



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

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The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 8:53 p.m. by President Spadafore

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

**ABSENT:** None

A quorum was present.

Mayor Schor asked people to remember the brother of Pastor Cotton, Lily Powel, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. Council Member Hussein asked people to remember Wes Thorpe, who recently passed away. Council Member Wood asked people to remember Supreme Court Justice Ginsberg and Reverend Knight, who both recently passed away. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spadafore.

### CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

By Vice President Hussain

To suspend City Council Rule #9 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**Nays:** None

The following item was added to the agenda:

Setting a public hearing in consideration of Z-8-2019 Conditional Rezoning; 5400 S Cedar; "F" Commercial & "J" Parking Districts to "G-2" Wholesale District

### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE CITY CLERK

Council Member Hussain spoke about the Edgewood Boulevard Cleanup on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Council Member Wood spoke about the Grace Lutheran Church Drive-By Voter Registration on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Council Member Spitzley spoke about free COVID-19 testing.

City Clerk Swope spoke about the upcoming mailing of absentee ballots, the installation of election drop boxes throughout the city, methods of registering to vote, and opportunities to vote.

### COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 congratulated Lansing 501's concerts, the Downtown Awards, the Blues Fest and Jazz Fest, and runners of the Capital City River Run. He spoke about the position of the Lansing Resource Coordinator.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of an Ordinance to consolidate the Building Board of Appeals, Board of Plumbing, Mechanical Board, and Electrical Board into the Construction Board Of Appeals

Council Member Hussain gave an overview of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various city matters.

Julia Kramer voiced support for Council Member Betz's budget priorities surrounding the police budget.

Tashmica Torok voiced support for Council Member Betz's budget priorities surrounding the police budget.

Mike Lynn voiced support for Council Member Betz's budget priorities surrounding the police budget.

Tobias Webb voiced support for Council Member Betz's budget priorities surrounding the police budget.

### LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

#### REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of an Ordinance to consolidate the Building Board of Appeals, Board of Plumbing, Mechanical Board, and Electrical Board into the Construction Board Of Appeals  
**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **RESOLUTION #2020-181**

BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE  
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 the following dates and under the following resolutions, City Council approved Mayor Schor’s Declaration of Emergency:

- April 9, 2020 under Resolution 2020-053 through April 30, 2020;
- April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 under Resolution 2020-069 through May 15, 2020;
- May 11, 2020 under Resolution 2020-077 through June 8, 2020;
- June 8, 2020 under Resolution 2020-084 through June 30, 2020;
- June 22, 2020 under Resolution 2020-089 through July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020;
- July 27, 2020 under Resolution 2020-113 through August 25, 2020; and
- August 24, 2020 under Resolution 2020-150 through September 22, 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 October 27, 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

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 #2020-182**

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

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Lansing requires the Council to adopt an annual statement of Budget Policies and Priorities serving to guide the Administration in developing and presenting the Fiscal Year 2021–2022 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established the following Mission;

The City of Lansing’s mission is to ensure quality of life by:

- I. Promoting a vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive community that provides opportunity for personal and economic growth for residents, businesses and visitors,
- II. Securing short- and long-term financial stability through prudent management of city resources,
- III. Providing reliable, efficient and quality services that are responsive to the needs of residents and businesses,
- IV. Adopting sustainable practices that protect and enhance our cultural, natural and historical resources,
- V. Facilitating regional collaboration and connecting communities; and

WHEREAS, the standing committees of the City Council have met to evaluate the budget and recommend an annual statement of budget policies and priorities to guide the Administration in developing and presenting the Fiscal Year 2021–2022 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council has established the following as its Fiscal Year 2021–2022 Budget Policies and Priorities and requests that the Administration review them and encourages that they, to the extent practical, be included in the Administration’s budget presented due to the City Council by the fourth Monday in March 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee of the Whole has established the following priorities:

1. \$100,000: (1) FTE focus specifically on housing legal assistance for tenants and homeowners in the City.
2. Fund sidewalk repair by \$200,000 for a total of \$500,000, with a priority placed on underserved areas.
3. Fund local street repair funding by \$1.7 million for a total of \$5 million, with a priority placed on underserved areas.
4. Funding for GED prep and passage program.
5. Funding to disseminate information on how to file a Complaint against the police.
  - a. Printing costs to add text to reverse side of LDP business cards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on Development and Planning has established the following priorities:

1. \$80,000: (1) FTE Financial Empowerment Employee; RE: Focus on Small Business, Minority Businesses; Female Owned Businesses
2. \$215,000: Reactivation of the Façade Improvement Grant Program
3. \$50,000: Analysis of Facade Improvement Grant Program to include Return on Equity Report on Previous Façade Grants provided to small businesses
4. \$40,000: Initiate an RFP for Engagement of Stakeholders and Completion of Community Facilities Plan, including school and county buildings, complete with inventory of assets and goals/objectives for facilities, that will serve as the basis for community facility decisions into the future.
5. End the LEAP subsidy of \$500,000 taking those funds to: \$400,000: (5) FTE Economic Development for Economic Role previously done by LEDC/LEAP

\$50,000: Façade Improvement Grant Program  
 \$50,000: Analysis of Façade Improvement Grant Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion has established the following priorities:

1. \$500,000: (4) FTE Social Workers-(1) FTE Administrative Assistant (LFD)
2. \$125,000: (1) FTE Grant Writer (Neighborhood Citizen Engagement OR HRCS); RE: Assist Local Groups and organizations in grant research, grant writing and monitoring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on General Services has established the following priorities:

1. \$5,000: Training Modules on Ethics Ordinance and Related Policies, Conflicts of Interest Policies, and the Open Meetings Act, among others, for Boards and Commissions (Dept. OCA)
2. \$10,000: Printing Costs to Provide Written Materials to Residents who do not have access to computers, internet or cell phones with document capability

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on Public Safety has established the following priorities:

1. \$11,000: Traffic Speed Wagons (Public Service Department)
2. \$10,000: Portable Speed Bumps (Public Service Department)
3. \$140,000: Reinstate the LFD apprenticeship/cadet program (Lansing Fire Department)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee on Ways and Means has established the following priorities:

1. Encourage the Administration to focus in on budget allocations and centralize the fees and costs associated with items such as Information Technology, utilities, etc.
2. Encourage the Chief Strategy Officer to perform an audit report on short and long term resolutions for the current forecast of the City's revenues and expenditures within all departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council would like to continue its commitment, if funding is available, to:

- Maintain and improve the City's infrastructure;
- Preserve and ensure clean, safe, well-maintained housing and neighborhoods;
- Provide comprehensive and affordable recreational programs and youth and family services;
- Explore alternatives for improved efficiency in service and delivery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council has accepted the following recommendations from the Board of Public Service:

- Increase general fund support for implementation of the City's Street System Asset Management Plan, with a priority placed on reconstructing and preserving neighborhood streets, especially in those areas of the city which have been historically underserved. We encourage the Department to continue utilizing new and innovative ways to extend the life of our existing streets.
- Maintain and expand funding for sidewalk repairs and right-of-way maintenance and improvement, with a priority placed on underserved areas; this should all be done while keeping safety a priority for Lansing residents and visitors, and

meeting or exceeding the compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- Maintain and expand funding to update and improve the fleet of city vehicles, with specific priority for the Department.
- establish Lansing as a leader in PFAS regulation, testing, monitoring and enforcement through maintaining and increasing funding for educational and training purposes, and working with relevant federal, state, county and local governments, and non-government organizations.
- Expand opportunities for multi-family residential and business recycling.
- Follow recommendations (to the greatest extent feasible) of the energy audit of all facilities and properties to save on energy and cut costs by replacing wasteful devices with ones that are energy efficient and reduce the carbon footprint of the City of Lansing.

By Vice President Hussain to adopt the resolution

By Council Member Jackson to amend the resolution by inserting:

- “1. Funding for GED prep and passage program.
2. Funding to disseminate information on how to file a Complaint against the police.
  - a. Printing costs to add text to reverse side of of LDP business cards.”

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

The question being adoption of the resolution as amended.

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

Nays: None

**Resolution 2020-183**

BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE  
 RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2019 the City Council approved Resolution 2020-179 to set a public hearing in consideration of approving or opposing Z-8-2019, an Ordinance for rezoning 5400 S. Cedar Street from “F” Commercial and “J” Parking Districts to G-2 Wholesale District, with conditions; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing is currently set for October 12, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing threat to public health, safety, and welfare related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the City is now extending its State of Emergency to include and go beyond October 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a physical, in person meeting in City Council Chambers will no longer be possible due the continued limited closure of City Hall, and the October 12, 2020 City Council meeting will need to be held electronically.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, due to the ongoing states of emergency related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Resolution 2020-179 is amended to include a statement that the public hearing referenced therein 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 October 12, 2020 meeting agenda. Michigan Executive Order 2020-129 provides for temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings.

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 #2020-184**

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING  
RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING  
(Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club LLC Project)

WHEREAS, Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club LLC has made application with the Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) for a business financing assistance loan to obtain operational licenses necessary to open a proposed food hall concept and event space on the property commonly known as 325 Riverfront Drive, formerly City Market Drive, Lansing (the Project); and

WHEREAS, with a continued effort to foster business development, expansion and renovation of properties within the City of Lansing, the LEDC has initiated a Business Financing Assistance Program and finds the Project to be within the targeted area for revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Business Financing Assistance Program may utilize a portion of the LEDC's capital to make funds available for financing the Project; and

WHEREAS, the LEDC Board of Directors, in conformity with Public Act 338 of 1974, as amended (the "Act"), has approved the Project Plan, including a Project Area and Project District Area for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Act requires that before the LEDC acquires an interest in property or incurs obligations for a specific project, the corporation shall prepare a project plan, conduct a public hearing on the matter and secure the approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, at such hearing, the City Council shall provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing with reference to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Act requires the appointment of 2 additional Directors of the LEDC who shall serve only in respect to this project and shall be representative of neighborhood residents and business interests likely to be affected by the project proposed by the corporation and who shall cease to serve when the project is either abandoned or, if undertaken, is completed in accordance with the project plan;

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 **October 12, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. for the Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club LLC Project Plan and Project Area, as designated by the LEDC, under Public Act 338 of 1974 more particularly described as:

325 RIVERFRONT DRIVE, FORMERLY CITY MARKET DRIVE,  
LANSING, MI 48933  
Parcel Number: 33-01-01-16-253-002

COM 360 FT W OF NE COR LOT 1, TH S 00DEG 05MIN 21SCD  
W 323 FT, S 32DEG 43MIN 09SCD E 212.85 FT, SE'LY ON

451.57 FT RAD CURVE TO RT CHORD BEARING S 25DEG 08MIN 02SCD W 480.55 FT, S 07DEG 00MIN 46SCD E 12.59 FT, N 24DEG 26MIN 12SCD W 37.25 FT, N 89DEG 58MIN 20SCD W 140.91 FT TO GRAND RIVER, N'LY ALONG RIVER TO S R/W LINE OF SHIAWASSEE ST, S 89DEG 58MIN 20SCD E 167.38 FT TO BEG; BLOCK 245 ORIG PLAT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the territory surrounding said designated Project Area will not be significantly affected by the Project and, therefore, a Project District Area is hereby recognized as having the same description as the Project Area.

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 **October 12, 2020** meeting agenda. Michigan Executive Order 2020-154 provides for temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall provide notice of the time and place of the hearing given by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation designated by the municipality, not less than 10 days before the date set for the hearing.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby advises and confirms to the appointment by the Mayor of Julian Darden and Robert Widigan as additional directors to the Board of Directors of the LEDC solely for this project, pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Act, said persons being representative of neighborhood residents and business interests likely to be affected by the Project.

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, To Repeal Chapter 404, Section 404.01(J), To Eliminate The Prohibition On Street Parking Between 2:00am And 5:00am On Any Day

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: Council Members Garza, Hussain, Wood

**ORDINANCE #1265**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 404, SECTION 404.01(j), TO ELIMINATE THE PROHIBITION ON STREET PARKING BETWEEN 2:00AM AND 5:00AM ON ANY DAY.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 404, Section 404.01(j), of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall be null and void and of no effect.



Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed in their entirety and shall be null and void and of no effect.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. Nothing about this repeal shall affect, or be construed to affect, the City's authority to otherwise manage parking on City streets, including the ability to tow abandoned or inoperable vehicles.

Section 5. This ordinance repeal shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council.

**PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Lansing, Michigan, To Repeal Chapter 404, Section 404.13, To Eliminate Annual And Temporary Permits For Overnight Street Parking And Create The Ability For Residents Of Individual Streets To Petition The Traffic Engineer To Undertake A Study To Determine If Limiting Or Prohibiting Parking By Traffic Control Order Is Appropriate

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: Council Members Garza, Hussain, Wood

**ORDINANCE NO. 1266**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 404, SECTION 404.13, TO ELIMINATE ANNUAL AND TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING AND CREATE THE ABILITY FOR RESIDENTS OF INDIVIDUAL STREETS TO PETITION THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY TO DETERMINE IF LIMITING OR PROHIBITING PARKING BY TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER IS APPROPRIATE .

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 404, Section 404.13, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby repealed entirely and replaced as follows:

**404.13 – RESIDENTIAL PETITION TO TRAFFIC ENGINEER REGARDING STREET PARKING.**

ALONG ANY STREET WHERE THE MAJORITY OF FRONT FOOTAGE OF BOTH SIDES IS ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE, IF A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON SUCH STREET SIGN A PETITION REQUESTING LIMITATION OR PROHIBITION OF STREET PARKING ALONG ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF SUCH STREET, THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER SHALL UNDERTAKE A STUDY EXAMINING WHAT PARKING IS NEEDED AND IF ANY LIMITATION OR PROHIBITION OF PARKING BY TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER IS APPROPRIATE.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed in their entirety and shall be null and void and of no effect.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council, and pursuant to Section 3-307 of the city Charter, this Chapter shall expire December 31, 2029.

**PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Lansing, Michigan, To Amend Chapter 404 Of The Lansing Codified Ordinances By Adding Section 404.12 To Provide For The Declaration Of Snow Emergency During And After Weather Events That Will Require Salting And/Or Plowing Of Roadways; To Provide For How Notice Shall Be Given For Snow Emergencies; To Prohibit Parking In Roadways During Declared Snow Emergencies; And To Provide For Penalties For Persons Parking On The Roadways During Declared Snow Emergencies

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: Council Members Garza, Wood

**ORDINANCE NO. 1267**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO AMEND CHAPTER 404 OF THE LANSING CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTION 404.12 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DECLARATION OF SNOW EMERGENCY DURING AND AFTER WEATHER EVENTS THAT WILL REQUIRE SALTING AND/OR PLOWING OF ROADWAYS; TO PROVIDE FOR HOW NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN FOR SNOW EMERGENCIES; TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN ROADWAYS DURING DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR PERSONS PARKING ON THE ROADWAYS DURING DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCIES.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 404 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing is hereby amended to add Section 404.12 as follows:

**404.12 – PARKING PROHIBITED DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES**

WHEN WEATHER EVENTS REQUIRE SALTING AND/OR PLOWING OF SNOW AND ICE FROM THE ROADWAYS TO ENSURE SAFE TRAVEL, SNOW EMERGENCIES WILL BE DECLARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. DURING DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCIES, NO PERSON MAY PARK ANY VEHICLE, OR LEAVE ANY VEHICLE PARKED, UPON ROADWAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF LANSING DESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

(A) DECLARATION AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF SNOW EMERGENCY.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE WILL DECLARE A SNOW EMERGENCY WHENEVER A WEATHER EVENT, OR ANTICIPATED WEATHER EVENT, WILL REQUIRE SALTING AND/OR PLOWING OF SNOW AND ICE FROM THE ROADWAYS IN THE CITY. THE CHIEF OF POLICE SHALL CAUSE EACH DECLARATION OF A SNOW EMERGENCY TO BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED BY MEANS OF TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTS AND/OR TELECASTS FROM STATIONS WITH A NORMAL OPERATING RANGE COVERING THE CITY, INCLUDING CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISEES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY. THE CHIEF OF POLICE MAY CAUSE SUCH DECLARATION TO BE FURTHER MADE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IF

NECESSARY AND FEASIBLE.

(B) THREE LEVELS OF SNOW EMERGENCY.  
THERE SHALL BE THREE LEVELS OF SNOW EMERGENCY WHICH MAY BE DECLARED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, DEFINED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

- (I) LEVEL 1 – DURING A LEVEL 1 SNOW EMERGENCY, PARKING WILL BE PROHIBITED BETWEEN 2-6 AM IN THE DOWNTOWN, AND DURING ALL HOURS ON SELECT ARTERIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD, AND TRANSIT ROUTE ROADWAYS, WHICH WILL BE NAMED WHEN THE SNOW EMERGENCY IS DECLARED.
- (II) LEVEL 2 – DURING A LEVEL 2 SNOW EMERGENCY, PARKING WILL BE PROHIBITED BETWEEN 2-6 AM IN THE DOWNTOWN, AND DURING ALL HOURS IN THE REST OF THE CITY.
- (III) LEVEL 3 – DURING A LEVEL 3 SNOW EMERGENCY, PARKING WILL BE PROHIBITED 24 HOURS A DAY THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

(C) TERMINATION OF SNOW EMERGENCY AND PARKING PROHIBITION.

ONCE IN EFFECT, THE PROHIBITION ON PARKING IN ROADWAYS SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL TERMINATED BY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, BY THE SAME MEANS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A). ADDITIONALLY, A ROADWAY THAT HAS BEEN PLOWED OF SNOW AND ICE, FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE BLOCK ON BOTH SIDES, AFTER DECLARATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF A SNOW EMERGENCY, SHALL BECOME EXCLUDED FROM THE PROHIBITION ON PARKING:

(C) VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION WILL BE TICKETED FOR A PARKING VIOLATION AND FINED CONSISTENT WITH THIS CHAPTER. IN ANY PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, PROOF THAT A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL WAS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A PARTICULAR VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION SHALL CREATE THE PRESUMPTION THAT THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS THE PERSON WHO PARKED THE VEHICLE IN VIOLATION.

(D) TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES PARKED IN ROADWAY DURING SNOW EMERGENCY.

ANY VEHICLE PARKED OR LEFT ON ANY CITY ROADWAY IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION CONSTITUTES A PUBLIC HAZARD AND AN OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC AND MAY BE TOWED AND IMPOUNDED IMMEDIATELY. NO PERSON MAY RECOVER ANY IMPOUNDED VEHICLE WITHOUT FIRST PAYING THE COST OF REMOVAL AND STORAGE, NOTWITHSTANDING, AND APART FROM, ANY FINE WHICH MAY ALSO BE IMPOSED FOR VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed in their entirety and shall be null and void and of no effect.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council, and

pursuant to Section 3-307 of the City Charter, this Chapter shall expire December 31, 2029.

**PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Lansing, Michigan, To Amend Chapter 890 Of The Lansing Codified Ordinances By Amending Section 890.01, To Reform Guidelines For Poverty Exemptions For Real Property And To Remove True Cash Value Of A Principal Residence As A Criteria For Eligibility, Consistent With State Law

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 1268**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, TO AMEND CHAPTER 890 OF THE LANSING CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 890.01, TO REFORM GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY EXEMPTIONS FOR REAL PROPERTY AND TO REMOVE TRUE CASH VALUE OF A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AS A CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY, CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 890.01 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing is hereby amended as follows: 890.01. - Adoption.

Pursuant to MCL 211.7u, as amended, the City hereby adopts the following guidelines for the City Assessor and Board of Review to implement poverty exemptions for property that qualifies under MCL 211.7dd as a principal residence from taxation. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household of the claimant including the contributions of other parties to support the claimant, ~~and including any property tax credit returns filed in the current or immediately preceding year.~~

To be eligible for a poverty exemption from such taxation, a person shall meet all of the following on an annual basis:

- (a) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested;
- (b) File a claim with the City Assessor or Board of Review on a form provided by the City Assessor, accompanied by Federal and State income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence including the contributions of other parties to support the claimant, ~~and including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year;~~
- (c) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested;
- (d) Produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested, IF SUCH PROOF OF OWNERSHIP IS REQUESTED BY THE ASSESSOR OR BOARD OF REVIEW;
- (e) Meet the Federal poverty guidelines as updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under authority of Section 673 of Subtitle B of Title VI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C. 9902;
- (f) ~~Own and occupy a principal residence having a true cash value which is less than the average true cash value of all principal residence~~

properties in the City, based on the previous year values;

(g)(F) File a claim for exemption after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of the Board of Review meeting; and

(h)(G) Have assets, not including homestead, less than five times annual household income.

(i) Any relief granted is a reduction over and above the maximum homestead property tax credit granted, or which would have been granted had the claimant applied, by the State of Michigan.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed in their entirety and shall be null and void and of no effect.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment, unless given immediate effect by City Council, and shall expire on December 31, 2028.

**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

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
  - a. Make Safe or Demolish; 2108 East Cavanaugh  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- b. Act-16-2019; 2122 N. Martin Luther King. Vacate a narrow easement along the east side of N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd Right-of-Way requested by 2122 N MLK Holdings, LLC, for the purpose of providing driveway access and parking for the business

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- c. Act-3-2020; Vacate an obsolete utility easement extending 444 feet north from Case Street requested by Laux Construction

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- d. Commercial Rehabilitation District and Certificate; 329 - 337 South Washington Sq.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

Mark Parker spoke against cuts to retiree health care.

Loretta Stanaway asked for a sign at the entrance to Scott Park and Sunken Garden.

Carol Walton spoke against cuts to retiree health care.

Farhan Sheikh-Omar spoke about various city matters.

Toren voiced support for Council Member Betz's budget priorities surrounding the police budget.

Mike Lynn spoke about various city matters.

Tobias Webb voiced support for Council Member Betz's budget priorities surrounding the police budget.

Council Member Wood asked the Mayor about plans to cut retiree health care benefits.

The Mayor responded that conversations about such plans ongoing and a final decision would be coming soon.

Council Members Wood, Dunbar, and Hussain expressed a desire to be included in those conversations.

**ADJOURNED TIME 10:59 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**