



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF MAY 29, 2008**

**ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

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 President Jeffries.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Allen, Hewitt, Jeffries, Wood

ABSENT: Councilmember Dunbar, Kaltenbach (Arrived at 1:32 p.m.), Quinney (Arrived at 1:33 p.m.) and Robinson (Arrived at 1:45 p.m.)

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

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

Councilmember Hewitt announced the Eastfield Neighborhood Association garage sale.

*Councilmember Kaltenbach arrived at the meeting at 1:32 p.m.*

Councilmember Allen stated that the mother of Fred Stackable recently passed away.

Councilmember Wood announced the Be a Tourist in Your Hometown event, as well as the Community Dream Walk.

*Councilmember Quinney arrived at the meeting at 1:33 p.m.*

City Clerk Swope stated that absentee ballot applications for voters on the permanent absentee voter list have been mailed out. He stated that there will be a Primary Election in August even though we held our Presidential Primary earlier in the year.

**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.

**APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

By Councilmember Quinney

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of May 19, 2008

Motion carried

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, spoke about regarding the Sale of 420 E. Shiawassee St., the personal property exemption for Jackson National Life, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Supportive Housing Program Grants and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Bridge Program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

*Councilmember Robinson arrived at the meeting at 1:45 p.m.*

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke in opposition to tax abatements.

Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. spoke in opposition to tax abatements.

Christine Timmon of 2519 S. Washington Ave. spoke in opposition to tax abatements.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke in opposition to tax abatements.

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

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. spoke about various city matters.

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

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 S. Washington Ave. spoke about various city matters.

Ted Boettcher 320 W. Northrup St. spoke about public improvements to Northrup St.

John Brady of 614 W. Northrup St. spoke about public improvements to Northrup St.

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

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION#236**

BY COUNCILMEMBER A'LYNNE ROBINSON  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Reverend Neil Davis and his wife of twenty years, Lela Brown, are the proud parents of two wonderful children; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Davis holds a Bachelor Degree from Spring Arbor College of Michigan and a Master of Public Affairs and Administration Degree with an emphasis on Urban Development from Western Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, upon accepting God's call to ministry, he attended Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, where he obtained a Master of Divinity Degree; and

WHEREAS, prior to his call to ministry, Reverend Davis worked for five years with the Urban League, where he designed and

implemented a host of programs to help teens and adults enhance their quality of life holistically; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Davis' previous position before becoming a minister was as Director of the "I Have A Dream" Foundation of Battle Creek, allowing him the opportunity to provide college preparatory support to 84 graduating students; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Davis is well known in the community for his desire to help individuals enhance their quality of life holistically; so they are better equipped with the tools needed to be successful and to receive blessings from God.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to extend its appreciation to Reverend Neil Davis for his contributions to the City of Lansing and its residents. May you be successful in all your future endeavors!

By Councilmember Robinson

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION#237**

BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY  
REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
308 E. Grand River

WHEREAS, the prospective owner of property located at 308 E. Grand River 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 buyer of the Property, Mr. Lingg Brewer, 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: E 22 FT OF W 112 FT OF N 100 FT OF LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 13 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 9th Day of June, 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 40 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#238**

BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY  
REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE  
600 South Capitol

WHEREAS, Annabelle and Associates, LLC, owner of the property located at 600 South Capitol, 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, 2, & 3 BLOCK 159 ORIG PLAT and

WHEREAS, an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District was established by the Lansing City Council on April 12, 2008 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 9th day of June, 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#239**

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

Neighborhood Enterprise Zone #23 – Ottawa Butler Area

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing supports the efforts to improve and revitalize the downtown area through housing opportunities and the construction of new housing units in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, being Public Act 147 of 1992, was enacted to encourage new housing construction and the renovation of existing properties in older established cities of the State, including the City of Lansing, by allowing cities to grant certain tax abatements on specific residential properties located in designated districts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Housing Task Force recognizes that an additional Neighborhood Enterprise Zone near the downtown is a vital resource to further the goals of creating residential opportunities and redevelopment in downtown and promoting new construction and renovation of existing buildings for the purpose of creating unique residential housing units; and

WHEREAS, an additional Neighborhood Enterprise Zone near the downtown area will assist property owners and developers in making much needed improvements, including housing rehabilitation and new construction; and

WHEREAS, P.A. 147 of 1992 requires that the City Assessor and each taxing unit receive notification of the City's intent to establish a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone not less than 60 days prior to the designation action and further requires the City to hold a public

hearing on the establishment of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone not later than 45 days after said notification to the Assessor and the taxing units;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing approves the boundaries for the new Neighborhood Enterprise Zone as depicted in the diagram filed with the City Clerk and as described below:

Ottawa Butler Area, No. 23

Boundaries: West Ottawa Street to the south, North Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to the west, West Saginaw Street to the north, North Walnut Street to the east.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be direct to give the required 60 days notice of the intent to establish the zone to the City Assessor and all taxing units in each of the proposed Neighborhood Enterprise Zones of the City.

BE IT FINALLY 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 June 9, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., and that the City Clerk publish the requisite advanced notice of the hearing in a publication of general circulation in the City.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

**THIS ITEM WAS RETURNED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Setting a Show Cause Hearing for June 9, 2008 in consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 711 E. Kalamazoo St.

By Councilmember Quinney

To Recommit this Item

Motion Carried

**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. Letters from the City Clerk:
- i. Providing notice of the placement on file of an Agreement to Sell between the City of Lansing and Marketplace Partners, LLC regarding the Sale of 420 E. Shiawassee St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. 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. Application for Exemption of New Personal Property filed by Jackson National Life Insurance Company for property located at 1 Corporate Way

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Grant Acceptance; Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Supportive Housing Program Grants with the following sponsor agencies:

- Salvation Army (PSH Program 2)
- Haven House
- Greater Lansing Housing Coalition
- Salvation Army (PSH 3)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Advent House Ministries
- Gateway Community Services
- Capital Area Community Services
- Salvation Army
- St. Vincent Catholic Charities

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND INTERNAL AUDIT

- iii. Grant Application; Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Bridge Program

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Contract between the State of Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Lansing for:

Part A — Federal Participation

Hot mix asphalt paving work along E. Northrup St. from Washington Ave. to Cedar St.; including pavement removal, grading, storm sewer, concrete curb and gutter, and slope restoration work; and all together with necessary related work.

Part B – No Federal Participation

Audiovisual taping and sanitary sewer lead work along E. Northrup St. from Washington Ave. to Cedar St.; and all together with necessary related work.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- b. Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeals filed on behalf of:
  - i. 3500 South MLK Acquisition LLC for property located at 3500 and 3512 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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

- ii. Lansing Retail Management LLC for property located at 3201 E. Grand River Ave.

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

- c. Request for Recognition of Non-Profit Status in the City of Lansing filed by Julie Pingston of Greater Lansing Destination Development Foundation located at 1223 Turner St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES AND REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

- d. Letter from John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. stating alleged Charter violations

REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

- e. Letter from Walter Brown of 1310 Knollwood Ave. regarding statements attributed to him in the Lansing State Journal

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

### MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Councilmember Allen

To excuse Councilmember Dunbar from this afternoon's proceedings

Motion Carried

### REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Wood asked Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, when Rainey Ball Park and the Waverly and Red Cedar golf courses would open.

Jerry Ambrose stated that he will check and get back to Councilmember Wood on those issues.

Councilmember Hewitt asked Jerry Ambrose about the resurfacing of a bridge on Aurelius Rd.

Jerry Ambrose stated that he will check and get back to Councilmember Hewitt on this issue.

Councilmember Allen asked Jerry Ambrose about repaving a section of Armstrong St.

Jerry Ambrose stated that he will check and get back to Councilmember Allen on this issue.

City Attorney Smith spoke about a final settlement for Virginia Humble.

Councilmember Wood asked City Attorney Smith if the settlement in the Virginia Humble case was contingent upon any of the development issues and he stated that it was not.

Councilmember Kaltenbach raised concerns regarding setbacks on the Virginia Humble property.

**ADJOURNED TIME 2:52 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**