



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 5, 2009



APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS

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 City Clerk Swope.

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

ABSENT: None

City Clerk Swope asked for a moment of silence to remember Maria Velasquez, who recently passed away.

Councilmember Kaltenbach asked for a moment of to remember Dennis Zuchowski, who recently passed away.

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Swope

RESOLUTION #001

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

WHEREAS, a nomination for President for the Lansing City Council in 2009 was made at Committee of the Whole on January 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kathie Dunbar made a motion to nominate Councilmember Derrick Quinney as President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, unanimously, appoints Councilmember Derrick Quinney as President for the Lansing City Council for the year 2009.

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

City Clerk Swope passed the gavel to Council President Derrick Quinney.

RESOLUTION #002

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

WHEREAS, a nomination for Vice President for the Lansing City Council in 2009 was made at the Committee of the Whole on January 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kathie Dunbar made a motion to nominate Councilmember A'Lynne Robinson as Vice President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, unanimously, appoints Councilmember A'Lynne Robinson as Vice President for the Lansing City Council for the year 2009.

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

By Councilmember Robinson

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of December 8, 2008

Motion carried

TABLED ITEMS

1. BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
 - a. Authorizing Litigation Against the Mayor to Compel the Opening of Waverly and Red Cedar golf courses

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS
AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Kaltenbach thanked Jessica Yorke and the Northwest Initiative for holiday decorations in the city. He also thanked Nick Limber for donating property for a Welcome to the Westside Neighborhood sign.

Councilmember Allen thanked Jessica Yorke for her decorating efforts.

Councilmember Dunbar thanked Jessica Yorke for her decorating efforts and announced the 4th Annual She Laughs event.

Councilmember Robinson spoke about Pastor Dickson's Halleluiah Bowl, which was a safe New Year's Eve bowling event. She also announced the next 2nd Saturdays event.

Councilmember Wood spoke about Jim and Pat Hayden's 50th wedding anniversary and asked for remembrance of George Brookover's mother who recently passed away.

Councilmember Hewitt thanked those who fed police officers on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. He also thanked Michael Murphy for inviting him to a Kwanzaa celebration. He announced the next Eastside Neighborhood Organization and Holmes St. School Neighborhood Association meetings.

Council President Quinney thanked Joan Jackson Johnson for her efforts related to the latest Mobile Food Pantry. He announced a President Obama inauguration gala and a pancake breakfast fundraiser for a scholarship fund for Averill LeMon.

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 congratulated President Quinney and Vice President

Robinson on their election to those positions. He wished everyone a Happy New Year. He spoke about the challenges the city faces in 2009. He stated that 2008 was a solid year for the Lansing Economic Development Corporation. He spoke about issues related to General Motors, green initiatives, the City's recent response to a snow storm, the City's sidewalk cleaning and overnight parking policies. He announced plans related to the City's upcoming sesquicentennial and the next Mobile Food Pantry.

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 PO Box 26123 spoke about the election of City Council officers.

Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. spoke about the election of City Council officers.

John Pollard of 1817 Blair St. spoke about the election of City Council officers.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke about the election of City Council officers.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

Harold King of 1563 N. High St. spoke about various city matters.

Gerald Rowley of 737 N. Pennsylvania Ave. spoke about property located at 927 May St.

Manuela Kress of 1712 E. Michigan Ave. spoke about the Women's Center of Greater Lansing.

Missy Lilje of 137 Allen St. and Joyce Bischoff of 5824 Bois Ile Dr., Haslett, spoke about a Happendance event for Lansing's Sesquicentennial.

Richard Clement of PO Box 26123 spoke about various city matters.

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

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

Ron Kruger of 3333 Moores River Dr. spoke about graffiti.

Jon Boise of 4924 Tenny St. spoke about various city matters.

Frank S. Curtis X. of 1137 W. Allegan 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.

Dayle Benjamin of 1323 N. Chestnut St. spoke about various city matters.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #003

BY COUNCILMEMBERS SANDY ALLEN, KATHIE DUNBAR, ERIC HEWITT, BRIAN JEFFRIES, TIM KALTENBACH, DERRICK QUINNEY, A'LYNNE ROBINSON, AND CAROL WOOD
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Sherill D. Pittman's kind, compassionate, and generous nature, along with her willingness to always lend a hand to friends, family, and neighbors, exemplifies her outstanding citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Sherill is a lifelong resident and proud mother of a beautiful son, Damieon; and

WHEREAS, she has worked for the State of Michigan for 35 years, currently as a Departmental Technician for the Department of Labor and Economic Growth; and

WHEREAS, she is co-founder and board member of the El Shabazz Academy and an organizer for the "Back in the Day Picnic" for the Westside Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Sherill serves on the West Jr. Committee, First Tee Golf Committee, and coached women's golf at Lansing Everett High School for two years; and

WHEREAS, she is very involved and is an active supporter of the Girls and Boys Everett Basketball Teams as well as the Eastern High School Basketball Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes Sherill D. Pittman for her leadership and support to Lansing's youth and her commitment to strengthening neighborhoods through community efforts.

By Councilmember Robinson

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #004

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

WHEREAS, Larry M. Trice was born in Jackson, Michigan, the second of four children born to Angelene L. Trice and the late Larry M. Trice, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, at a young age, his family relocated to Lansing, Michigan where he later graduated from Waverly Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Larry began his service to God in his teen years at the Pentecostal Outreach Church, now the Tabernacle of David Church of God in Christ, in the Music Department and later becoming the Minister of Music, a position he held faithfully for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, upon entering the Ministry full-time, Pastor Trice served as the Assistant Pastor and Church Administrator to his mother, Pastor Angelene L. Trice; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Trice and his wife Lene'a have three beautiful children, daughter, LaRae M., and sons, Larry M. III and Lawrence Mark; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a father and Pastor, he is an accomplished and gifted musician, recently completing his first recording project "Times of Refreshing" with the Tabernacle Voices of Praise during a live concert; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Trice is a fourth generation Pastor, who serves the church and community in earnest and whose love for others is the landmark of all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Trice's reputation for empathy, compassion, and a loving heart is known throughout the Greater Lansing area and the State at-large and is a source of inspiration for many; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Trice is seen as the Pastor of "a great people, of a great house" at the Tabernacle of David Church of God in Christ and strives to empower the Church, the community, and families to reach higher levels of excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, congratulates Pastor Larry M. Trice on his award as "Pastor of the Year" by the Church of God in Christ and thank him for his contributions and commitment to the City of Lansing and its residents.

By Councilmember Robinson

Motion Carried

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

By Councilmember Robinson that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Quinney 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 the Board of Water and Light's proposed rate changes effective March 1, 2009

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- ii. Submitting a request from Jerome Abood to Transfer Ownership of 2008 Class C Licensed Business, located in Escrow at 3552 Meridian Crossing, Okemos, from Lite-R-Side, Inc. to API East of Eden, Inc.; Transfer Location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436.1531 (1) to 205 S. Washington Sq.; and requests a new Dance-Entertainment Permit and new Official Permit (Dance-Entertainment) for weekdays (2:30 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.) and Sundays (7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.)

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. City of Lansing 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- c. Letter from the Board of Water and Light providing notice of the status of 312 N. Grand River Ave., Former Ottawa Station Site

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letter from the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality providing 15 day notice for and submitting a copy of an application filed by Grand River Tower LLC for a permit for alteration or occupation of a floodplain for property located at 225 S. Grand Ave.

REFERRED TO THE PLANNING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- b. Notice from the State of Michigan Public Service Commission of a public hearing for the Electric customers of Consumers Energy Company Case U-15645 held December 18, 2008

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- c. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2008, its Independent Auditor's Report and Single Audit Reports

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

- d. Letter from the Ingham Intermediate School District providing notice of its intent to collect 100% of 2009 Summer Taxes

REFERRED TO THE CITY ASSESSOR AND REFERRED TO THE CITY TREASURER

- e. Letter from the Lansing School District providing notice of its intent to collect 100% of 2009 Summer Taxes

REFERRED TO THE CITY ASSESSOR AND REFERRED TO THE CITY TREASURER

- f. Letter from Comcast Cable providing notice of new service offerings effective January 6, 2009

REFERRED TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE ADVISORY BOARD AND REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

- g. Letter from AT&T Michigan providing notice of new service offerings in the City of Lansing

REFERRED TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE ADVISORY BOARD AND REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

- h. Affidavit of Disclosure filed by Luke Mardigian of the Lansing Police Department

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

- i. Claims appeal filed on behalf of Michael Lee for property located at 3206 Jerree St.

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

- j. Claims appeal filed by Janet Smith for property located at 614 Helen St.

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

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Allen asked Mayor Bernero about fines for snow removal and asked if there were exemptions for senior citizens and the handicapped. Mayor Bernero stated that such citizens could call his office regarding the exemptions.

Councilmember Wood stated that several neighborhood organizations have tool banks that might have shovels to lend to residents to clear snow from sidewalks. She announced that Neighborhood Grants applications were due January 9, 2009.

Councilmember Jeffries thanked the City Council and Mayor Bernero for working together while he was President of the Council.

Council President Quinney addressed comments made by speakers tonight regarding free speech. He asked his fellow City Councilmembers to submit their requests for committee assignments and thanked them for electing him President. He spoke about the upcoming budget process.

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR
OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Mayor Bernero addressed comments made by speakers tonight regarding graffiti at a carwash.

Councilmember Kaltenbach spoke about a mural painted over the graffiti at the carwash.

Councilmember Dunbar stated that the Public Service Department did a wonderful job plowing streets after the recent snow storms.

Councilmember Hewitt spoke about the graffiti at the carwash.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:52 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK