



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
JUNE 8, 2020**

Via ZOOM Conferencing, Meeting ID 882 1557 3195

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.

Council Member Betz asked people to remember George Floyd and his family who was killed by a police officer in Minnesota during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Spitzley asked for prayers for our City, during the moment of Meditation. Vice President Hussain asked people to remember George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Atatiana Jefferson, who were African-Americans killed by police officers this year during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Jackson asked people to pray for protesters in our country and worldwide during the moment of Meditation. City Clerk Swope asked people to remember Kelly Rossman McKinney who was recently diagnosed with cancer 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 May 4 and May 11, 2020

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

1. Ingham County Health Department

Linda Vail and Debbie Edokpolo made a presentation on the impact of COVID-19 has had on Ingham County.

2. Juneteenth Celebration

Marilyn Plummer and Rev. Dr. A. Richard Doss shared details about the Juneteenth Celebration.

RESOLUTION #2020-083

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

WHEREAS, the oldest African American Holiday was first recognized on June 19, 1865, and is observed in over 15 states across the country. It was on June 19, 1865 that news of the Emancipation Proclamation, which President Lincoln signed on January 1, 1863, reached the slaves of Texas; and

WHEREAS, learning of their freedom, June 19, 1865 became the true Independence Day for African-Americans in the United States. The slaves immediately left the plantations and began celebrating their freedom by praying, feasting, dancing, and singing in the cities; and

WHEREAS, this day was named "Juneteenth Day", representing the joys of freedom and new beginnings, remembering the end of slavery in the United States by the celebration of liberty, educating the community about the heritage, and promoting positive cultural interaction; and

WHEREAS, The 27th Annual Lansing Celebration of Juneteenth and the 16th year recognition of "Juneteenth Day" as a State of Michigan holiday event will be recognized by a special Tribute via PSA on local public media sources and social media on Friday, June 29, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes the 27th Annual Lansing Celebration of Juneteenth and the 16th year recognition of the State of Michigan Juneteenth holiday. We extend our appreciation to the Juneteenth Committee for all of their work in continuing the founding theme, "Juneteenth, Where the Reunion Begins." We wish you continued success!

By President Spadafore

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

3. Lansing Community College regarding SLU-3-2020

Chris Mackersie, Lansing Community College Executive Director, Administrative Services Division, provided details on the new parking structure being built at the downtown campus.

4. City Clerk Presentation on 2020 Elections and Voting at Home (Absentee)

City Clerk Chris Swope provide an overview about the absentee voting process for 2020.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Jackson spoke about his support for the protestors who are speaking out against police violence, holding elected officials accountable, the Lansing Police Department, and Police Chief. He also gave two recommendation for procedure changes to the Lansing Police Department.

Council Member Garza thanked Council Member Jackson for his remarks and encouraged people to challenge others when they hear racist statements, listen and share your experiences to learn from each

other and celebrate our diversity.

Council Member Spitzley spoke in support of people's right to protest and concerns about other groups or individuals who have come to try to stifle voices, and supported comments made by previous speakers, to make productive change and spoke in support of Police Chief Green.

Vice President Hussain spoke in support of previous speakers comments and the importance of listening to determine the best course for the future.

Council Member Wood spoke in support of previous speakers comments and share concerns that a detailed plan of action has not been implemented when discussed in the past.

Council Member Dunbar stated that she wants details about the Lansing Police Department crowd dispersal at a recent protest and a press release sent by the Lansing Police Department response about the incident.

Council Member Betz spoke in support of previous speakers comments and encouraged City Council to take action.

Council President Spadafore shared plans about upcoming listening sessions hosted by the City Council in public spaces led by a facilitator and Council to receive racial bias training.

City Clerk Swope shared his past experience of serving on the Lansing Police Community Relations Commission under Mayor Hollister and felt it was an effective model for investigating and making recommendations.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erica Lynn shared details for a high school graduation celebration to be held on the Capitol lawn and hosted by the Village of Lansing.

Alyssa Turcsak shared details about an addiction support group that is meeting at Moores Park.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public needed to electronically "raise their hand" in order to speak during public comment period.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Schor spoke about the creation of the Lansing to Create Racial Equity and Anti-Racism Fund and plan for scheduled listening sessions on racial issues within the City.

Council Member Spitzley moved to reconsider the vote by which the Ordinance to approve Z-9-2019 was not adopted on May 18, 2020.

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

The Ordinance will be considered under the order of Ordinances for Passage

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearing:

1. In consideration of SLU-3-2020; Special Land Use Permit, N. Grand Avenue side of 610 N. Capitol Avenue, to allow Lansing Community College to construct a new parking ramp in the "G-1" Business District

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

David Lambert spoke about the extension of the Emergency Order.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2020-084

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, on April 9, 2020 under Resolution 2020-053, City Council approved Mayor Schor's Declaration of Emergency through April 30, 2020; on April 27th, 2020 under Resolution 2020-069 City Council approved Mayor Schor's Declaration of Emergency through May 15, 2020, and on May 11, 2020 under Resolution 2020-077 City Council approved the Declaration of Emergency through June 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Resolutions 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 June 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 President Spadafore

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION #2020-085

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS WOOD AND GARZA
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a recognized national, state and local health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan and the City of Lansing have engaged in a number of actions to protect the health and welfare of the public and City residents; and

WHEREAS, such actions have been significant and necessary and have included City steps designed to protect Lansing employees, officers, officials and citizens; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the steps has necessarily resulted in unavoidable costs, reduction in revenue, and consequential budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, to address the budgetary concerns, and reduced revenue, City employees will experience furlough days and shortened work weeks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is legally prohibited from reducing the Council Members' salaries that are independently set by the Lansing Elected Officers Compensation Commission (EOCC), but still wants to do its part in these unusual financial times; and City Council also wants to demonstrate that it recognizes and supports the sacrifices being made by all City employees and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, acting as a whole, hereby recommends that each Council Member voluntarily donate back to the City ten percent (10%) of the City Council Member's salary set by the EOCC either through a direct contribution or payroll deduction.

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

CONSIDERATION POSTPONED

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

Grant Acceptance; STOP Violence Against Women Grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

By Vice President Hussain to adopt the resolution

By Council Member Betz to postpone consideration of this item until the June 22, 2020 City Council Meeting

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION #2020-086

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

Approval to Accept \$10,000 Public Art for Communities Grant

WHEREAS, The City of Lansing has recognized, through the enactment of the City of Lansing Public Art Policy established by Executive Order 2019-06, the importance of promoting art in public spaces and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Executive Order 2019-06, the City of Lansing has determined that art placed in public spaces animates public and private spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, improves local business viability and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate and inspire; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Executive Order 2019-06, where possible, the City of Lansing will incorporate or work with outside parties to incorporate art into the interior spaces of public facilities and into the design of all public buildings, ways, bridges, parks, plazas, or other public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art for Communities Grant program, funded by the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) and the PNC Foundation, supports the creation and installation of a public art piece for year-round public display in a highly visible strategic location; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) applied for the Public Art for Communities Grant on behalf of the City of Lansing for the 2020 grant period; and

WHEREAS, through a competitive process, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) awarded the City of Lansing a \$10,000 Public Art for Communities Grant to be used for the installation of public art in Reutter Park; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lansing has in the application agreed to provide in-kind services in the form of art piece installation and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, pending approval by the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (LBRA) Board, the LBRA will provide \$5,000 in matching funds for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Lansing City Council approves acceptance of, and the mayor is authorized to execute any necessary agreements for, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) and PNC Foundation's Public Art for Communities Grant in the total amount of \$10,000.00 for the 2020 grant period for the City of Lansing.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administration is authorized to receive the funds, create the necessary accounts, and make the necessary transfers for their administration in accordance with the requirements of the grantor.

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

RESOLUTION #2020-087

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

SLU-3-2020
Parking Deck in the "G-1" Business District
610 N. Capitol Avenue

WHEREAS, Lansing Community College has requested a special land use permit to allow the reconstruction of the Gannon parking deck,

located on the N. Grand Avenue side of the LCC main campus at 610 N. Capitol Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the property is zoned "G-1" Business district, where parking facilities are permitted subject to obtaining a Special Land Use permit; and

WHEREAS, a review was completed by staff evaluating the character, location and impact of the proposal on the surrounding area, the environment and public services as well as its consistency with the existing zoning and land use patterns in the area and with the objectives of the Design Lansing Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing on March 3, 2020 at which several persons representing LCC spoke in favor of the request and no other comments were received; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, at its March 3, 2020 meeting, voted (4-1) to recommend approval of SLU-3-2020 for a special land use permit allow the reconstruction of the Gannon parking deck located on the N. Grand Avenue side of the main LCC campus at 610 N. Capitol Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing regarding SLU-3-2020 on June 8, 2020 and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning has reviewed the report and residential development recommendation of the Planning Board and concurs therewith; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves SLU-3-2020 for a special land use permit to allow the reconstruction of the Gannon parking deck located on the N. Grand Avenue side of the main LCC campus at 610 N. Capitol Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Special Land Use permit shall remain in effect only so long as the petitioner fully complies with this resolution, and if the petitioner fails to comply, the Special Land Use permit may be terminated by City Council Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that in granting this request, the City Council determines the following:

1. The proposed Special Land Use will be harmonious with the character of adjacent properties and surrounding uses.
2. The proposed Special Land Use will not change the essential character of the surrounding properties.
3. The proposed Special Land Use will not interfere with the general enjoyment of adjacent properties.
4. The proposed Special Land Use does represent an improvement to the lot as it currently exists.
5. The proposed Special Land Use will not be hazardous to adjacent properties.
6. The proposed Special Land Use can be adequately served by public services and utilities.
7. The proposed Special Land Use will not place any demand on public services and facilities in excess of current capacities.
8. The proposed Special Land Use is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Zoning Code and the Design Lansing Comprehensive Plans.
9. The proposed Special Land Use will comply with the applicable Zoning Ordinance development requirements.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Council President Spadafore introduced:

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan re-adopting the codified ordinances of the City of Lansing.

The Ordinance is referred to the Committee of the Whole

RESOLUTION #2020-088
RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING
BY CITY COUNCIL

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of re-adopting the codified ordinances of the City of Lansing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, due to COVID -19, the public hearing may be held electronically in accordance with the Open Meetings Act in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public. Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may do so by logging into or calling into the meetings using the website or phone number and Meeting ID provided on the July 13, 2020 meeting agenda. Michigan Executive Order 2020-75 provides for temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings.

Interested Persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing.

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

ORDINANCES FOR PASSAGE

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, Providing for the Rezoning of a parcel of real property located in the City of Lansing, Michigan and for the revision of the district maps adopted by section 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances.

Z-9-2019 3440 N. East Street, Conditional Rezoning from "F" Commercial District to "G-2" Wholesale District

The ordinance was previously read a second time by its title. The vote by which the Ordinance was not adopted on May 18, 2020 was reconsidered earlier in this meeting and is on the order of immediate passage.

Yeas: Council Members Betz, Dunbar, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley

Nays: Council Members Garza, Hussain, Wood

ORDINANCE #2617

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN AND

FOR THE REVISION OF THE DISTRICT MAPS ADOPTED BY SECTION 1246.02 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

The City of Lansing ordains:

Section 1. That the district maps adopted by and incorporated as Section 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan be amended to provide as follows:

To change the zoning classification of the property described as follows:

Case Number: Z-9-2019
 Parcel Number's: 33-01-01-03-102-002
 Address: 3440 N. East Street
 Legal Descriptions: Lots 7 & 8, Woodlawn Subdivision, City of Lansing, Ingham County, MI, from "F" Commercial District to "G-2" Wholesale District, with a condition prohibiting the property from being used for any purpose involving marijuana with the exception of a safety compliance facility, which condition shall run with the land and be binding upon the successor owners of the land.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance was duly adopted by the Lansing City Council on June 8, 2020, and a copy is available in the office of the Lansing City Clerk, 9th Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public needed to electronically "raise their hand" in order to speak during public comment period.

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 by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

• 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. Board of Water and Light Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 and Capital Forecast for Fiscal Years 2021-2026
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

c. Rules of Procedure, Board of Fire Commissioners
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
 a. Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019-20
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

b. Citizen Participation Plan for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Programs
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

c. Reappointments; Clyde D. Carnegie as the 4th Ward Board Member of the Board of Police Commissioners, Georgina (Gina) Nelson as the 4th Ward Board Member and Rodney Singleton an At-Large Board Member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Larry Leatherwood an At-Large Board Member of the Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority, and Melissa C. Jeffries an At-Large Board Member of the Board of Review
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

d. Appointment; Ronald Wilson as an At-Large Member of the Board of Public Service for a term to expire June 30, 2021
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

e. Board of Water & Light Return on Equity Agreement; Fifth Amendment
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

f. Grant Acceptance; Michigan Department of Treasury Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships (FDCVT) Grant
 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Garza spoke about a meeting with Public Service Director Kilpatrick about the potential to change the yard waste and snow removal route to start their weekly schedule in the south part of the City every other year.

Council Member Spitzley spoke in support of the proposed change to the yard waste and snow removal route.

Vice President Hussain also spoke about the potential to change the yard waste and snow removal route.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

Michael Lynn Jr. spoke in support of defunding the police and requested the Mayor to resign.

Becky McKendry spoke in support of defunding the police and requested the Mayor to resign.

Marshal Clabeaux spoke in support of defunding the police and requested the Mayor to resign.

Ross Fisher spoke in support of defunding the police.

Carly Gerhardt spoke in support of defunding the police and request the Mayor to resign.

Samantha Vaive spoke about the Lansing Police Department.

Angelo Moreno spoke in support of defunding the police.

Connor Meston spoke about the Lansing Police Department.

Emily Walkowski spoke about the Lansing Police Department.

Sam Inglot spoke in support of defunding the police.

Kelly Cosentino spoke about the Lansing Police Department.

Izabella Silva spoke about the Lansing Police Department.

Ashlea Phenicie spoke in support of defunding the police.

Ethan Schmitt spoke in support of defunding the police.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about the Lansing Police Department.

Erica Spitzfaden spoke about the Lansing Police Department use of tear gas.

Audrey Matusz spoke in support of defunding the police.

James Radick spoke in support of defunding the police.

Emily Kotz spoke about the Lansing Police Department.

Viviana Alamillo spoke about the Lansing Police Department.

ADJOURNED TIME 10:54 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK