



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH 23, 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 Allen, Dunbar, Hewitt, Jeffries, Kaltenbach, Quinney, Robinson, Wood

ABSENT: None

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 March 16, 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 item was added to the agenda:

1. From Councilmember Dunbar; Letter from the Mayor re: Fiscal Year 2010 Executive Budget Recommendation

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. Presentation; Recognition of the 2009 Bea Christy Award Nominees

Vice President Robinson stated that she appreciates all that the nominees do for our communities.

Mayor Bernero stated that he was humbled to recognize such outstanding neighborhood leaders and congratulated them on their exemplary performances.

State Rep. Joan Bauer presented the nominees with resolutions signed by herself, State Sen. Gretchen Whitmer and Governor Granholm. She thanked the nominees and all of the more than sixty neighborhood groups for getting Lansing through these tough economic times.

Council President Quinney stated that it was a pleasure to recognize the following nominees: Robert "Rock" Hudson, Northtown Neighborhood Association; Ken Peterson, South Lansing Manufactured Homeowners Association; Kathleen Prevorse, Genesee Neighborhood Association; Andy Linderman, Eastside Neighborhood Organization; Anita Beavers, Colonial Village Neighborhood Association; and Paul Carrier, Churchill Downs Neighborhood.

Bea Christy Award winner Paul Carrier thanked the Lansing School District for all they do to help our neighborhoods. He asked that all Lansing residents get involved in their neighborhood organizations, because it takes a team to get things done.

2. Presentation; Mayor's Hometown Hero Award to Deborah Henneman and David Jackson

Mayor Bernero spoke about Deborah Henneman and David Jackson coming to the rescue of their neighbor Crystal Day who was being attacked by her child's father. He thanked them for intervening in this dangerous situation.

David Jackson thanked the Lansing Police Department for their efforts.

Deborah Henneman stated that she would do it all again if presented with such a situation in the future.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Wood announced upcoming Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) meetings, the Moores Park neighborhood meeting and the Westside Neighborhood Spring Festival and Silent Auction.

Vice President Robinson thanked Pastor Edward Thomas for a prayer vigil.

Councilmember Dunbar announced the Tuesday Toolmen program.

City Clerk Swope stated that census workers would be checking addresses in the city and that information collected by or given to census workers is protected as confidential information.

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 read the following Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Address:

As we head into this year's budget process, I believe it is important for us to recognize first and foremost the difficult economic conditions that face our community and our residents.

In the year ahead we will all continue to be challenged on multiple fronts – home foreclosures, rising energy prices, job losses and an uncertain future for our automobile industry and related businesses.

Yet in every challenge there is opportunity, and we must capitalize on every possible chance to grow our economy and create new jobs for our residents.

Now is not the time to scale back our aggressive efforts to attract new job-creating investments.

Now is not the time to raise taxes on our residents.

And without knowing what the future holds, now is not the time to drain our financial reserves.

Instead, for the fourth year in a row under my Administration, we will continue to make the tough choices that are necessary to live within our means.

We will work harder, smarter and faster to deliver quality city services to our residents.

We will focus on the fundamentals -- the basic core services that our citizens expect.

We will continue to pursue public-private partnerships that allow us to multiply our limited resources and have a greater impact on our community.

And we will continue to seek cooperation and collaboration with our regional partners to provide essential public services, but in a more efficient way, and at a lower cost to our taxpayers.

My budget plan for the coming fiscal year is based on the same bedrock principles and priorities we have followed for the last 3 years:

- o growing our economy to create jobs
- o improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods
- o strengthening public safety
- o and rebuilding our city's infrastructure.

Growing our Economy to Create Jobs

In tough economic times we must work harder than ever to attract new companies and help existing companies grow.

Over the past 3 years we have had tremendous success in this regard, leveraging all of our assets to attract more than a half-BILLION dollars in new investment that promises to create 4,000 new jobs.

Already we can see the signs of progress at the Ottawa Street Power Station and the new State Police headquarters on our downtown riverfront, and at the site of the former Regent Inn on South Pennsylvania.

Improving Quality of Life in Neighborhoods

We are also making great strides in improving our neighborhoods.

Most of these efforts don't make the newspaper headlines.

Yet we are continually working to improve our housing stock, make our neighborhoods safer through Community Policing, and fixing roads and building new sidewalks in neighborhoods across the City.

In the year ahead, we will invest millions more in these efforts.

We will escalate our attack on substandard properties that create blight and attract crime in our neighborhoods, with the assistance of nearly \$6 million in federal Neighborhood Stabilization funds.

We will make improvements to parks across the City with our Parks Millage.

We will see a new urban village spring up along our downtown riverfront with the construction of the new City Market and \$3.2 million in Clean Michigan Initiative improvements to the river trail on both sides of the Grand.

And, we will open the new South Side Community Center at the Hill Academy to create even more recreational opportunities for people of all ages on Lansing's south side.

Strengthening Public Safety

For the fourth year in a row, not a single sworn police officer and not a single firefighter will be laid off from their duties protecting our neighborhoods and businesses.

In fact, since I took office, we have added five new police officers. Four of those new officers are on the beat in neighborhoods across Lansing.

We also added a new Neighborhood Watch Officer to help strengthen our city-wide network of neighbors working hand-in-hand to keep our streets safe.

In the year ahead, with the assistance of federal stimulus dollars, we will seek to add two more Community Police Officers, bringing community policing to its highest level in many years.

In the year ahead, with the help of additional federal funds, we will invest even more in equipping our officers with the latest tools and technology.

Rebuilding Infrastructure

Everyone who drives on our local roads knows they are in terrible shape.

After decades of underinvestment in our City's infrastructure, and after two of the most severe winters in recent memory, we definitely have our work cut out for us.

During the upcoming construction season, we will invest a record 16.5 million dollars in road repairs.

More than \$2 million of this amount will come from the federal Recovery Act.

Another \$3 million will be devoted exclusively to emergency repairs on neighborhood streets that are in the worst condition across the City of Lansing.

Combined with the road repairs planned by the State of Michigan, nearly 40 miles of major roads and local streets within the City limits will be repaired.

We will not be able to fix every bad stretch of road this year, but I can assure you that we will make progress, and we will keep working until the job is done.

Now for a brief review of the key numbers:

The total budget I am proposing for the coming fiscal year is 197.3 million dollars.

Of that amount, \$117.3 million is the proposed General Fund

budget.

In comparison to this year, my proposed total budget is \$2.4 million or 1.2% less, including capital expenditures.

My proposed General Fund budget, which provides the majority of operational expenses for city services, is \$3.6 million or 3.1% greater than this year.

The budget is larger than last year because our cost of doing business continually increases.

As in years past, much of the increase is driven by the rising cost of employee compensation, including health care and pensions.

Yet our revenues in the year ahead are expected to be relatively flat. The gap between revenues and anticipated expenditures this year is estimated at 5.5 million dollars.

With expenses going up faster than revenues, once again we are faced with a structural deficit.

The good news is that it is the smallest deficit we have faced since I took office, when the deficit I inherited was more than 11 million dollars.

Through sound financial management and by making the tough decisions necessary to live within our means, we have cut that number in half.

We will close that 5.5 million dollar gap with a combination of spending cuts, increased revenues and the elimination of 40 vacant positions.

These are not positions that have people in them – they are vacant positions that we will no longer have on the City's organizational chart.

As to revenues, as most people are aware, the City budget is funded through property taxes, income taxes, shared revenues from the state, and a variety of fees and administrative service charges.

In my proposed budget, property tax revenues are projected to decrease by less than 1%, even though the General Fund will increase by 3.4%.

Income tax revenues will increase by slightly more than 2% and state shared revenues are projected to stay about the same.

My budget proposal includes a small reduction in the City's total property tax millage rate and a ten percent reduction in the City recycling fee.

In addition, we will delay the implementation of this year's sewer rate increase by 3 months.

Conclusion

My friends, tough times call for tough leaders. We cannot shrink from our obligation to make the tough choices that leadership demands.

For that reason we will not take the easy road by draining our reserves. We will not ask our residents for more and more money when they are already struggling to make ends meet.

We will not stray from the path of fiscal responsibility I have established over the last 3 years.

I look forward to working with you in the days and weeks ahead as we put our shoulders to the wheel and make the tough choices that will result in a balanced budget for the City of Lansing. Thank you.

Mayor Bernero spoke about several items on tonight's agenda including SLU-4-2008, Z-10-2008 and his letter requesting a Public Hearing on the North Capitol Parking Ramp Buy/Sell Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing to Amend Chapter 844, Sections 844.01 through 844.19, of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by providing for approval of canvasser, street peddler, and itinerant merchant licenses by the City Clerk as opposed to City Council, by removing the exemption provision, and by deeming violation of this Chapter a Municipal Civil Infraction

Councilmember Kaltenbach gave a brief overview of the Public Hearing.

Jessica Yorke of 815 Bancroft Ct. spoke about the proposed Ordinance Amendment providing for removal of snow and ice by the City if the property owner fails to do so, and assessment of costs against the property owner.

Scott Norris of 2401 Belaire Dr. spoke about the proposed snow removal Ordinance Amendment.

Martha Wheeler of 115 Kipling Blvd. spoke about the proposed snow removal Ordinance Amendment.

Loretta Stanaway of 546 Armstrong Rd. stated concerns with the proposed snow removal Ordinance Amendment.

Danielle Patrick of 6244 Daft St. spoke in support of erecting a double-sided privacy fence at the end of Daft Street.

Louis Sesti of 5232 Harris Rd., Williamston, gave suggestions related to the proposed snow removal Ordinance Amendment.

Harold King of 1563 N. High St. stated concerns with the proposed snow removal Ordinance Amendment.

Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. stated concerns with the proposed changes to the peddlers Ordinance.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke in opposition to the proposed snow removal Ordinance Amendment.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke in opposition to the proposed snow removal Ordinance Amendment.

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. spoke in opposition to the proposed snow removal Ordinance Amendment.

Councilmember Dunbar asked Brian Love of the Public Service Department to provide additional information regarding the proposed snow removal ordinance amendment. Mr. Love explained the reasons behind the proposed snow removal ordinance amendment.

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

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

Loretta Stanaway of 546 Armstrong Rd. spoke about Mayor Bernero's proposed FY 2010 budget.

Bonnie Eastman of 1901 Vermont Ave. spoke about the Riverfront Apartments.

Bob Gray of 422 Dadson Dr. spoke about the CATA bus turn around on Edgewood Blvd.

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

Ammahad-Shekarakki of 902 Willow St. spoke about Malcolm X.

Bryan Decker of 543 E. Edgewood Blvd. spoke about the Lansing Police Department.

Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. 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 Mayor Bernero's proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget and various city matters.

Russell Terry of 121 E. Mt. Hope Ave. spoke about various city matters.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke about various city matters.

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

Duane Vernon of 4315 Wagon Wheel Ln. spoke about the City of Lansing's Sesquicentennial Parade.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2009-071

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

WHEREAS, Ernestine McMullen has been instrumental in creating and maintaining a healthy community in Lansing for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMullen began working for the Community Mental Health, confirming her dedication to helping displaced people with mental and drug related illnesses and advocating for the homeless population in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, she began one of the first drug programs in Lansing to address the growing drug epidemic; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Ms. McMullen successfully organized the first African American Festival on the Riverfront drawing in people from Detroit, Chicago, Grand Rapids, and Battle Creek; and

WHEREAS, she was vital to the establishment of what is now known as the Black Child and Family Institute, recognizing the needs of the African American family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMullen traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with the First Lady, Nancy Reagan to talk about the "Say No to Drugs" campaign.

Upon her return, she organized the first "Say No to Drugs" march in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine was recognized for many of her achievements and some were highlighted in Certificates of Appreciation: "Endeavors to Bring about Good Relations in the Community", presented by the Pisces Club; the "Community Diagnostic Conference on Teenage Pregnancy/Parenting"; "Just Say No to Drugs", presented by Mayor Terry McKane; the "National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club"; the "United States Marine Corp Toys for Tots"; the "NAACP"; and "Outstanding Community Service" recognition by the Lansing Community College Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McMullen's pioneering spirit and dedication to the community health have been captured in many of Lansing's programs and will be enjoyed by Lansing residents for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council, hereby, extends its deepest condolences to Ernestine McMullen's family; she will be dearly missed.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-072

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

Act-23-08, 1401 and 1517 Georgetown, Acquisition of ROW for Edgewood Blvd. Reconstruction

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Public Service Department proposes to acquire a 50' wide by 532' deep section of land across the south portion of 1517 and 1401 Georgetown Blvd. for additional right-of-way on the north side of Edgewood Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, these properties are occupied by the Woodbridge Commons Co-op and the Moore Nonprofit Housing Corporation, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Edgewood Blvd. in the vicinity of the subject property has settled due to poor soils comprised of peat and muck; and

WHEREAS, due to poor soil conditions in the area and the associated risk of settlement, this section of Edgewood is proposed for reconstruction with no underground utilities; and

WHEREAS, the additional ROW would provide room for the installation of an open ditch to transport stormwater that currently flows through an underground pipe; and

WHEREAS, no persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed property acquisition; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2009, the City Assessor estimated the true cash value of the property to be purchased as follows:

- 20,300 square feet to be purchased from the Woodbridge Commons Co-op, at a true cash value of \$4,526.90,
- 6,300 square feet to be purchased from Moore Nonprofit Housing Corp., at a true cash value of \$825.93; and

WHEREAS, due to their longtime use as residential properties, neither parcel is suspected to contain contamination and therefore the City waives environmental review; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2009, the Planning Board reviewed the location, character, and extent of the proposal, and found that:

- The location of the property to be acquired is appropriate and necessary for providing open ditches as part of the Edgewood Blvd. reconstruction project.
- The additional land will allow the city to correct a problem that has resulted from poor soil conditions, and will have a positive impact on the character of the area,
- The property to be acquired is only of an extent necessary to accommodate the proposed improvements; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2009, the Board, voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend approval of Act-23-08, the acquisition of additional ROW to accommodate stormwater drainage; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning has reviewed the report and recommendation of the Planning Board and concurs therewith;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council hereby approves Act-23-08, and the acquisition of the requested property for the additional Edgewood Blvd. ROW for the purpose of making drainage improvements within the subject ROW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council hereby approves entering purchase agreements for the purpose of the acquisition by warranty deed of:

- Parcel 1 - a 50' X 126' strip of land, legally described as: *The South 50 feet of the East 406 feet of the described parcel*, from Moore Nonprofit Housing Corp., for the sum of \$825.93, and
- Parcel 2 - a 50' X 406' strip of land, legally described as: *The south 50 feet of the West 126 of the described parcel*, from Woodbridge Commons, for the sum of \$4,526.90.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the administration, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to sign and execute all documents to complete these transactions, subject to prior approval as to form and content by the City Attorney.

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-073

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, April 13, 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-4-2008, 5405 S. ML King Blvd., Wireless Communication Tower in an "A" Residential District.

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-074

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND 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, April 13, 2009, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan for the purpose of receiving citizen comments in consideration of the proposed Consolidated Strategy and Plan Annual Action Plan submission to HUD for FY 2009-2010.

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-075

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

WHEREAS, the Daft Street Neighborhood has expressed ongoing concerns about criminal activity stemming from Traditions and Edgewood apartment complexes over a number of years; and

WHEREAS, over a number of years, continuing foot traffic has come over and through the existing fence separating Daft Street Neighborhood from Traditions and Edgewood; and

WHEREAS, the existing chain link fence has been dismantled or destroyed a number of times despite continuing efforts from the City of Lansing, Traditions, and Edgewood to maintain the fence; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning heard testimony from the Daft Street Neighborhood on March 18, 2009 about the need for a more permanent solution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Daft Street Neighborhood and the recommendation of the Committee on Development and Planning that a double-sided privacy fence be installed to provide a more permanent solution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby encourages the Administration to install and maintain a double-sided privacy fence separating the Daft Street Neighborhood from the Traditions and Edgewood apartment complexes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Administration is hereby requested to provide estimates of the costs to install and maintain such a fence, together with the account(s) in the FY 2008-2009 Budget from which such costs may be drawn, and to report back to the Committee on Development and Planning the results during the Committee's April 1, 2009 meeting.

By Councilmember Jeffries

To accept a substitute resolution for the one originally placed in the packet

Motion Carried

By Councilmember Jeffries

To place an affirmative roll on the substitute resolution

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION #2009-076

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES was held on March 16, 2009, and recommended passage of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 1020, Section 6, for removal of snow and ice by the City if the property owner fails to do so, and assessment of costs against the property owner, to expire July 30, 2011 unless re-enacted or extended.

The Committee recommends passage of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 1020, Section 6, for removal of snow and ice by the City if the property owner fails to do so, and assessment of costs against

the property owner, to expire July 30, 2011 unless re-enacted or extended.

Signed: Kathie Dunbar, Chairperson
 Tim Kaltenbach, Vice Chairperson
 Brian Jeffries, Member

By Councilmember Dunbar

To receive this Committee Report

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

By Councilmember Jeffries, Chair of the Committee on Development and Planning

That the Ordinance when read by its title be considered as read in its entirety

By the Committee on Development and Planning

By Councilmember Jeffries

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-10-2008; 527 W. Hillsdale St. and the vacant property to its east, rezoning from "DM-4" Residential District to "D-1" Professional Office District

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

RESOLUTION #2009-077

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, April 13, 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-10-2008; 527 W. Hillsdale St. and the vacant property to its east, rezoning from "DM-4" Residential District to "D-1" Professional Office District

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
 AMEND CHAPTER 1442, SECTION 1442.24

By Councilmember Jeffries, Chair of the Committee on Development and Planning

That the Ordinance when read by its title be considered as read in its entirety

By the Committee on Development and Planning

By Councilmember Jeffries

That:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing to Amend Chapter 1442, Section 1442.24 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by modifying the regulations for signs in the Capitol Center District

was introduced by Councilmember Jeffries and read by its title

RESOLUTION #2009-078
 RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING
 By Councilmember Jeffries

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LANSING, that a public hearing be set for Monday, April 13, 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, Michigan to Amend Chapter 1442, Section 1442.24 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by modifying the regulations for signs in the Capitol Center District.

Interested Persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
 AMEND CHAPTER 1442, SECTION 1442.02

By Councilmember Jeffries, Chair of the Committee on Development and Planning

That the Ordinance when read by its title be considered as read in its entirety

By the Committee on Development and Planning

By Councilmember Jeffries

That:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing to Amend Chapter 1442, Section 1442.02, of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by modifying adding and deleting certain definitions for signs

was introduced by Councilmember Jeffries and read by its title

RESOLUTION #2009-079
 RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING
 By Councilmember Jeffries

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LANSING, that a public hearing be set for Monday, April 13, 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, Michigan to Amend Chapter 1442, Section 1442.02, of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by modifying adding and deleting certain definitions for signs.

Interested Persons are invited to attend this Public Hearing

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

ORDINANCES FOR PASSAGE

THIS ITEM WAS RETURNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

Adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to Amend

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

By Councilmember Dunbar

To recommit this item

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 Reports from the Internal Auditor:
 - Report on Single Stream Recycling Programs

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Review of Waste Reduction Audit dated August 8, 2008

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Report on Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Audit Report General Fund Section

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

- Parks Millage Fund Fiscal Year ending 2008

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

- Capital Improvement Projects (410 Fund)

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

- 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. Request for a Public Hearing on the North Capitol Parking Ramp Buy/Sell Agreement

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- ii. Fiscal Year 2010 Executive Budget Recommendation

*SUSPENSION ITEM – REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
 - a. Resolution #09-068 from the Ingham County Board of Commissioners Authorizing the expansion of the Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections Advisory Board to include two representatives from the general public

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- b. Letter from the Treasurer of Lansing Sesquicentennial Foundation, Timothy Adams, submitting its monthly report of expenditures for February 2009

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

- c. Letter from Comcast Cable regarding the NFL Network

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Jeffries stated that an update on the Groesbeck easement and the pre-burn Ordinance would be on the next Committee of the Whole agenda.

Councilmember Kaltenbach stated that the Sign Ordinance was really the work of Lansing State Journal writer Derek Melot, and requested his presence at the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Allen stated that the next Public Safety Committee would receive an update on the City's surveillance cameras.

Councilmember Wood spoke about the sign Ordinance being for the Capitol area district.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, stated that those who missed the latest Mobile Food Pantry can call 2-1-1 for assistance with food. He also stated that the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2010 proposed budget was available on the City's website.

Councilmember Wood asked Jerry Ambrose when the City Council would receive the proposed budget details and he stated that he would let her know at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:49 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK