in the State of Michigan, and under the authority granted under Chapter 234.05, the Lansing Emergency Management Ordinance, the Mayor declared a local state of emergency on March 16, 2020 taking effect March 17, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council finds that the circumstances warrant an extension of the Mayor’s emergency declaration and continuation of the emergency response plan to ensure that public health is protected; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Council approves an extension of the declaration of emergency, through and including April 30, 2020, and authorizes such powers and duties as provided by Chapter 234.05, the Lansing Emergency Management Ordinance, together with those powers provided by statute, including those set forth in MCL § 30.401 et seq.

By Vice President Hussain

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**Nays:** None

**REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Clerk Swope reminded the public that there is no May election for City of Lansing residents.

**ADJOURNED TIME 3:49 P.M.**

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CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK