



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF FEBRUARY 25, 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 PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Councilmember

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of February 18, 2008

Motion carried

TABLED ITEMS

- Letter from Rose and Mort Neff of 1022 S. Grand Ave. seeking an extension of code compliance adherence dates for property located at 1022 S. Grand Ave., and submitting copies of housing code correction notices

By Councilmember Hewitt

To remove this item from the Table

Motion Carried

By Councilmember Kaltenbach

To discharge the General Services Committee, Public Services Committee, and Committee of the Whole of:

- Letter from the City Clerk providing notice of a petition for Revocation of Pryers Towing's wrecker license by the Lansing Police Department
- Letter from the City Clerk providing notice of a petition for Revocation of Discount Towing's wrecker license by the Lansing Police Department

Motion Carried

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

• Special Ceremonies

- Presentation; Poem reading by Dee Freeman for Black History Month

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

Councilmember Dunbar announced February's Grand River Connection 4th Tuesday Networking Night and the Clifford Park Neighborhood

meeting. She stated that Sagamore Hill Neighborhood Association is not meeting this week, but will resume in March. She announced Rep. Joan Bauer's workshop on community impact of foreclosures, "Breakfast with Bauer", which will focus on a package of elder protection legislation and Joan Bauer's tax tips on how to review and appeal property tax assessment.

Councilmember Kaltenbach thanked Winston Williams for an excellent time at UAW Local 652's 13th Annual Black History Program. He thanked all of those who recently sponsored the 'Got Chess?' Program and encouraged others to donate money.

Councilmember Quinney spoke about UAW Local 652's 13th Annual Black History Program, congratulated the keynote speaker, Hugh Clark. He spoke about the upcoming Boys to Men town hall meeting. He said hello to Essie Beasley.

Councilmember Allen spoke about the Polar Bear Plunge.

Councilmember Robinson welcomed Councilmember Allen back from being ill. She announced the Coachlight Neighborhood Association, Averill Woods Neighborhood Association and Wood-Mere Neighborhood Association meetings. She thanked Councilmember Quinney for including her in the Silver Saints Day celebration. She thanked everyone at Wexford Montessori School for all of the phenomenal work they do there.

Councilmember Hewitt announced the Northtown Neighborhood Association meeting.

Councilmember Wood announced Brian O'Neal's performance at the Cadillac Club. She spoke about the Girl Scouts' Sneak a Taste program and about the Bea Christy Award dinner.

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

Mayor Bernero stated that last week Fire Chief Tom Cochran and Chief of Staff Jerry Ambrose shared with City Council a proposal that would save Lansing and Lansing Township more than \$700,000 per year by consolidating our fire departments. The proposal was shared with Supervisor John Daher of Lansing Township at the same time that it was shared with this Council. He spoke about items on tonight's agenda that are several key economic development initiatives that will strengthen our local economy, grow our tax base and create new jobs here in Lansing. Those items include the redevelopment of the Ottawa Parcel just west of the State Capitol Building, the \$4 million renovation of the old Cedar Street School in Old Town, the \$275,000 makeover of the old Letts Bridal Building on Michigan Avenue and the transformation of the old Holmes Street School into the new home of Spartan Internet, one of our leading high tech companies, as well as the Information Technology Empowerment Center. He stated that he attended the "I Love My Neighborhood Fair" at the Foster Community Center and attended the Black History Month Celebrations at UAW Locals 602 and 652 this past weekend. He also had a wonderful time at Lansing Eastern High School for the championship round of the Lansing 5th Grade

Basketball Tournament. He announced that that this coming Sunday, March 2 at 10:30 am we will rededicate the North Grand River Bridge in Old Town as the Robert P. Busby Memorial Bridge. He stated that although he is no longer with us, Robert's vision for Old Town and his inimitable spirit is alive and well in Old Town. His influence and legacy can be seen in their music festivals, the unique galleries and boutiques that fill the storefronts along Grand River and Turner Street, and the community of artists and entrepreneurs who continue to work to realize his dreams.

Councilmember Allen stated that she placed a copy of a letter from a former city engineer regarding potholes in the boxes of all City Councilmembers and would give a copy to the Mayor.

Councilmember Wood asked Mayor Bernero if City Council could receive a copy of the fire regionalization plan.

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, stated that an electronic copy of the plan had been sent to City Council staff.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

1. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 226 S. Foster Ave.
2. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 433 N. Butler Blvd.
3. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 717 S. Francis Ave.

Councilmember Allen gave a brief overview of all three Show Cause Hearings

James Finley of 1634 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. stated that he is the owner of the property at 717 S. Francis Ave. and that 80% of the work need to bring the structure into compliance has been completed.

Councilmember Kaltenbach spoke about the structure located at 433 N. Butler Blvd.

REFERRAL OF SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 226 S. Foster Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

2. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 433 N. Butler Blvd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

3. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 717 S. Francis Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

There were no Public Hearings

Richard Clement of 900 Long Blvd. spoke in support of an OPRA Certificate for Spartan Internet Consulting.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke in opposition to tax abatements and Spring and Special Recreational Fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

Anthony Pryer of 2621 N. Grand River Ave. spoke about Pryers Towing rotation usage by the Lansing Police Department.

Eugene Wanger of 1735 Abington Pl. spoke about the Lansing Boat Club.

Virginia Humble of 604 E. Frederick St. spoke about her property.

Bob Gray of 422 Dadson Dr. spoke about various city matters.

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

Marilyn Wojack of 829 Pacific Ave. spoke about the Lansing Boat Club.

Jan DeMarco of 1211 Moore River Dr. spoke about the Lansing Boat Club.

Willie Hobbs of 5017 Connors Ave. spoke about various city matters.

John Wojack of 1416 W. Barnes Ave. spoke about the Lansing Boat Club.

Ted Boettcher of 320 W. Northrup St. spoke about Public Improvement I/II; Curb and gutter, sidewalk and necessary storm drainage facilities on Northrup St. from Washington Ave. to Cedar St.

John Brady of 614 W. Northrup St. spoke about Public Improvement I/II; Curb and gutter, sidewalk and necessary storm drainage facilities on Northrup St. from Washington Ave. to Cedar St.

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

Ray Powers of 2009 S. Cedar St. spoke about various city matters.

Ammahad-Shekarakki of 902 W. Willow St. asked the City Council to honor Malcolm X.

Jim Hepfer of 917 Sparrow Ave. spoke about the Lansing Boat Club.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION#048

BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING
BROWNFIELD PLAN #38
OTTAWA BLOCK REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has prepared a Brownfield Plan pursuant to and in accordance with the

provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property commonly referred to as the Ottawa/Butler parcel, located in the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, prior to Council's action on this request, it is necessary to hold a public hearing on the Plan, to allow for any resident, taxpayer or ad valorem taxing unit the right to appear and be heard;

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 March 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. on Brownfield Plan #38 – Ottawa Block Redevelopment under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, for property located within the boundary more particularly described as:

CAPITOL COMPLEX, PART OF BLOCK 4 OF CLAYPOOL'S SUBDIVISION, AND

PART OF BLOCK 90 OF THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE CITY OF LANSING, A parcel of land in Block #4 of Claypool's Subdivision and Block #90 of the Original Plat of the City of Lansing, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, containing part of Lots #1 and 2, and all of Lots #3 and 4 of said Claypool's Subdivision and all of Lots #1, 3, 5 and 6 of said Block #90 of the Original Plat of the City of Lansing, more particularly described as beginning at the northwest corner of said Block #4, Claypool's Subdivision; thence easterly along the north line of said block 344.33 feet; thence southerly parallel to the west line of said block 198.00 feet; thence easterly parallel to the north line of said block 92.26 feet; thence northerly parallel to the west line of said block 198.00 feet to the north line of said block; thence easterly along said north line 140.92 feet to the northwest corner of said Block #90 of the Original Plat; thence continuing easterly on the north line of said block 161.21 feet to the east line of said block; thence southerly along said east line 65.79 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 1 of said block; thence westerly 160.56 feet on the south line of said Lot 1 to the west line of said block; thence southerly 66.60 feet on said west line to the northwest corner of Lot 3 of said block; thence easterly 159.91 feet on the north line of said Lot 3 to the east line of said block; thence southerly on said east line 65.78 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 4, thence westerly 159.26 feet along the north line of Lot 4, thence southerly 65.42 feet along the west line of said block to the northwest corner of Lot 5, thence easterly 158.84 feet along the north line of Lot 5 to the east line of said block, thence southerly 132.44 feet along said east line to the south line of said block; thence westerly on said south line 157.33 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 2, Block #4 of Claypool's Subdivision; thence continuing westerly 178.75 feet on the south line of said block; thence northerly parallel to the west line of said block 148.50 feet; thence westerly parallel to the south line of said block 55.00 feet; thence southerly parallel to the west line of said block 148.50 feet to the south line of said block; thence westerly on said south line 348.74 feet to the west line of said block; thence northerly on said west line 396.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.63 acres.

And that the City Clerk cause notice of such hearing to be published twice in a publication of general circulation, no less than 10 days or more than 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing, and that the City Clerk also cause the legislative body of each taxing unit levying ad valorem taxes on this property, to be notified of Brownfield Plan #38 and the scheduled public hearing.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION#049

BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING
BROWNFIELD PLAN #37a – Cedar Street School

WHEREAS, the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has prepared and forwarded an approved Brownfield Plan pursuant to and in

accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property commonly referred to as 1106 N. Cedar St., located in the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, prior to Council's action on this request, it is necessary to hold a public hearing on the Plan, to allow for any resident, taxpayer or ad valorem taxing unit the right to appear and be heard;

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 March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. on Brownfield Plan #37a – Cedar Street School under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, for property located within the boundary more particularly described by parcel numbers as:

33-01-01-09-427-011

And that the City Clerk cause notice of such hearing to be published twice in a publication of general circulation, no less than 10 days or more than 30 days prior to the date of the public hearing, and that the City Clerk also cause the legislative body of each taxing unit levying ad valorem taxes on this property, to be notified of Brownfield Plan #37a and the scheduled public hearing.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION#050

BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY
REHABILITATION DISTRICT
1106 N. Cedar St. – Old Town Medical Building, LLC

WHEREAS, the prospective owner of property located at 1106 N. Cedar St. in the City of Lansing, Michigan (the Property) has requested in writing that the City of Lansing establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District (the District) as enabled by Public Act 146 of 2000, the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (the Act), and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property, Old Town Medical Building, is presently in a purchase agreement to become the legal owner of greater than fifty percent (50%) of all taxable value of the property located within the proposed District, and

WHEREAS, the property in question and the proposed boundary of the District is legally described as: LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 & W 1 R LOT 12 BLOCK 15 ORIG PLAT; and,

WHEREAS, the Act requires that before establishing a District the Lansing City Council hold a public hearing in order to provide an opportunity for owners, residents or other taxpayers of the City of Lansing to appear and be heard regarding the establishment of the District.

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 the 10th Day of March, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District under the provisions of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that the Clerk shall publish once in a publication of general circulation within the community a notice of the scheduled public hearing and that the notice appear not less than 10 or more than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing and that the Clerk also cause the owner of property within the proposed district to receive written notice of the public hearing to be delivered by certified mail.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION#051

BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY
REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
1605, 1609,1615 E. Michigan Ave

WHEREAS, Michigan Avenue Investors LLC, owner of the property located at 1605, 1609,1615 E. Michigan Ave. in the City of Lansing, Michigan (the Property) has applied to the City of Lansing for the City to approve the issuance of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate (the "OPT Certificate), pursuant to the Michigan Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, being Public Act 146 of 2000 (the Act); and

WHEREAS, the property in question of the Certificate is legally described as: LOTS 4, 7 & 8, ALSO S 9.17 FT LOT 3, W 27 FT OF S 85 F LOT 6 & N 63.5 FT LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 5 RUMSEYS MICHIGAN AVE ADD and

WHEREAS, an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District was established by the Lansing City Council on November 19, 2007 in accordance with the act; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that before granting a Certificate the Lansing City Council hold a public hearing in order to provide an opportunity for the applicant, the City Assessor, a representative of the affected taxing units, the residents, and other taxpayers of the City of Lansing general public appear and be heard regarding the approval of the OPT Certificate.

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 the 10th day of March, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate under the provisions of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that the Clerk shall publish once in a publication of general circulation within the community a notice of the scheduled public hearing and that the notice appear not less than 10 or more than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing and that the Clerk also cause the owner of property within the proposed district to receive written notice of the public hearing to be delivered by certified mail.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried (Councilmember Kaltenbach voting Nay)

RESOLUTION#052

BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY
REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
1030 S. Holmes Street

WHEREAS, Spartan Internet Properties LLC, owner of the property located at 1030 S. Holmes Street in the City of Lansing, Michigan (the Property) has applied to the City of Lansing for the City to approve the issuance of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate (the "OPT Certificate), pursuant to the Michigan Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, being Public Act 146 of 2000 (the Act); and

WHEREAS, the property in question of the Certificate is legally described as:

LOTS 1 THRU 13 INCL & LOTS 21 THRU 34 INCL BLOCK 11
MANUFACTURERS ADD NO 2

WHEREAS, an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District was established by the Lansing City Council on December 10, 2007 in accordance with the act; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that before granting a Certificate the Lansing City Council hold a public hearing in order to provide an opportunity for the applicant, the City Assessor, a representative of the affected taxing units, the residents, and other taxpayers of the City of Lansing general public appear and be heard regarding the approval of the OPT Certificate.

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 the 10th day of March, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate under the provisions of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that the Clerk shall publish once in a publication of general circulation within the community a notice of the scheduled public hearing and that the notice appear not less than 10 or more than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing and that the Clerk also cause the owner of property within the proposed district to receive written notice of the public hearing to be delivered by certified mail.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION#053

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING
Personal Property Exemption – Spartan Internet Consulting Corp.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Act 328 of 1998 (1998 PA 328), Spartan Internet Consulting Corp. has made Application for Exemption of New Personal Property (PPE-01-08) for LOTS 1 THRU 13 INCL & LOTS 21 THRU 34 INCL BLOCK 11 MANUFACTURERS ADD NO 2, commonly known as 1030 S. Holmes Street, and that is contained within the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Zone, established by the Lansing City Council on August 18, 1997 pursuant to Act 381 of 1996, as amended; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held February 4, 2008, on the Spartan Internet Consulting Corp. Application for Exemption of New Personal Property, at which, and with advance written notice, the assessor and all representatives of affected taxing units were afforded an opportunity to appear and be heard on the application and exemption request; and

WHEREAS, the City is an eligible distressed community under Public Act 328 by containing NEZ classifications under Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act of 1992, and as acknowledged in the State Tax Commission bulletin on exemption of new personal property to assessing officers, dated May 10, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Zone area is an eligible district under Public Act 328, as amended, and it is within the jurisdiction of the City of Lansing and, therefore, within an eligible distressed community; and

WHEREAS, Spartan Internet Consulting Corp. meets the requirements of an eligible business under Public Act 328 by being primarily engaged in office operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the application of Spartan Internet consulting Corp. for exemption of new personal property PPE-01-08 pursuant to Public Act 328 of 1998, as amended, for that portion of the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Zone, legally described as:

LOTS 1 THRU 13 INCL & LOTS 21 THRU 34 INCL BLOCK
11 MANUFACTURERS ADD NO 2, commonly known as
1030 S. Holmes Street, Lansing, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the personal property exemption PPE-01-08 under Public Act 328 shall be for the period of twelve (12)

years effective Dec. 31, 2008 and ending Dec 30, 2020.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall cause the application for exemption of new personal property PPE-01-08 to be completed and shall cause the completed application and a copy of this Resolution to be filed with the State Tax Commission.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION#054

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Certificate Approval,
309 Clinton Street

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Michigan Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, being Public Act 146 of 2000 (PA 146 of 2000), Zander Management, LLC has filed an application for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate (OPT Certificate) with the Lansing City Clerk, for a proposed obsolete facility at 309 Clinton, Lansing, Michigan (Obsolete Property); and

WHEREAS, Zander Management LLC (the Developer) owns the proposed Obsolete Property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Obsolete Property is located within an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District legally established by resolution adopted December 10, 2007, after a public hearing was held, as provided by section 3 of PA 146 of 2000; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 11, 2008 on the Developer's application for an OPT Certificate, after proper notice was made, pursuant to section 4(2) of PA 146 of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has represented and committed to the City to undertake, and complete not later than December 31, 2010, the rehabilitation, renovation, and reconstruction of the Obsolete Property into office, and retail commercial use throughout the structure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves of the issuance of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate to Zander Management LLC, for the Obsolete Property located at 309 Clinton St, Lansing, Michigan, legally described as:

LOTS 13 & 16 BLOCK 7 ORIG
PLAT

for the period of twelve (12) consecutive years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, in approving the Developer's application by this resolution, finds and determines all of the following;

1. The taxable value of the property proposed to be exempt plus the aggregate taxable value of the property already exempt under PA 146 of 2000 and under Public Act 198 of 1974 (IFT's) does exceed five percent (5%) of the total taxable value of the City of Lansing
2. The applicant is not delinquent in any taxes related to the facility.
3. All of the items described on line 9 of the Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate have been provided to the City of Lansing by the applicant.
4. The application is for obsolete property as defined in section 2(h) of PA 146 of 2000.

5. The commencement of rehabilitation activities of the facility did not occur prior to the establishment of the Obsolete Properties Rehabilitation District.
6. The application relates to the rehabilitation program for the building located at 309 Clinton St., Lansing, Michigan and, when completed, will constitute a rehabilitated facility within the meaning of PA 146 of 2000 and the facility is situated within the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District established by the City of Lansing, which is a Qualified Local Governmental Unit eligible under PA 146 of 2000 to establish such a district.
7. The completion of the rehabilitated facility is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to, increase commercial activity, create some employment, and revitalize an urban area.
8. The rehabilitation includes improvements aggregating ten percent (10%) or more of the true cash value of the property at the commencement of the rehabilitation as provided by section 2(L) of PA 146 of 2000.
9. The rehabilitation must be completed not later than December 31, 2010 as evidence by the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Lansing Building Safety Office.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall cause the Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate to be completed, including the "Clerk Certification" and shall file the completed application, together with a certified copy of this resolution with the State Tax Commission.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION#055

BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT I/II

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lansing have established the need for construction of a public sidewalk in the following described district:

Properties Benefited:

- 1) **Along the east side of South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Edgewood Boulevard and Miller Road**
- 2) **Along Edgewood Boulevard between Cedar Street and South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.**
- 3) **Along the north side of Georgetown Blvd. between Balfour Road and Edgewood Blvd.**
- 4) **Along the west side of North Larch Street between Thomas Street and Douglas Street**
- 5) **Along the south side of Miller Road between S. Pennsylvania Avenue and Beechfield**

WHEREAS. Resolutions #167 and #036 passed by City Council on April 25, 2005 and February 19, 2007 respectively, has already established the need for sidewalk along Larch Street and Miller Road, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that this proposed public improvement will benefit especially the properties in the vicinity of the work to be done and that a benefit district pursuant to Chapter 1026 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances should be established to be specially assessed for the public improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby determines it to be of a public necessity to construct the following public improvements: **new sidewalk along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Edgewood Blvd., Georgetown Blvd., Miller Rd., and Larch St.**, excepting all public streets and alleys and other land deemed not benefited, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of these improvements will be financed by special assessments to the benefited property owners, and that the City's public share of the project costs shall be paid from **FY 07 Act 51** funds; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service is hereby authorized to prepare necessary plans and specifications for these improvements, obtain the necessary easements for construction, and to determine the cost of said project, based upon the bids to be received, to establish the special assessment district and the applicable assessments to the properties in the district, and to furnish said information to the Mayor and City Council.

By Councilmember Hewitt

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION#056

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing was incorporated on February 15, 1859, and it is with great pride that Lansing will celebrate its Sesquicentennial Anniversary on February 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Lansing's Sesquicentennial offers a unique opportunity to build pride in our community and educate citizens about Lansing's rich history; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Rotary Club has expressed great interest in becoming the lead organization in the planning and coordination of Lansing's upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Rotary Club is an outstanding civic organization that brings together the best and brightest individuals in the Lansing community. As such, they are perfectly suited to play a lead role in planning the Lansing's Sesquicentennial Celebration activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing and its departments and agencies will remain involved in the Sesquicentennial planning process in an auxiliary capacity and will lend full support to celebration activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council supports the leadership of the Lansing Rotary Club in its efforts to coordinate and direct the Lansing community's Sesquicentennial Celebrations.

By Councilmember Quinney

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION#057

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES met on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, and reviewed the Spring Recreational Fees. The proposed fee changes would increase the Senior Softball Team Fee from \$100 to \$125 and the Lil Kickers Soccer from \$15 (Resident) to \$18 (resident) and \$20 (non-resident) to \$23 (non-resident). These fees have not changed in approximately ten years and would bring the City closer, but still under, surrounding municipalities fees for the same. Therefore, the Committee recommends approval of the proposed Spring Recreational Fees to the Ways and Means Committee.

Signed: Eric Hewitt, Chair
Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair
Derrick Quinney, Member

By Councilmember Hewitt

To receive this Committee Report

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION#058

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES met on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, and reviewed the Special Recreational Fees. The proposed fee changes would increase the two hour rental of the Inflatable Obstacle Course from \$200 (City Limits), \$300 (Outside City Limits) to \$250 (City Limits) and \$375 (Outside City Limits) with additional hours of use increasing from \$50 (City Limits) and \$75 (Outside City Limits) to \$75 (City Limits) and \$125 (Outside City Limits). The Climbing Wall rental fees would also increase from \$300 (City Limits) and \$400 (Outside City Limits) to \$350 (City Limits) and \$525 (Outside City Limits) with additional hours of use increasing from \$75 (City Limits) and \$125 (Outside City Limits) to \$100 (City Limits) and \$150 (Outside City Limits). These fee increases remain lower than competitor's rates. Therefore, the Committee recommends approval of the proposed Special Recreational Fees to the Ways and Means Committee.

Signed: Eric Hewitt, Chair
Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair
Derrick Quinney, Member

By Councilmember Hewitt

To receive this Committee Report

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

The following ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, providing that the Code of Ordinances be amended by providing for the rezoning of property located in the City of Lansing, Michigan, and for the revision of the district maps adopted by Section 1246.02 of the Code for property located at:

Z-15-2007, 111 & 113 Lathrop Street, from "F-1" Commercial District to "D-1" Professional Office District

was introduced by the Committee on Development & Planning, read a first and second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Development and Planning.

RESOLUTION#059

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RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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Z-15-2007, 111 & 113 Lathrop Street, from "F-1" Commercial District to "D-1" Professional Office District

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

The following ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, providing that the Code of Ordinances be amended by providing for the rezoning of property located in the City of Lansing, Michigan, and for the revision of the district maps adopted by Section 1246.02 of the Code for property located at:

Z-16-2007, 2619 E. Mt. Hope Avenue, from "A" Residential District to "D-1" Professional Office District

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THIS ITEM WAS RETURNED TO COMMITTEE

Introduction of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to Amend Chapter 6, Section 696.01, of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by adding exceptions that allow the recreational shooting of certain weapons if properly supervised, and setting a Public Hearing for March 17, 2008

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. Proposed Special Assessment Amendment for Glenburne Commons

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

- ii. Transfer of Funds; Police Administration, Problem Solving Overtime

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND
INTERNAL AUDIT

- iii. Transfer of Funds; Police Administration, Donations – Contributions

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND
INTERNAL AUDIT

- iv. Budget Priorities in addition to City Council's Budget Policies and Priorities for FY 2008-2009 from the Board of Public Service

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND
REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

- v. Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) filed by Woodpecker Investments, LLC for property located at 914 E. Gier St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND
PLANNING

- vi. Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan Amendments

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- * Letter from the City Clerk providing notice of a petition for Revocation of Pryers Towing's wrecker license by the Lansing Police Department

REFERRED TO THE CITY CLERK

- * Letter from the City Clerk providing notice of a petition for Revocation of Discount Towing's wrecker license by the Lansing Police Department

REFERRED TO THE CITY CLERK

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Contract between the State of Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Lansing for construction engineering services required in order to accommodate the City sewer separation project at the following locations: along northbound Highway I-96BL (Larch Street) between Michigan Avenue (Capitol Loop) and Grand River Avenue; along eastbound Highway M-43/I-69BL (Saginaw Street) between Larch Street and Cleveland Street; along Capitol Loop (Grand Avenue) between Allegan Street and Ottawa Street; on Walnut Street at the intersection of westbound Capitol Loop (Ottawa Street); along southbound Highway I-96BL (Cedar Street) between Grand River Avenue and Monroe Street; along Old Highway US-27BR (North East Street) between Bates Street and Sheridan Road; including inspection of the affected roadways and adjacent right-of-way; all together with necessary related work, located within the corporate limits of the City

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- b. Letter from Capital Area District Library submitting information related to their Capital Improvement Plan Study, Final Report

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS

- c. Request for recognition of non-profit status in the City of Lansing filed by Lenore Quiroga of Care Free Medical & Dental, Inc. located at 5135 S. Pennsylvania Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- d. Letter from Lansing Police Athletic League expressing gratitude for City Council's support of Shop with a Cop of Ingham County

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- e. Letter from Debbie Wolf of Lansing, in support of continued funding of the naturalist position at Fenner Nature Center

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- f. Letter from Jane Atkin of Ithaca, NY regarding the Lansing Boat Club

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- g. Letter from Rose and Mort Neff of 1022 S. Grand Ave. seeking an extension of code compliance adherence dates for property located at 1022 S. Grand Ave., and submitting copies of housing code correction notices

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Kaltenbach stated the concerns of a resident, Mr. Lindsey, regarding truck traffic on W. St. Joseph Hwy.

Councilmember Quinney spoke about a conversation he had with Jimmy Wilson regarding the traffic situation at Holmes Rd. and Pleasant Grove Rd. He defended Councilmember Kaltenbach's character in reference to speakers during tonight's public comments and expressed his support of Councilmember Dunbar for her comments at last week's City Council meeting regarding speakers at the podium.

Councilmember Hewitt stated concerns with businesses and workers who might be affected by CSO work on Grand Ave.

Councilmember Allen stated she had five (5) electronic messages that would be submitted for the next Council Agenda in support of comments made by Councilmember Dunbar at last week's City Council meeting regarding speakers at the podium.

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR
OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, spoke about an Ingham County Board of Commissioners meeting regarding the purchase of a church for use as a continuum of care facility.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:39 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK