



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 22, 2009**



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 Quinney.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Hewitt (arrived at 2:03 p.m.) and Wood

Council President Quinney asked for a moment of silence to remember the life of Rev. Clyde Darden who recently passed away.

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

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Councilmember Robinson

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of January 12, 2009

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:**

City Clerk Swope sent his condolences to the families of Connie Lundmark and Regal Salisbury, election inspectors who recently passed away.

**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, encouraged the City Council to pass the Resolution for the City Council Meeting Venue for the State of the City Address.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

There were no Public Hearings

Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. spoke about the City Council Meeting Venue for the State of the City Address.

Councilmember Hewitt arrived at the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke about the City Council Meeting Venue for the State of the City Address.

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. spoke about the City Council Meeting Venue for the State of the City Address.

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

Claude Beavers of 3010 Boston Blvd. spoke about City Council Rule #19.

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. 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.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #007

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor presents the State of the City Address annually as part of a City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has expressed the desire and recommendation to hold the State of the City Address on January 26, 2009 as part of the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the future home of the Information and Technology Empowerment Center (ITEC) and Spartan Internet Consulting at 1030 S. Holmes Street (formerly Holmes Street School); and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole has reviewed this request and concurs in the Mayor's recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the January 26, 2009 Lansing City Council meeting will commence at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall and recess by 5:45 p.m. The City Council meeting will then reconvene at 7:00 p.m. by the call of the President at the future home of ITEC and Spartan Internet Consulting at 1030 S. Holmes Street, Lansing for the Mayor's State of the City address.

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 Mayor re:
 - i. Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department/Wastewater Division request for JGM Valve Corporation as the vendor for two (2) Vaughan Chopper Pumps

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

- ii. Venue for the Mayor's 2009 State of the City Address

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Contracts between the State of Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Lansing for:
 - i. Hot mix asphalt paving work along Dunckel Drive from Highway US-127 to Collins Road; including pavement removal, earth excavation, embankment, aggregate base, drainage improvements, and concrete curb and gutter work; and all together with necessary related work

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

- ii. PART A - FEDERAL, STATE, & CITY PARTICIPATION

Removal of Structure S15 of 33045 which carries Dunckel Road over Highway I-496/US-127 and replacement of portions of Structure S15 of 33045 including the existing two lanes and widening to accommodate sidewalk on both sides of the bridge; together with necessary work, located within the corporate limits of the City; and

PART B - FEDERAL, STATE, & CITY PARTICIPATION

Deck overlay work and railing replacement on portions of Structures S12 and S14 of 33045 which carry northbound and southbound Highway I-496/US-127 over Jolly Road; together with necessary work, located within the corporate limits of the City; and

PART C - FEDERAL, STATE, & CITY PARTICIPATION

Railing replacement and approach work on portions of Structures S09-3 and S09-4 of 33045 which carry southbound and northbound Highway I-496/US-127 over Mount Hope Road, and railing replacement and approach work on Structures S10-3 and S10-4 of 33045 which carry southbound and northbound Highway I-496/US-127 over Forest Road; together with necessary work, located within the corporate limits of the City; and

PART D - FEDERAL, STATE, & CITY PARTICIPATION

Additional work required for the addition of two lanes to the replaced Structure S15 of 33045 which carries Dunckel Road over Highway I-496/US-127, and reconstruction and widening work on Dunckel Road from Structure S15 westerly to the entrance and exit ramps connecting southbound Highway I-496/US-127 and Dunckel Road; together with necessary work, located within the corporate limits of the City

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

- b. Letters from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury providing notice and submitting copies of Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificates issued to:
 - i. 3323 N. East Street LLC for property located at 3323 N. East St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Fivgen, LLC for property located at 2727 Lyons Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. CT Properties LLC for property located at 2101 W. Willow St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iv. Anna Belle & Associates, Inc. for property located at 600 S. Capitol Ave. (Revised certificate)

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- c. Letter from Timothy Adams, Treasurer of Lansing Sesquicentennial Foundation, submitting its monthly report of expenditures for December 2008

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

- d. Application for Community Funding filed by Pennsylvania Avenue Original Church of God for their Walk for Christ Christian Festival to be held September 12, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- e. Addendum to Claim for automobile damage dated January 5, 2009 submitted by Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr.

REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

- f. Claims appeal submitted by Claude Vaughn, no address given

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

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Councilmember Robinson

To excuse Councilmember Wood from this afternoon's proceedings

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Dunbar addressed comments made by speakers this afternoon regarding citizens feeling comfortable speaking at City Council meetings.

Councilmember Allen stated that comments received by citizens are typically in agreement with the person being spoken to, and not necessarily reflective of the city as a whole.

Council President Quinney asked Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, for an update regarding the installation of traffic signals at Michigan Ave. and Grand Ave.

Jerry Ambrose stated that the parts have been ordered and should arrive in the next month or so.

ADJOURNED TIME 2:31 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK