



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 14, 2008

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 Jeffries.

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By Councilmember Quinney

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of December 17, 2007 and January 3, 2008

Motion carried

### SPECIAL CEREMONIES

- Special Ceremonies

1. Presentation; Recognition of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's 100th Anniversary and service to the Greater Lansing Area

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, read the following Proclamation on behalf of Mayor Bernero:

**WHEREAS:** I am honored to join the distinguished Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) sorority's Lansing Chapter, Delta Tau Omega (DTO) in commemorating the 100th anniversary of their parent organization (AKA); and

**WHEREAS:** Great Lakes Regional Director, Ruth Marie Thomas, chartered Delta Tau Omega Chapter on December 17, 1947 in Lansing, and has since pursued their creed of "Legacy of Sisterhood and Service" through many virtuous community service acts; and

**WHEREAS:** Delta Tau is part of a complex sociopolitical history of 20th- and 21st-Century human relations. During the many decades of African American women possessing very little social power or academic status, AKA provided a foundation through which minorities could enter the sphere of civic influence in America. Their numerous service initiatives include the fields of health, education, family affairs, politics and business; and

**WHEREAS:** As one of over 900 national AKA chapters, DTO has conducted important social and educational services in the community, like their Senior Salute scholarship program for high school seniors. Over the last 28 years, DTO has awarded close to \$100,000 through the program; and

**WHEREAS:** The Chapter also sponsors countless political action forums, mentoring activities for girls in the Lansing Public Schools, clothing and coat drives for disadvantaged families and community fundraisers. They support organizations such as the College Fund/UNCF, NAACP, American Red Cross, and the Lansing Food Bank

through financial donations; and

**WHEREAS:** Delta Tau Omega has remained iconic for two equally-important reasons: it was and continues to be a prominent group organized by women and a group led by African Americans, both of which marked rare but vital achievements in the early-to-mid 1900s, amid tumultuous cultural battles for the civil rights of women and for black citizens; and

**WHEREAS:** The Chapter will continue to embrace the national Economics, Sisterhood and Partnerships (ESP) platform in 2008. Specific focus is given to community forums highlighting mental health concerns and general health resources, youth programming focusing on financial literacy and the middle school mentoring program for girls; and

**WHEREAS:** Washington, D.C.'s official recognition of Alpha Kappa Alpha is more than just a noteworthy esteem; it acknowledges the remarkable contributions of all the nationwide chapters like Delta Tau Omega that have made it a true national treasure during the past century, an will doubtlessly remain so in the centuries to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, VIRG BERNERO**, Mayor of the City of Lansing, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim January 14, 2008 as

**"Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day."**

in Lansing. I urge the citizens of Lansing to commend Delta Tau Omega for their meritorious community example and I wish them another 100 years of continued success in public service.

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, stated that on behalf of Mayor Bernero it is an honor to present this award to this outstanding organization. He said this is a great group of ladies. He congratulated them on a wonderful job over the years, having done so much for young women in our community.

President Jeffries thanked the sorority for everything they have done and congratulated them on their anniversary.

Angela Corley thanked the Mayor and City Council for this honor. She said without people like the citizens of Lansing they could not do what they do. She said one of the members here today is one of the original charter members who started this chapter.

2. Presentation; Recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission Members

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, said that the Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission has once again done a great job in preparing for the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and luncheon. He thanked the commission for their hard work and for keeping Dr. King's memory alive.

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, read the following Proclamation on behalf of Mayor Bernero:

**WHEREAS:** It is a privilege to join the Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission as it hosts the 23rd Annual Luncheon in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 21, 2008, and to recognize Dr. King's words as this year's theme, "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere"; and

**WHEREAS:** This year's celebration is especially momentous

because it falls on the 40th anniversary of Dr. King's tragic assassination. April 4th, 1968 was not only the day of his passing, but also the day of one of his most passionate and memorable speeches, where he told us he had seen the Promised Land. Let us reflect on the last 40 years to assess how much progress we have made, and how much more we still need to pursue; and

**WHEREAS:** This holiday should not be thought of as an arbitrary break from work or school, but a day of reflection about Dr. King's lifelong accomplishment toward peace, justice and equality. It should be a day of participation, wherein all citizens contribute something positive to their community and the public, by educating our youth about the Civil Rights Movement and by offering Dr. King; and

**WHEREAS:** During his lifetime, Dr. King contended, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." He also espoused the notion that, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools"; and

**WHEREAS:** In memoriam of his inspirational life, work, and worldview, Dr. King should never be forgotten by future generations. His legacy continues only if we actively work for positive social change. Let us guarantee that his accomplishments are never forgotten.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, VIRG BERNERO**, Mayor of the City of Lansing, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2008 as

**"Martin Luther King, Jr. Day"**

in Lansing. May we continue to pursue the social equality articulated in Dr. King's speeches and draw closer to living his dream.

City Clerk Swope read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION#004**

BY COUNCILMEMBERS ALLEN, DUNBAR, HEWITT, JEFFRIES,  
KALTENBACH,  
ROBINSON, QUINNEY, AND WOOD  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission will conduct its 23rd Annual Luncheon in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, January 21, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lansing Center; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this years observance is "Injustice Anywhere Remains a Threat to Justice Everywhere"; and

WHEREAS, the Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, currently, a professor of Urban Education and American Studies at Temple University and co-founder of Myth, a non-profit organization devoted to educating youth about their legal rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hill has been an advocate for social justice since his early days as a youth in North Philadelphia and later as an adult and an increased activist among those born after the civil rights struggles of the 1960s committing to improving the condition of his generation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hill continues to work directly with African American and Latino youth, and in 2001, he started an adult literacy project that uses youth culture to increase school engagement and reading skills among high school students along with his continued teaching of adult literacy courses for high school dropouts in Philadelphia and Camden; and

WHEREAS, a sought after public speaker, Dr. Hill has addressed audiences of all ages at community centers, churches, and prestigious universities, such as, Harvard, Princeton, MIT, and Howard, and in 2005, Ebony Magazine named Dr. Hill one of America's top 30 black leaders under 30 years old;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lansing City Council, hereby, commends the Greater Lansing Area Holiday Commission for

their continued dedication and service to our youth and residents of the City of Lansing and wishes them best of luck on this uplifting celebration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council commemorate the efforts of Dr. King and encourages all residents of the City of Lansing to share in Dr. King's dream and work toward justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

By Councilmember Quinney

Motion Carried

President Jeffries thanked and congratulated the commission on a job well done on this year's celebration. He said this is such an important day to remember and to celebrate a great man with a great dream.

Myron Freeman thanked the City Council and the Mayor for this honor. He said the commission has worked on making this year's celebration the best it can be and next year it will be even better.

3. Tribute; Recognition of The Pastor's United of Lansing's 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Services

City Clerk Swope read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION#005**

BY COUNCILMEMBER CAROL WOOD  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Pastors United of Lansing will hold their 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration service on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at St. Stephen's Community Church, United Church of Christ, located at 1007 Kimberly Drive, at 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, each year the area pastors honor Dr. King's life and ministry with a service on his birthday, January 15th; and

WHEREAS, the Pastors will hold a special tribute to the late Reverend Dr. J. E. Graves, who founded the Pastor's Conference of Greater Lansing and led the effort to name a street in the City of Lansing after Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, in the words of Reverend Dr. Michael C. Murphy, host of the celebration; "The focus of the ceremony is Dr. King's dream and what it means for our youth today. We are committed to working together this year to uplift and encourage our youth;" and

WHEREAS, Reverend Walter Gibson, Pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church will be the Keynote Preacher. Superintendent Samuel Duncan, Pastor of Lansing Church of God in Christ will be the Master of Ceremonies, and special music by Mass Choir will be under the direction of Elder Larry Trice, Jr., Pastor of Tabernacle of David Church;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lansing City Council, hereby, congratulates the Lansing Pastors United of Lansing on their 10th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the citizens of our community are encouraged to come together and celebrate the legacy of Dr. King, and Reverend Graves to this free event being held on January 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

Councilmember Wood stated that on Friday here in Council Chambers will be the 20th Anniversary celebration of Dr. King's Birthday put on by The Pastor's United of Lansing.

Reverend Michael Murphy thanked the City Council and the Mayor for this honor. He said that everyone is invited to attend the celebration on Friday here at City Hall.

Reverend Gibson thanked the City Council and the Mayor. He said that as well as the Celebration here on Friday the United Pastors will be holding another celebration on Tuesday at St. Stephens Church.

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

Councilmember Robinson announced the Churchill Downs Neighborhood Association Meeting, the Kensington Meadows Neighborhood Association meeting, the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting and the Lewton/Rich Neighborhood Association Meeting.

Councilmember Allen announced the Old Everett Neighborhood Association Meeting.

Councilmember Kaltenbach wished Mrs. Limber a Happy Birthday. He stated that Mrs. Limber is 97 years old, and it has been determined that she is the oldest Westside resident.

Councilmember Hewitt wished Delta Sigma Theta Sorority a Happy 95th Anniversary.

Councilmember Wood stated that Mrs. Limber has also been ill.

Councilmember Dunbar announced that the Ingham Regional Medical Center is offering a heart and stroke screening. She said that Habitat for Humanity is looking for a handy helper. She said that registration for the 2nd Annual Hawk Island Triathlon is now open.

City Clerk Swope stated that tomorrow is Election Day. He said the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. He said that electors are required to select a political party to vote. He spoke about the names of Democrat candidates that do not appear on the ballot. He stated there are no official write-in candidates and if you do put a candidate's name in the write-in section of the ballot, it will not be counted. He said that if electors have not returned their absentee ballots, they must be in his office by 8:00 p.m. Election Day in order to be counted.

### 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 Mayor Bernero spoke about two public hearings on tonight's agenda that will move us one step closer to realizing two major new development projects in the City of Lansing. One is the redevelopment of the historic Ottawa Street Power Station by the Accident Fund Insurance Company of America. This project represents a public and private investment in excess of \$180 million that will retain more than 600 jobs in Lansing and create hundreds more. The second public hearing is for the sale of City Parking Lot 49, located at 509 E. Kalamazoo Street, for the construction of the Kalamazoo Gateway project. This is a four-story, mixed-use residential and commercial development by Gene Townsend, who also built the successful Printer's Row project on South Grand Avenue. This project will create a vibrant new gateway to our downtown at the nexus of the Kalamazoo and Cedar Street corridors. Mr. Ambrose stated that last week he and our economic development team gathered at the offices of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget to finalize the sale of the so-called Ottawa Parcel – nearly 5 acres of land just west of the

State Capitol Building that will be the site of another major new residential development. He stated that this afternoon he joined with the students and staff at Gier Park Elementary, as well as Lansing School Superintendent Dr. T.C. Wallace, to celebrate the donation of \$10,000 by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for the improvement of the running track at the school. He thanked Blue Cross Blue Shield for their generous support of our schools and their commitment to building a healthier community right here in Lansing.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of Z-8-2007; 5920 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., a request filed by Ronald Kinney to rezone the property at 5920 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. from "A" Residential District to "E-2" Local Shopping District to bring the commercial building on the lot into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance
2. In consideration of Z-9-2007; 1242 Allen St., a request filed by Steven Bacon to rezone the property located at 1242 Allen St. from "B" Residential District to "C" Residential District to bring the duplex at this location into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and to construct another duplex on the vacant lot to the south
3. In consideration of Z-10-2007; 1342 N. Walnut St., a request filed by Ahmed Assaf to rezone the property located at 1342 N. Walnut St. from "B" Residential District to "C" Residential District so that the building at this location could be used as a duplex
4. In consideration of the proposed sale of 509 E. Kalamazoo St., commonly known as Parking Lot 49
5. In consideration of the proposed sale of the easterly termini of Ottawa St. and Ionia St. (Ottawa St. Power Station)

Councilmember Wood gave a brief overview of all 5 Public Hearings.

Steven Bacon of 1321 Illinois Ave. spoke in support of the rezoning for 1242 Allen Street. He asked the City Council to please consider allowing the rezoning.

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. spoke in support of the sale of the Ottawa Street Power Station.

Ahmed Assaf of 5945 York Way spoke in support of the rezoning request for 1242 Walnut Street. He asked the City Council to consider his request.

Kevin Green of Principal Shopping District spoke in support of the sale of Parking Lot 49 and the Ottawa Street Power Station.

Todd Tennis of 1924 Fairmont St. spoke in support of the sale of Parking Lot 49 and the Ottawa Street Power Station.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke in support of the rezoning request for 5920 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. He spoke in opposition to the sale of Parking Lot 49 and the Ottawa Street Power Station.

Darnell E. Oldham Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. stated concerns that he has with the sale of Parking Lot 49 and the Ottawa Street Power Station.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke in support of the rezoning requests for Allen Street and Walnut Street. She stated

concerns that she has with the sale of the Ottawa Street Power Station and Parking Lot 49.

Richard Clement of 900 Long Blvd. spoke in support of the sale of the Ottawa Street Power Station.

Katie Blakley of 3207 Forest Rd. spoke in support of the sale of Parking Lot 49 and the Ottawa Street Power Station.

Don Dean of 1321 E. North St. spoke about the appointment of a Councilmember to the City of Lansing and Charter Township of Lansing Liaison Committee as City Council Representative. He gave some suggestions on where it would be a good idea to place round-a-bouts.

Doug Austin of 124 W. Allegan St. stated that he was here to answer any questions regarding the Kalamazoo Gateway Project.

**REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:**

Otto Graesser of 2215 Wellesley Dr. spoke about the snow removal process for sidewalks.

John Boise of 4921 Tenny St. spoke about the current unemployment rate for Michigan.

Gary Bodiford of 1120 N. Jenison Ave. spoke about various city matters.

Ted Boettcher of 320 W. Northrup St. spoke about the proposed

Northrup Street project.

Frank S. Curtis X of 1137 West Allegan St. spoke about various city matters.

Walter Brown of 1310 Knollwood Ave. spoke about surveillance cameras.

Nick Limber of 1321 W. Saginaw St. spoke about various city matters.

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

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

David Thomas of 803 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing spoke about various city matters.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke about various city matters.

Richard Clement of 900 Long Blvd. spoke about various city matters.

Don Dean of 1321 E. North St. spoke about various city matters.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION#006**

BY COUNCILMEMBERS ALLEN, DUNBAR, HEWITT, JEFFRIES, KALTENBACH, ROBINSON, QUINNEY, AND WOOD  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is conducting its 27th Annual Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Friday, January 18, 2008, from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Lansing City Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's observance is "Injustice Anywhere Remains a Threat to Justice Everywhere"; and

WHEREAS, each year the Human Relations and Community Services Department sponsors a spirit lifting program in cooperation with the Mayor, City Council, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Delta Lambda Chapter, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. in commemoration of this remarkable man;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, pays tribute to the late Dr. King for his vision and life of expression striving toward justice, good will, and brotherhood for all people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council extends a warm "thank you" to all involved who helped to make the City's 27th Memorial Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Capitol City a success.

By Councilmember Quinney

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION#007**

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

**Act-4-07, Groesbeck Drain, Disposition of LBWL Property**

WHEREAS, Pat Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, on behalf of the Groesbeck Park Drainage District, wishes to acquire certain real property (A.K.A. the North Lansing Landfill) titled in the

name of the City of Lansing for Board of Water and Light (LBWL) and located between David Street and Lake Lansing Road in Lansing Township, Michigan, to construct, develop, and operate a drainage system for the Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the Groesbeck Drainage District serves the subject LBWL property, as well as much of Bancroft Park and the Groesbeck Golf Course south of the subject site; and

WHEREAS, this proposal relates to Act-14-06, easements for the use of the ponds in both the Groesbeck Golf course and Bancroft Park; and

WHEREAS, this Drainage District request has three conveyances: a covenant deed, a ponds easement, and a road easement; and

WHEREAS, the 6.833 acre Covenant Deed area would be conveyed to the Drainage District, and would upon completion of the project, include an elevated pond, a polishing basin, filtration weirs, and a forested wetland; and

WHEREAS, the Ponds Easement would be located south and west of the covenant deed area, and includes 100-foot buffer, settling ponds, water quality improvement and wetland habitat mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Roadway Easement allows the Drain Commissioner to access the improvements he constructs on the property; and

WHEREAS, these conveyances would benefit the Drainage District in providing a location for the temporary storage of water within the detention areas, rights of entry, transportation and storing of equipment and material, to include excavated earth as may be necessary or useful for the construction, maintenance and improvement of drain and detention areas; and

WHEREAS, these agreements are contingent on the MDEQ entering into a new Restrictive Covenant on the property; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2006, the Board of Water and Light voted unanimously to approve Resolution 06-05-01, which declares the approximately ten (10) acres of the southeasterly portion of its property to be surplus, approves the sale of the subject property and easements for \$200,000, subject to conditions which have been met; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2007, the Planning Board reviewed the location, character, and extent of Act-4-07 in accordance with its Act 285 Review procedures, and concurred with LBWL finding and the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's finding that the Groesbeck Drain will be significantly enhanced by the installation of the proposed improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, voted unanimously (5-0) to recommend approval of Act-4-07, the conveyance of the subject property by covenant deed, and the associated roadway and ponds easements; and

WHEREAS, the documentation and details of the sale were placed on file in the City Clerk's Office on NOVEMBER 8, 2007 in accordance with the Lansing City Charter, Article 8, Chapter 4, and Section 208.08 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, City Council held a duly noticed Public Hearing on Monday, January 7, 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 property located in Lansing Township Michigan and legally described more particularly in the Covenant Deed for the property, which was placed on file with the City Clerk on November 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole has considered the public hearing comments, and reviewed the report and recommendations of the Board of Water and Light and Planning Board, and concurs therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council

hereby approves Act-4-07 Groesbeck Drain, the disposition of LBWL property for improvements by the Groesbeck Drainage District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby authorizes the sale of the following real property to the Groesbeck Park Drain Drainage District, located in Lansing Township, Michigan, and legally described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 28 of "Supervisor's Plat of Ideal Garden Farms" (said plat recorded in L. 12, P. 36 of Ingham County Plats); thence westerly parallel to and 33 ft. northerly of the south line of Section 3 a distance of 236.65 ft.; thence northerly parallel to the west line of Supervisor's Plat of Ideal Garden Farms N 00°04'20" W 343.78 ft.; thence N 56°28'20" W 725.49 ft.; thence N 89°55'40" E 840.93 ft. to a point on the west line of Supervisor's Plat of Ideal Garden Farms; thence along said west plat line S 00°04'20" E 745.01 ft., more or less, to the Point of Beginning, containing 6.833 acres of land, more or less.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby authorizes the grant of an easement to the Groesbeck Park Drain Drainage District, for roadway access to the drain, in the area legally described as:

Commencing at the ¼ Corner common to Sections 3 & 10, T. 4 N., R. 2 W, Ingham County, Michigan; thence along the south line of Section 3 N 89°29' W 353 ft. to the southeast corner of Wieland Park Subdivision; thence along the east line of Wieland Park Subdivision N 00°18' E 757.80 ft.; thence S 89°42' E 51 ft.; thence N 00°18' E 295.16 ft. to the centerline of Lake Lansing Road; thence along said road centerline N 49°01'30" E 455.24 ft.; thence S 40°58'30" E 33 ft. to the Easement Area Point of Beginning, said P.O.B. being on the southeasterly sideline of Lake Lansing Road: thence S 40°58'30" E 727.29 ft.; thence S 49°01'30" W 50.00 ft.; thence N 40°58'30" W 727.29 ft. to the sideline of Lake Lansing Road; thence along said road sideline N 49°01'30" E 50.00 ft. to the Easement Area Point of Beginning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby authorizes the grant of an easement to the Groesbeck Park Drain Drainage District, for installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of drainage facilities, including a 100-foot buffer, settling ponds, water quality improvement and wetland habitat mitigation, in the area legally described as:

Commencing at the ¼ Corner common to Sections 3 & 10, T. 4 N., R. 2 W, Ingham County, Michigan; thence along the south line of Section 3 N 89°29' W 353 ft. to the southeast corner of Wieland Park Subdivision; thence along the east line of Wieland Park Subdivision N 00°18' E 757.80 ft.; thence S 89°42' E 51 ft.; thence N 00°18' E 295.16 ft. to the centerline of Lake Lansing Road; thence along said road centerline N 49°01'30" E 455.24 ft.; thence S 40°58'30" E 760.29 ft. to the Easement Area Point of Beginning: thence N 89°55'40" E 176.83 ft.; thence S 56°28'20" E 725.49 ft.; thence S 00°04'20" E 343.78 ft. to a point on the north line of a road right of way recorded in L. 296, P. 226 of

Ingham County Records; thence along said north right of way line (parallel to the south line of Section 3) S 89°52' W 100 ft.; thence N 00°04'20" W 290.27 ft.; thence N 56°28'20" W 641.68 ft.; thence S 89°55'40" W 126.16 ft.; thence N 40°58'30" W 88.99 ft.; thence N 49°01'30" E 50 ft. to the Easement Area Point of Beginning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon closing of the sale of the property, all the net proceeds from the sale price of Two Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$200,000.00) Dollars may be retained by the Board of Water & Light for its operations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Lansing and its Board of Water and Light, is hereby authorized to sign and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the above-stated transactions, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

By Councilmember Quinney

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION#008**

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

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Lansing received a request from the Charter Township of Lansing asking that a Liaison Committee be formulated pursuant to the 1993 agreement between the City of Lansing and Charter Township of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the plans to extend sanitary sewer in the Lake Lansing Road, Wood Street area of the Township have been stalled and need further discussion and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the formulation of the Liaison Committee is to assist the two entities in resolving matters; and

WHEREAS, the Liaison Committee is to consist of the Township Supervisor or his/her designee and one other person appointed by the Township Board, the Mayor of the City of Lansing or his/her designee, and one other person appointed by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing city Council, hereby, appoints Third Ward Councilmember A'Lynne Robinson to the City of Lansing and Charter Township of Lansing Liaison Committee to represent the Lansing City Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk make the appropriate contact with the Township of Lansing to report this appointment.

By Councilmember Quinney

Motion Carried

**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. City of Lansing 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY Ending June 30, 2007 and related letter from Rehmann Robson

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

- c. Letters from the Mayor re:

- i. Transfer of Funds; Police CARE Program

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

- ii. Transfer of Funds; Internal Audit Equipment < \$5,000

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

- iii. ACT-20-07; Ottawa St. Power Station

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iv. Appointment of Mary Ann Prince to the Telecommunications and Cable Advisory Board for a Term to Expire June 30, 2012

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- v. Appointment of Alicia Perez-Banuet to the Board of Fire Commissioners for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2011

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- vi. Appointment of Edwina Marshall to the Human Relations and Community Service Board for a Term to Expire June 30, 2008

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- vii. Appointment of Lamar D. Wilson, Jr. to the Human Relations and Community Service Board for a Third Ward Term to Expire June 30, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- viii. Appointment of Toni Young to the Human Relations and Community Service Board for a Term to Expire June 30, 2011

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ix. Appointment of Tracy Thomas to the Traffic Board for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2008

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- x. Appointment of Michelle Reardon to the Traffic

Board for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2010

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- xi. Appointment of Katie Olender to the Traffic Board for a 4th Ward Term to Expire June 30, 2011

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- xii. Appointment of Julia Almendarez to the Traffic Board for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
  - a. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Financial Statements for the FY ending September 30, 2007 and Independent Auditors' Report and Single Audit Reports

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- b. Letter from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission providing notice of the Denial of an application to Transfer Ownership of 07 SDD and SDM licensed business with Sunday Sales Permit located at 4013 Aurelius Rd. from GKRA, Inc.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- c. Letter from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury providing notice of the issuance of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate to Asbestos Workers Local 47 Retirement located at 906 Terminal Rd.

REFERRED TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND REFERRED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- d. Affidavit of Disclosure filed by Daniel Hamel of the Lansing Fire Department

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

- e. Letter from Attorneys submitting Notice of Intent for Washington Square Place Condominium

REFERRED TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND REFERRED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

**REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Robinson thanked all of the residents from the 3rd Ward who came out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday meeting. She said that it was a great turnout and there will be another meeting in February.

Councilmember Wood spoke about the Comcast converter box that will be needed in order to watch City Council meeting and to call Comcast to get one delivered or held for pickup. She spoke about the Chili and Soup Birthday Celebration Fundraiser in honor of her mother, Ruth Hallman. She said the proceeds will go to the Lansing Police Department's Problem Solving Overtime Fund.

Councilmember Allen stated that this event should be an annual event.

Councilmember Dunbar announced the 3rd Annual She Laughs event at the Cadillac Club on Thursday.

Councilmember Kaltenbach asked Jerry Ambrose if he could look into a couple of things, one being that the sign that separates North and South Genesee is missing and the second being that he has received calls from residents about noise that is coming from the Padnos Company on West Willow. He thinks this is an issue that really needs to be addressed.

Councilmember Wood stated that the former Executive Assistant Dave Wiener had a file on Padnos and Jerry would probably get some information from there.

Councilmember Quinney addressed comments that were made by a speaker about leaves in the street and gutters.

President Jeffries stated that City Hall is closed next Monday and there will be no Council meeting that night and the next regular Council meeting will be on Thursday, January 24 at 1:30 p.m.

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR  
OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, said that he would look into those two issues for Councilmember Kaltenbach. He spoke about the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and Luncheon on Monday at the Lansing Center and on Friday at 12:00 p.m. here in the City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNED TIME 9:28 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**