



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 3, 2008

City Council Chambers  
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by City Clerk Swope.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Allen, Dunbar, Hewitt, Jeffries, Kaltenbach, Quinney, Robinson, Wood

ABSENT: None

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Jeffries

Oaths of Office for Councilmembers elected & reelected in November 2007

Councilmember Dunbar moved to recess for 15 minutes for a reception in honor of the newly elected officials.

City Clerk Swope recessed the meeting -at 1:45 p.m.

City Clerk Swope reconvened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Wood that the Council resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole

The Council arose at 3:15 p.m.

**RESOLUTION#001**

BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, a nomination for President and Vice President for the Lansing City Council in 2008 was made on January 3, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Wood made a motion to nominate Councilmember Jeffries as President and Councilmember Quinney as Vice President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council unanimously appoints Councilmember Jeffries as President and Councilmember Quinney as Vice President for the Lansing City Council for the year 2008.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By Councilmember Wood

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of December 10 and 17, 2007

Motion carried

**CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

By Vice President Quinney

To suspend City Council Rule #11 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion carried

The following items were added to the agenda:

1. From Councilmember Allen; Setting a Public Hearing for January 14, 2008 in consideration of the proposed sale of 509 E. Kalamazoo St., commonly known as Parking Lot 49
2. From Councilmember Allen; Setting a Public Hearing for January 14, 2008 in consideration of the proposed sale of the easterly termini of Ottawa St. and Ionia St. (Ottawa St. Power Station)

**COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS  
AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilmember Allen stated that she voted for Councilmember Jeffries for President and that she hopes that in the future we never come to a Council meeting without consensus.

President Jeffries thanked everyone for their support. He congratulated Councilmember Quinney on his election as Vice President. He thanked everyone viewing at home and those present at today's meeting for their patience during this process today. He said he is looking forward to working with all Councilmembers as well as the administration to help move Lansing forward.

Councilmember Wood announced the Genesee Neighborhood Association meeting and the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on January 15 at St. Stephens Church.

Councilmember Robinson announced the Riverview Neighborhood Association meeting.

Councilmember Hewitt announced the Groesbeck Neighborhood Association meeting and the Eastside Neighborhood Association meeting. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

City Clerk Swope stated that the President Primary Election is next week. He said that the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. He reminded everyone that it is a semi-closed primary election and that will require voters to indicate which party ballot they would like to vote. He stated that there are two separate ballots for this election.

Councilmember Wood asked that the minutes of December 17, 2007 be revised to have her absence listed as excused. She stated that she notified Council Staff that she was ill and would not be at the meeting.

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative or City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, said Happy New Year to everyone and congratulated the newest members of City Council. He stated that Mayor Bernero looks forward to working with all of them in the year ahead to keep the momentum going and to transform Lansing into one of the great Midwestern capital cities. He also congratulated the new officers, President Brian Jeffries and Vice President Quinney and said that both will give their best efforts to make Lansing the best City it can be. He spoke about snow plowing and how our Public Service Department did an excellent job following the major storm that dumped eight inches of snow on our streets over the New Year's holiday. He stated that in order to plow the streets from curb to curb, we need all vehicles that are parked on the street to be removed and reminded citizens and business owners to clear the sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours after the end of a snow storm. He announced that in the New Year, we will be taking a more assertive approach to issuing warnings and tickets for failing to clear sidewalks, especially around our schools so that children can have a safe way to get to school. He stated that we are stepping up our efforts to clear sidewalks that are the responsibility of the city. Unlike private property owners who have a small section of sidewalk to clear, the city has many miles of sidewalks to maintain and, like our streets, it takes time to get them cleared. If we all work together, we can get the job done and deal effectively and efficiently with the inevitable consequences of the winter snow season in Michigan.

### SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

There were no Public Hearings

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke about the New Year, the new Councilmembers and President and said that he hopes that this year will be better for everyone.

Darnell E. Oldham Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and Councilmember Jeffries for being elected as the Council President.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. spoke about the snow removal process.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke about various city matters.

Darnell E. Oldham Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. spoke about various city matters.

Christine Timmon of 2519 Washington Ave. spoke about various city matters.

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

### RESOLUTIONS

#### RESOLUTION#002

BY COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City has received a comprehensive development agreement entitled Comprehensive Sale and Development Agreement Between the City of Lansing and the Lenawee Company Regarding the Kalamazoo Gateway Project Located at 509 E. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, Michigan, Lansing, Michigan (the Purchase Agreement), for the sale and redevelopment of Parking Lot 49 for a unified mixed-used commercial/residential project consisting of residential units, retail/office/commercial space, and underground parking for use by the occupants of the building; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Lansing City Charter, Article 8, Chapter 4, and Section 208.08 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances, the offer must be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk for a thirty (30) day period, and a Public Hearing on the proposed sale of the property held before the City Council subsequent to that time; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Purchase Agreement was placed on file in the City Clerk's Office on December 14, 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held on Monday, January 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, to receive public comment on and to consider the proposed sale of 509 E. Kalamazoo Street, commonly known as Parking Lot 49, legally described in the Purchase Agreement for the property, which has been signed by the Lenawee Company and placed on file with the City Clerk on December 14, 2007.

By Councilmember Allen

Motion Carried

#### RESOLUTION#003

BY COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City has received a comprehensive development agreement entitled Property Purchase and Development Agreement among the City of Lansing, the Lansing Board of Water and Light, and Christman Capital Development Company (the Purchase Agreement), for the sale and redevelopment of the easterly termini of Ottawa Street and Ionia Street more completely described in Exhibit A to the Purchase Agreement, to construct an office building and parking facility; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Lansing City Charter, Article 8, Chapter 4, and Section 208.08 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances, the offer must be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk for a thirty (30) day period, and a Public Hearing on the proposed sale of the property held before the City Council subsequent to that time; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Purchase Agreement was placed on file in the City Clerk's Office on December 14, 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held on Monday, January 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, to receive public comment on and to consider the proposed sale of the easterly termini of Ottawa Street and Ionia Street, legally described in Schedule A to the Purchase Agreement for the property, which has been placed on file with the City Clerk on December 14, 2007.

By Councilmember Allen

proposed Zander's Old Town Brewery located at 309 Clinton St.

Motion Carried

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

There were no Committee Reports

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

There were no Ordinances for Introduction

**ORDINANCES FOR PASSAGE**

There were no Ordinances for Passage

**REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS;  
COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS;  
AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS**

By Councilmember Quinney that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Jeffries make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:
  - a. Letter from the City Clerk submitting minutes of Boards and Authorities placed on file in the City Clerk's Office

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- b. Letters from the Mayor re:
  - i. Transfer of Funds; Fire Administration, Donations

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

- ii. Application for Exemption of New Personal Property filed by XG Sciences, Inc. for property located at 701 Terminal Rd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. Sole Source Purchase; Finance Department/Building Maintenance Division request for C2AE as the vendor for architectural and engineering services for City Hall Fire Suppression System

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
  - a. Resolution #07-338 of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners to adopt the Ingham County Public Safety Radio System Cost Participation Policy

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- b. Letter from Beverly Miller of 413 Pearl St. in opposition to

**REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Wood addressed comments made by speakers regarding snow removal and assistance with shoveling of sidewalks. She stated that residents should call their neighborhood groups for assistance.

Councilmember Dunbar stated that the letter on the agenda regarding the Zander Management states that this will be a bar and it is not a bar. She said it is a brewery and that no alcohol will be for sale on site.

Councilmember Quinney welcomed the new Councilmembers and congratulated Councilmember Jeffries on being elected as Council President.

President Jeffries asked if the administration received any feedback on the overnight parking being lifted through the holidays.

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, stated that he had not heard if any resident had given feedback about the overnight parking being lifted. He explained that there are 42 snow trucks with about 40 employees to operate them that are involved when a full plow was ordered for this last snowfall.

ADJOURNED TIME 4:29 P.M.

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CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK