



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF FEBRUARY 9, 2009**



BY COUNCILMEMBER CAROL WOOD
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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 Dunbar, Hewitt, Jeffries, Kaltenbach, Quinney, Robinson, Wood

ABSENT: Councilmember Allen

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 February 2, 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 carried

The following items were added to the agenda:

1. From Councilmember Wood; Special Ceremony, Tribute; Recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
2. From Councilmember Wood; Tribute; Recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

- Special Ceremonies

1. Tribute; Recognition of Frank Goodell on his accomplishments and dedication to the City of Lansing

City Clerk Swope read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2009-019

WHEREAS, Frank Goodell was born and raised in the City of Lansing where he met and married his wife, Dortha, raising a family together in the city that he loves; and

WHEREAS, as a boy, Frank was witness to Lansing's Fire Department's bravery as they fought the Hotel Kerns fire in 1934; he distinctly recalls the rallied support as they fought to control that fire; and

WHEREAS, as an ardent supporter of the Lansing Fire Department, Frank joined the members of the Box "23" Club in 1954 where he has faithfully served as a volunteer for 55 continuous years, a feat rarely reached by many people; and

WHEREAS, Frank served tirelessly responding when called and performing whatever tasks were asked of him. Providing water, coffee, doughnuts, dry gloves, and warm socks to the Firefighters, he braved the harshest winter conditions and the extreme heat of summer. The rewards were invaluable to him, often consisting of a handshake, a smile, or a thank you from a grateful fire fighter; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Frank provided his knowledge and leadership, demonstrating a model example of excellent citizenship and exemplifying the honor it was to participate in the Box "23" Club; and

WHEREAS, Frank takes pride in his community and lives to serve it the best way he can. His 55 years of service, and counting, is a testament to his commitment to the City of Lansing, its citizens, and, most importantly, to the brave men and women of the Lansing Fire Department he so strongly supports; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes Frank Goodell for his excellent example of the profound impact one person can have upon their community. The difference Frank has made in the lives of others for over 55 years can never be adequately counted. Frank continues to touch many lives and inspires those around him with his warmth, kindness, and sincerity. Lansing is a better community because of him.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

Councilmember Wood spoke about the many ways that Frank Goodell has given back to the community, including giving water to firefighters. She thanked him for all that he has done for Lansing. She recognized members of his family in attendance.

Frank Goodell stated that he is honored to be a citizen of Lansing and spoke about attending City Council meetings as a youth.

2. Tribute; Recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

City Clerk Swope read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2009-020

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, in the summer of 1908, shocking the nation, a mob containing many of the town's "best citizens" in Springfield, Illinois, home of Abraham Lincoln, raged for two days committing atrocities against colored people; and

WHEREAS, in the first week of the year 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was born in a little room of a New York apartment by those with the commitment that "the spirit of the abolitionists must be revived". A campaign officially formed on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1909 at a national conference; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years the NAACP has lead the movement on social rights and equality; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, visionaries committed to struggle and armed with hope, constituted the vanguard in the movement for full citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP has worked to advance its mission to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the NAACP has fought discrimination in education, in the voting booth, in the military, in public accommodations, in employment hiring practices and many other areas; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP is dedicated to the objective of securing full enjoyment of citizenship rights, justice in the courts, and equality of opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, our nation has benefited from the NAACP's unwavering commitment and dedicated members to upholding the principles of the NAACP and achieving the objectives of justice and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, as the NAACP celebrates a milestone anniversary and beginning its second century of activism, the organization must shift its mission from achieving civil rights to attaining human rights for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council do, hereby, acknowledge and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and proclaim the Week of February 12, 2009 to be NAACP Week in the City of Lansing.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

Councilmember Wood stated how much the efforts of the NAACP are appreciated and spoke about the organization furthering civil rights in our community.

Council President Quinney thanked and congratulated the NAACP for their work over the years. He congratulated newly elected President Winston Williams.

Councilmember Robinson thanked Betty Gilmore fore reminding her to renew her membership to the NAACP.

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, congratulated the NAACP on their 100th year anniversary and stated that he can think of no better year for the organization to have this celebration.

Winston Williams thanked the Mayor and City Council and the citizens of Lansing for their undying support.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Robinson announced the Daft Street neighborhood meeting and the next 2nd Saturdays meeting. She reminded citizens of Delta Sigma Theta's Sweetheart Dance event.

Councilmember Hewitt spoke about the recent 1st Contact meeting and the OldTown Town Hall meeting where citizens gave suggestions related to President Obama's proposed stimulus package. He announced the Holmes St. School neighborhood meeting.

Councilmember Robinson announced the Lansing-Eaton neighborhood meeting.

Councilmember Dunbar announced the Blue Bell Park and Beck Park neighborhood meetings. She read the following memorandum and asked that it be printed in the Council Proceedings:

MEMORANDUM

To: Council President Derrick Quinney

From: Councilmember Kathie Dunbar

Subject: Council Rule #16

Date: February 9, 2009

City Council meetings are held to conduct the City's legislative business, and it serves the Council and the public better if our agenda, specifically the Order of Business, is reflective of that purpose. Therefore, I respectfully request that we, the Lansing City Council, **amend Council Rule #16 to move general public comment on non-agenda items to the end of regular Council meetings, after legislative business is concluded.** Public comment on scheduled Show Cause Hearings, Public Hearings, Resolutions, Ordinances for Introduction, and Ordinances for Passage, would still be heard at the beginning of the meeting, prior to official action by the Council.

Moving general public comment to the end of the meeting does not in any way restrict free speech; it is a valid content-neutral "time, place, and manner" regulation employed by many local legislative bodies. From what I can tell, most municipalities that allow public comment on non-legislative items do so at the end of their meetings, after legislative business has concluded.

Given the financial situation facing our City, it makes sense that the City Council do our part to increase productivity and reduce staff costs. As it stands, we pay or provide comp time for staff to stay late on Monday evenings, at least through the end of Council legislative business. Amending Rule #16 as suggested would allow staff to leave before general public comment begins.

In addition to expediting City Council business, moving general comment to the end of the meeting will allow greater opportunity for public participation. Our current rules require that speakers sign-in prior to the Mayor's comments, and only those who sign in may address the council. To accommodate those who may arrive later in the meeting, I propose that registration forms for general public comment remain available through the legislative portion of the agenda. We can collect those forms during reports from city officers, boards, and commissions, and allow comment immediately after that. We could accommodate those who rely on public transportation by allowing them to speak first.

Finally, for those who argue that offering general comment at the end of the meeting inconveniences those who attend just to announce upcoming events, I remind everyone that events are regularly announced by councilmembers. In fact, we spend most, if not all, of our time during "Councilmember Comments" announcing neighborhood meetings, non-profit fundraisers, trainings, forums, workshops, classes, and other community events. If that is not satisfactory, I suggest we reinstate "Announcement of City Events" (removed in 2006) after Special Ceremonies.

Moving general public comment to the end of our meeting agenda will better serve the Council and the public. I respectfully request that the proposed amendment to Council Rule #16 be referred to the General Services Committee for consideration.

City Clerk Swope stated that May 12, 2009 was the deadline to file as a candidate for the August 4, 2009 Primary Election.

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, recognized Frank Goodell for his accomplishments and dedication to the City of Lansing. He also recognized Lansing Community College civic students in attendance tonight. He spoke about President Obama's proposed stimulus package and what it might mean to the City of Lansing.

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 612 N. Larch St.

There were no speakers for this Show Cause Hearing.

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 612 N. Larch St.

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.

Taylor Hatz of 735 N. Sycamore St. spoke about the proposed Ordinance providing for removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks.

Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. spoke about the proposed Ordinance providing for removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke about the proposed Ordinance providing for removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks.

Kathi Raffone of 1221 Muskegon Ave. spoke about the proposed Ordinance providing for removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks.

Harold King of 1563 N. High St. spoke about the proposed Ordinance providing for removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke about the proposed Ordinance providing for removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

Bryan Decker of 543 E. Edgewood Blvd. spoke about public safety.

Heather Beegle of 2401 Kerry St. spoke about Relay for Life Lansing.

Barry Schiffer of 1415 Redwood St. spoke about medical marijuana raids.

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

Matt Stephens of 420 Renker Rd., Delta Twp., spoke about activities in Lansing.

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

Ammahad-Shekarakki of 902 Willow St. spoke about Black history.

Ryan Laurin of 1600 Mary Ave. spoke about archery in the Lansing School District.

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

Willie Hobbs of 5017 Connors 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.

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

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

Samara Washington of 2312 Bernard St. spoke about City Council Rule #19.

Jody Washington of 521 Nantucket Dr. spoke about City Council Rule #19.

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

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2009-021

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Michigan Fatherhood Coalition has requested a resolution of recognition as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license pursuant to MCL 432.103 (9); and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reported that, based on a review of the documentation submitted, the applicant qualifies as a Local Nonprofit Organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes the Michigan Fatherhood Coalition as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk is requested to provide a copy of this resolution to Gilbert Ortiz, 74 High Street, Battle Creek, Michigan 49014.

By Councilmember Kaltenbach

Motion Carried

THIS ITEM WAS RETURNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

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 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.)

By Councilmember Kaltenbach

To recommit this item

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-022

BY THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Robin Lewis of 2530 Dunbar Drive Lansing, Michigan 48906 to the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Transportation Authority for a term to expire September 30, 2011.

WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations met on February 4, 2008 and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Robin Lewis of 2530 Dunbar Drive, Lansing Michigan 48906 to the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Transportation Authority for a term to expire September 30, 2011.

By Councilmember Hewitt

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-023

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Parking Office received a request from a resident to evaluate the existing parking regulations along Ionia Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Sycamore Street;

WHEREAS, field observations and traffic data indicate that parking was unrestricted along the south side of Ionia Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Sycamore Street;

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation, the Transportation and Parking

Office surveyed residents along Ionia Street to determine if they would like the unrestricted parking along the south side from Sycamore Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard replaced with a new two hour time limit along the south side from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Sycamore Street;

WHEREAS, based on the Transportation and Parking Office's evaluation and resident survey, the Transportation and Parking Office installed two hour parking signs along the south side of Ionia Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Sycamore Street on a trial basis;

WHEREAS, based on the results of the study, the Transportation and Parking Office recommends that the existing two hour parking signs along the south side of Ionia Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Sycamore Street be made permanent;

WHEREAS, based on the results of the study, the Traffic Board, due to a lack of quorum, is forwarding a positive, but unofficial, recommendation concurring with the Transportation and Parking Office that the existing two hour parking signs along the south side of Ionia Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Sycamore Street be made permanent;

WHEREAS, the draft minutes for the Traffic Board containing the Traffic Board's review of this matter are on file with the City Clerk's office;

WHEREAS, the Mayor concurs with the recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Office;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Public Safety concurs with the recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Office;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.53(2) of the Codified Ordinances of Lansing the Transportation Engineer installed the two hour parking signs along Ionia Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Sycamore Street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves Traffic Control Order No. 08-050 thereby authorizing the Transportation Engineer to regulate the parking to two hour parking on Ionia Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Sycamore Street;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Traffic Control Order No. 08-050 shall become effective when signed by the Transportation Engineer, filed with the City Clerk and any additional signs are installed.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-024

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Parking Office received a request from Mr. Ed Bomen, a resident of Kirby Drive, to change traffic operations along Kirby Drive from two-way to one-way southbound;

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Parking Office staff conducted a study of the roadway conditions;

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Parking Office installed the appropriate signs to regulate Kirby Drive as a one-way southbound street, on a trial basis;

WHEREAS, based upon the results of this study, the Traffic Board, due to a lack of quorum, is forwarding a positive, but unofficial, recommendation concurring with the Transportation and Parking

Office that the one-way operations along Kirby Drive be made permanent;

WHEREAS, the draft minutes for the Traffic Board containing the Traffic Board's review of this matter are on file with the City Clerk's office;

WHEREAS, the Mayor concurs with the recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Office;

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends that the one-way operations along Kirby Drive be made permanent;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Public Safety reviewed the report and concurs with the recommendation of the Administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves Traffic Control Order No. 08-052, thereby authorizing the Transportation Engineer to install one-way southbound travel signs on Kirby Drive.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Traffic Control Order No. 08-052 shall become effective when signed by the Transportation Engineer and filed with the City Clerk and the appropriate signs are installed.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-025

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT V

WHEREAS, it is a public necessity to do sidewalk repair in front of and adjacent to the properties described below:

AREA BOUNDED BY OAKLAND AVE., WILLOW ST., SEYMOUR AVE. AND N. WASHINGTON AVE. ALSO, THE SOUTH SIDE OF IONIA ST. FROM N. MLK. JR. BLVD. TO PINE ST. EXCEPTING ALL PUBLIC STREETS AND ALLEYS AND OTHER LANDS DEEMED NOT BENEFITTED.

ASSESSMENT ROLL B087	ESTIMATED COST	ACTUAL COST	DIFFERENCE
	\$75,497.39	\$75,793.43	\$296.04

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the city of Lansing, that the supplementary Special Assessment Roll B087 Public Service # 01090, known as **SIDEWALK REPAIR** as returned by the City Assessor, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and that the Mayor be and hereby is directed to affix within ten days, his warrant directing the City Treasurer to refund to all persons who have paid said tax as originally assessed the pro rata amount of difference as shown in said supplementary roll, and collect all unpaid tax as shown on said roll 90 days after approval.

By Councilmember Dunbar

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-026

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Lansing City Charter and Chapter 280 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances, the Council shall designate in advance the first meeting of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission in odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 280 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances requires the first meeting of the Elected Officers Compensation Commission to be held prior to March 1, 2009 and that the commission meet on no more than 15 session days;

WHEREAS, Chapter 280 of the Lansing Code of Ordinances requires the Elected Officers Compensation Commission to make its determination within forty-five days after its first meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, calls upon the Elected Officers Compensation Commission to meet and conduct its business in the year 2009 and designates Friday, February 13, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room on the 10th floor of City Hall as the first meeting of the Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Legislative Office Manager to the Council shall serve as the recording secretary to the Commission unless the Commission determines otherwise.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the City Clerk shall notify the members of the Commission in writing concerning the designated date, time, and place of the first meeting at least seven calendar days in advance thereof.

By Councilmember Robinson

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AMEND CHAPTER 1020, SECTION 6**

By Councilmember Dunbar, Chair of the Committee on Public Services

That:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing to Amend Chapter 1020, Section 6 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances, providing for removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks by the City if the property owner fails to do so, and for assessment of costs against the property owner

was introduced by Councilmember Dunbar and read by its title

RESOLUTION #2009-027

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING
By Councilmember Dunbar

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LANSING, that a public hearing be set for Monday, February 16, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering an Ordinance of the City of Lansing to Amend Chapter 1020, Section 6 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances, providing for removal of snow and ice on public sidewalks by the City if the property owner fails to do so, and for assessment of costs against the property owner.

Interested Persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing.

By Councilmember Dunbar

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. Public Improvement I/II; Sidewalk Construction along the south side of N. Grand River Ave. from Waverly Rd. to Delta River Dr.; Along the north side of N. Grand River Ave. from Capitol City Blvd. to Remy Dr.; Along the south side of N. Grand River Ave. from Culver Ave. to W. North St., excepting all public streets and alleys and other land deemed not benefited

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

- ii. ACT-21-08; Chilson Ave. Drain Easement

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. Act-22-08; Washington Ave. and Mt. Hope Ave. Right-of-Way Acquisition

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iv. ACT-23-08; Edgewood Blvd. Right-of-Way Acquisition

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- v. ACT-24-08; Holmes Rd. and Waverly Rd. Right-of-Way Acquisition

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- vi. ACT-25-08; Holmes Rd. and Pleasant Grove Rd. Right-of-Way Acquisition

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- vii. Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District Application submitted by American Eagle Superstore for property located at 3366 Remy Dr.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- viii. Appointment of Tony Baltimore to the Lansing Housing Commission for an At-Large Term-to-Expire June 30, 2011

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letter from the Board of Water and Light submitting Julee Rodocker's letter of resignation from the Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- b. Letter from Thomas Cooper of 2021 W. Hillsdale St. requesting a waiver of grass and weed fees for property located at 1105 W. Shiawassee St.

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

- c. Letter from Christine Timmon of 2519 S. Washington Ave. regarding Council Meetings

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Councilmember Robinson

To excuse councilmember Allen from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, addressed comments made by speakers tonight regarding President Obama's proposed Economic Stimulus Package, as well as comments regarding city worker wages in the upcoming City Budget.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:02 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK