



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009**



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 Quinney.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Hewitt, Jeffries, Kaltenbach, Quinney, Robinson, Wood

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Allen and Dunbar (Arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

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 26, 2009

Motion carried

### **CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

By Vice President Robinson

To suspend City Council Rule #11 to allow for Consideration of Late Items

Motion Failed

### **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 Wood announced the next monthly Genesee Neighborhood Organization meeting.

*Councilmember Dunbar arrived at the meeting at 7:04 p.m.*

By Councilmember Wood

To reconsider the vote by which the motion to suspend City Council Rule #11 to allow for Consideration of Late Items failed

Motion Failed

Councilmember Jeffries congratulated Councilmember Wood on her election to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. He spoke about suggestions to President Obama's proposed stimulus package.

Councilmember Dunbar announced the Clifford Park neighborhood

meeting, as well as the inaugural meeting for a yet-to-be named neighborhood organization for the area south of Miller Rd. between Washington Ave. & Cedar St.

Councilmember Hewitt announced the next Eastside Neighborhood Organization meeting and the next 1st Contact meeting for residents of the 1st Ward. He also announced a town hall meeting for residents of OldTown.

Councilmember Robinson announced the Estates in the Clubhouse and Arbors at Georgetown neighborhood meetings.

Councilmember Dunbar spoke about the Healthy Homes program and Ingham County Road Commissions recycling event for old television sets.

Councilmember Robinson announced the Delta Sigma Theta Sweetheart Dance.

### **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, announced the Hats off to Lansing 150 event beginning the celebration of Lansing's Sesquicentennial. He spoke about renovations to the Ranney Building and a list of shovel ready projects submitted to Governor Granholm to be a part of President Obama's proposed economic stimulus package.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

There were no Public Hearings.

There were no speakers for Legislative Matters

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

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

Catherine Mercer of 4530 Sycamore St., Holt, spoke about various city matters.

Michael Mercer of 4530 Sycamore St., Holt, spoke about various city matters.

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. spoke about city sidewalks.

Kathi Raffone of 1221 Muskegon Ave. spoke about various city matters.

Russell Terry of 121 E. Mt. Hope Ave. spoke about snow removal.

Ronald Kruger of 3333 Moores River Dr. spoke about the proposed economic stimulus package.

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

Ammahad-Shekarakki of 902 Willow St. spoke about Blacks in America.

Willie Hobbs of 5017 S. Conners Ave. 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.

Christopher Davis of 122 Huron St. spoke about various city matters.

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **RESOLUTION #2009-010**

BY COUNCILMEMBER CAROL WOOD

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Pastor G.L. Porter was born, the oldest of 13 children, on November 15, 1914 in Bogue Chitto, Mississippi to the late Isom and Mary Jane Porter; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Porter moved to Lansing, Michigan in 1955 where he united with the Galilee Baptist Church and was ordained as a Deacon and later ordained as a Minister; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Porter was the Pastor at True Light Baptist Church for two years after which he founded and was Pastor of the New Faith Baptist Church, serving faithfully for 34 years until his health failed; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Porter earned his G.E.D. at the age of 91, driving himself to class everyday, a valued accomplishment to him; and

WHEREAS, when asked what his initials, G.L. stood for, he would answer, "ask my wife to give you the meaning" and her response would be, "G.L. means Greater Love" because that is what he exhibited to everyone; and

WHEREAS, he had a saying that he often used when ministering to his congregation, "Baby, your own wrong will cause you to suffer"; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Porter was preceded in death by his parents, Isom and Mary Jane; siblings, D.L., Jimmy, James, Henry, Enoch, Icephine, Josephine, Ethel Mae, and Ivory; and granddaughter, Rubenitta; and

WHEREAS, although Pastor Porter joined the Lord on January 19, 2009, his memory will be forever cherished by his wife, Mary; daughters, Debbie, Sandra, Tacontria, and Sharkave; brothers, Willie, M.S., Odell; Sister-in-law, Susie; grandchildren, Shawndell, DeOnte, Myesha, LaKeysha, and Merria; eight great grandchildren; a special great-grandchild, Shaq; two special children, Mecca and Lashiral; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Pastor G.L. Porter. His memory will live on in our hearts forever.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

#### **RESOLUTION #2009-011**

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

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, February 23 2009, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of opposing and/or approving the proposed Special Land Use, SLU-6-2008, 2312/2314 E. Michigan, Church in an "F-1" Commercial District.

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

#### **RESOLUTION #2009-012**

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

Cool City Developers – 1522 North Turner/310 E. North Street

WHEREAS, the owner of property located at 1522 North Turner/310 E. North Street 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, Cool City Developers, LLC, is presently 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: PART OF LOTS 4, 5, 6 & 7 COM NW COR LOT 5, TH S 82 FT, E 66 FT, S 80 FT, W 66 FT, S 118.5 FT, E 124 FT, N 261.72 FT, NW/LY 115 FT +/- TO BEG; BLOCK 8 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 16th Day of February, 2009 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 Jeffries

Motion Carried

#### **RESOLUTION #2009-013**

BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY  
REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE  
Cool City Developers – 1522 North Turner/310 E. North Street

WHEREAS, Cool City Developers, LLC, owner of the property located at 1522 North Turner/310 E. North 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 that is the subject of the Certificate application is legally described as: PART OF LOTS 4, 5, 6 & 7 COM NW COR LOT 5, TH S 82 FT, E 66 FT, S 80 FT, W 66 FT, S 118.5 FT, E 124 FT, N 261.72 FT, NW'LY 115 FT +/- TO BEG; BLOCK 8 ORIG PLAT and

WHEREAS, an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District is expected to be established by the Lansing City Council on February 23, 2009 in accordance with the act and prior to the consideration of a resolution to approve the OPT Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that before granting a n OPT 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 to 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 16th day of February, 2009 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 Jeffries

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-014**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves acceptance of the Supreme Court Administrative Office Renewal Grant #2009-062 and funding from the US Department of Justice awarded to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office and that the following FY 2009 transfers be approved:

State/Federal Programs  
Supreme Court Administrative Office Sobriety Court Grant

\$11,000.00 from State Revenue 273.0.547000.17208  
\$ 2,000.00 from Participant Fees 273.0.648001.17208

\$11,000.00 to Temporary Help 273.132201.707000.17208  
\$ 2,000.00 to Contractual Services 273.132201.743000.17208

(To provide for additional treatment services in the Sobriety Court renewal grant project for October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. The District Court conducts the program as a rehabilitative substitute for third offense drunk driving offenders facing likely jail time.)

State/Federal Programs  
Ingham County DART SubGrant

\$110,680.00 from County Revenue 273.0.527000.17781  
\$102,815.00 to Temp Help – DART 273.132201.707760.17781  
\$ 7,865.00 to Fringe Benefits – DART 273.132201.715000.17781

(To provide District Court probation officer resources to the Domestic Assault Response Team [DART] project operating under federal grant

from the USDOJ Office on Violence Against Women. The District Court involvement continues with supplemental 2nd year funding to June 30, 2009.)

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-015**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves acceptance of the State Grant from the Michigan Public Service Commission by Greater Lansing Go Green! Initiative and that the following FY 2009 transfers be approved:

Mayor's Office  
Greater Lansing Go Green! Initiative

\$50,000.00 from State Revenue 273.0.547000.16066  
\$50,000.00 to Michigan Energy Efficiency 273.172300.741000.16066

(To provide for selected business energy assessments and incentive installation of energy saving devices in the Greater Lansing area for the period of July 1, 2008 to July 31, 2010. Project funds are provided to the partnering City and Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau by the Michigan Public Service Commission, with \$5,440 miscellaneous in-kind expenses provided by the partnership.)

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

**THIS ITEM WAS RETURNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Transfer of Funds; State/Federal Programs, PA32 Training

By Councilmember Wood

To recommit this item

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-016**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Act 12-08 FEMA Grant - Approval to Accept FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing has applied through the State of Michigan, Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council reviewed the grant and authorized its submission to FEMA; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has awarded \$1,363,848 in grant funds to be used over a three-year period for the City of Lansing to reduce the risk of harm to life and property in flood-prone areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the required match of \$454,616 will be met through a \$103,200 donation of property from the Ingham County Land Bank, and through the Development Office using \$351,416 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds already allocated or planned to be allocated for property acquisition, or acquisition funds from its Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant will provide

funds for voluntary acquisition of 37 owner-occupied or vacant properties; and

WHEREAS, existing structures will be razed using these grant funds and the resultant vacant parcels may be used for community gardens, urban farming, natural areas, recreation or other purposes as permitted by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of these properties and demolition of existing structures is expected to:

- reduce the risk of harm to life and property for those owners who choose to move to flood-safe areas,
- reduce the rates for flood insurance for all flood insurance rate payers in the City, and
- reduce the need for emergency services in a serious flood event; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of risk in flood-prone areas is a priority under the City's Consolidated Strategy and Plan for the use of CDBG and NSP funds; and

WHEREAS, at its October 22, 2008 meeting, the Planning Board reviewed the FEMA grant in accordance with Act 285 procedures and voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend approval of the grant and proposed acquisition of properties; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA grant includes acquisition of the following 29 properties with structures and 8 vacant parcels either by donation from the Ingham County Land Bank or by purchase with grant funds:

Parcel Number	Legal Description
<b>Parcels with Structures</b>	
33-01-01-22-301-051	Lot 47 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-301-061	Lot 46 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-301-101	Lot 42 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-301-111	Lots 40 & 41 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-301-121	Lots 38 & 39 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-301-141	Com 25 Ft E of NW Cor Lot 36, Th W. 25 Ft, S 107 Ft to SW Cor Said Lot, E 26.85 Ft, N to Beg; Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-304-171	Lot 12 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-304-131	Lot 8 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-304-121	Lot 7 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-304-101	Lot 5 & W 12 Ft Lot 4 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-22-304-091	Lots 1, 2, 3 & E 21 Ft Lot 4 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-14-378-092	Lots 174 & 175, Also E 5 Ft of Vacated Alley Snyders Sub
33-01-01-23-127-003	Lots 60, 61 & Part Vac Harton St Comm NW Cor Lot 61, Th N 33 Ft, E 132 Ft, S33 Ft, W to Beg; Browns Sub of a Part of Outlots A and B of Snyders Sub
33-01-01-23-127-021	Lot 59 Browns Sub of a Part of Outlots A & B of Snyders Add
33-01-01-23-126-171	Lot 57 Browns Sub of a Part of Outlots A & B of Snyders Add

33-01-01-23-127-031	Lot 58 Browns Sub of a Part of Outlots A & B of Snyders Add
33-01-01-23-127-041	Lots 15 & 16 J L Putmans Sub Rec L 7 P 35
33-01-01-23-104-181	Lot 135 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-105-022	Lots 181 & 182 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-104-112	Lots 127 & 128 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-105-052	Lots 183 & 184 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-104-101	Lot 126 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-105-061	Lot 185 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-104-091	Lot 125 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-103-112	Lots 54 & 55 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-103-091	Lot 53 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-104-031	Lot 98 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-104-051	Lot 101 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-23-103-032	Lots 46 & 47 Also That Part Lot 45 Lying N'ly of a Line Com NW Cor Lot 45, Th SE'ly to PT on E Line Lot 45 22 Ft S of NE Cor said Lot Exc E 10 Ft Lots 45 & 46 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
<b>Vacant Parcels</b>	
33-01-01-22-304-041	Lot 31 Clarks Sub
33-01-01-14-378-030	Lot 62 & S 22 Ft Lot 63, Also Part Vac Alley Com SE Cor Lot 62, Th N 55 Ft, E 5 Ft, S 55 Ft, W 5 Ft to Beg; Snyder's Sub
33-01-01-14-381-122	Lot 62 & Pt Vac Harton St Com SW Cor Said Lot Th S 33 Ft, E 135 Ft, N 33 Ft, W to Beg; Browns Sub of a Part of Outlots A & B of Snyders Sub
33-01-01-14-359-371	Lot 150 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-14-358-471	Lot 74 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20
33-01-01-14-358-461	Lot 73 Lansing Addition Companys Sub Rec L 5 P 20

33-01-01-09-328-141	S ½ of E ½ Lot 1 Block 31 Orig Plat
33-01-01-09-183-031	S 172 Ft of W ½ of E ½ Lot 7 Block 24 Orig Plat

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council approves acceptance of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant in the amount of \$1,363,848, and the required match of \$454,616 for completion of the activities funded by the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Virg Bernero, on behalf of the City of Lansing, is authorized to accept the above described award; that he is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement, to establish new and separate expenditure accounts for it as necessary, and to take such other action as may be required to implement the grant; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Mayor Bernero is hereby authorized to accept property by donation from the Ingham County Land Bank, to negotiate agreements with property owners to purchase property at then current appraised value and, subject to prior approval by the City Attorney as to form, to sign and execute all documents necessary to acquire the aforementioned properties and to effectuate such transactions in accordance with the FEMA grant, provided that all sales are voluntary and the properties to be acquired are either occupied by the property owner or vacant.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-017**

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

WHEREAS, a negotiated settlement proposal has been offered and received in the matter of *Bronte Construction LLC, et al v City of Lansing*, Ingham County Circuit Court File No. 08-1011-CH, and the proposed settlement has been presented and reviewed with the City Council by the City Attorney and George M. Brookover, attorney for defendant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council accepts and approves in principle the proposed settlement of the aforementioned lawsuit as presented.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Attorney is authorized to execute a Judgment or Settlement Agreement that incorporates the settlement as presented and to oversee the fulfillment of its terms and conditions and the completion and delivery of the requisite documents to complete the settlement of the lawsuit.

By Councilmember Robinson

Motion Carried

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, providing for the rezoning of a parcel of real property located in the City of Lansing, Michigan, and for the revision of the district maps adopted by Section 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances for property located at:

Z-8-2008, northwest corner of W. Ottawa St. and N. Sycamore St. from "DM-3" Residential and "D-1" Professional Office Districts to "F-1" Commercial District

was introduced by Councilmember Jeffries, read by its title and referred to the Committee on Development and Planning.

**RESOLUTION #2009-018**

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

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of approving and/or opposing the Ordinance for rezoning:

Z-8-2008, northwest corner of W. Ottawa St. and N. Sycamore St. from "DM-3" Residential and "D-1" Professional Office Districts to "F-1" Commercial District

By Councilmember Jeffries

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. State of the City 2009 Status Report

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- ii. 2nd Quarter General Fund Interim Financial Report

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

- iii. Public Improvement V; 2007 Sidewalk Improvement Repair "B" Contract Roll B-086, PS# 01091, an area bounded by Jolly Rd., Crocus Ave., Bluebell Dr., and S. Washington Ave., and an area bounded by Jolly Rd., Ballard Rd., Ingham St., and Fielding Dr., and an area bounded by Cavanaugh Rd., S. Pennsylvania Ave., Vernon Ave., and Parkway Blvd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

- b. Letter from the City Clerk providing notice of the placement on file of the Board of Water and Light's proposed rate changes with a Public Hearing scheduled for March 18, 2009

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letter from the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality providing notice of the issuance of Permit No. 08-33-0056-P to the City of Lansing to remove existing bridge deck, sidewalks, and railings at the Aurelius Rd. crossing of the Red Cedar River, including replacement of the existing water main, pavement approaches, and curb and gutters

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- b. Notice from the State of Michigan Public Service Commission of a public hearing for the gas customers of Consumers Energy Company Case U-15704 to be held on February 10, 2009

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- c. Request for Recognition of Non-Profit Status in the City of Lansing Submitted by Christopher Maxie, President of Family Advocate and Support Team, Inc. located at 224 West St.

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

- d. Michigan Tax Tribunal Motion to Amend Petition to Add Subsequent Years submitted on behalf of C.V.L.M/Tutera, no address given

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING AND REFERRED TO THE CITY ASSESSOR AND REFERRED TO THE CITY TREASURER

- e. Letter from Joel Ferguson of Ferguson Development regarding a lease at 1223 Turner St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- f. Letter from David Coulson of the Campaign for State Constitutional Compliance regarding the Moores Park Dam

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Councilmember Robinson

To excuse Councilmember Allen from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

**REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Dunbar announced the Greencroft Park neighborhood meeting.

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR  
OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, addressed comments made by a speaker tonight regarding city related billboards. He also stated that citizens concerned about stimulus package money can call the Mayor's office.

**ADJOURNED TIME 8:22 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**