



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF MAY 18, 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 May 11, 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; Gilbert and West Town Drain Board – Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

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 Lansing Community College's Annual La Pachanga Fiesta Latina

There was a dance performance in recognition of Lansing Community College's Annual La Pachanga Fiesta Latina.

Councilmember Wood spoke about the festival and gave information regarding its background.

A program coordinator for Hispanic High School students spoke about events related to Lansing Community College's Annual La Pachanga Fiesta Latina.

RESOLUTION #2009-137

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

WHEREAS, the Advocates for Latino Student Advancement in Michigan Education (ALSAME) is a non-profit group formed over twenty years ago, comprised of staff from multiple institutions of higher education statewide; and

WHEREAS, the organization functions as a resource to high school and college students, parents, teachers, counselors, and administrators throughout the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, ALSAME sponsors statewide college fairs for underrepresented students, disseminating information about various colleges and universities to students and community organizations, and gathering data to address issues prohibiting students from obtaining their high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, the organization has made a commitment to building a better future for underrepresented youth in the state and to providing avenues to better achieve their goals, with thirty five members from a combined fifteen colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2009, Lansing Community College will help uphold ALSAME's mission and efforts by providing a half day of college preparatory workshops and opportunities for high school juniors and seniors making the transition from high school to college.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to recognize Advocates for Latino Student Advancement in Michigan Education for their accomplishments and congratulates them on their Ninth Annual College Preparation Conference. We wish you continued success!

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-138

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

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2009, in the Downtown Campus Amphitheater, Lansing Community College will host its annual La Pachanga Fiesta Latina; and

WHEREAS, Lansing Community College's La Pachanga Fiesta Latina brings cultural awareness to the Lansing community and transition from the Cinco de Mayo celebration into a more inclusive and diverse program during Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, started by Lansing Community College's Multicultural Center over ten years ago, this creative program brought diversity to the college campus as well as opening doors to share with residents and businesses of the Greater Lansing community; and

WHEREAS, this and similar celebrations provide a venue for cultural expressions and acceptance to the City by adding to the quality of life through cultural harmony;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, sincerely extends best wishes to the Lansing

Community College for its great success on their annual La Pachanga Fiesta Latina.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

2. Mayoral Presentation: Recognition of the 30th Annual Cristo Rey Church Fiesta

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, gave background information related to Cristo Rey Church's Annual Fiesta and presented its representatives present with a Mayoral proclamation.

Carlos Hernandez spoke about events related to Cristo Rey Church's Annual Fiesta and thanked Lansing's citizens for supporting the festival every year. He invited everyone to this year's festival.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Wood announced the next Churchill Downs and Lewton-Rich neighborhood meetings. She also spoke about a master planning meeting.

Councilmember Allen announced the next Old Everett neighborhood meeting.

Councilmember Kaltenbach stated that tomorrow, May 19th is Malcolm X's birthday. He also mentioned that Malcolm X was married in Lansing.

Councilmember Hewitt announced the next Foster Your Neighborhood meeting.

Councilmember Dunbar stated that the upcoming Hawk Island Triathlon's registration is full but volunteers are still needed. She announced a new farmers' market at Benjamin Davis Park.

Council President Quinney spoke about the recent Pleasant View School Spring Play and acknowledged the amazing talent of the students. He congratulated essay winner Kilanee Rose Davis.

Councilmember Wood spoke about a group of 2nd graders who sent a letter to the City Council stating things they would like City Government to address.

Councilmember Kaltenbach announced the upcoming Greater Lansing Horseshoe Club tournament.

Councilmember Robinson announced a restoration and empowerment program and 30 day makeover conference.

Councilmember Allen announced that the Committee of the Whole for this week has been canceled.

Councilmember Robinson announced that the next Committee of the Whole meeting would take place Thursday, May 28, 2009.

City Clerk Swope stated that the deadline to file for office for the August Primary as well as the deadline to withdraw from the Primary has passed. He announced that the list of candidates and the application for absentee voting are on the City Clerk's website. He also stated that absentee ballot application have already been mailed out to those on the permanent absentee voter list.

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, stated that the Mayor was in Washington, DC for a Keep it Made in America conference. He spoke about passage of the Mayor's proposed budget and about several items on tonight's agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

There were no Public Hearings.

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. spoke about the City's budget.

Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. spoke about various legislative matters.

Kathi Raffone of 1221 Muskegon Ave. spoke about the City's budget.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke about the City's budget.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke about the City's budget.

Carl Caillie of 306 Harriet Ave. spoke about the City's budget.

Bryan Decker of 543 E. Edgewood Blvd. spoke about the City's budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

Don Adcock of 6260 Haag Rd. spoke about golf courses in Lansing.

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

Michael Mercer of 4530 Sycamore St., Holt, spoke about free speech.

Sue Ellen Brown of 1610 Bailey St. spoke about golf courses in Lansing.

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

Arlene Parrish of 3521 Wildwood Ave. spoke about various city matters.

Randy Brown of 1146 ½ N. Pennsylvania Ave. spoke about the CSO Project.

Paula Hubbert of 800 Fred St. spoke about surveillance cameras in Lansing.

Walter Brown of 1310 Knollwood Ave. spoke about surveillance cameras in Lansing.

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. spoke about City parks.

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

Alan Tubbs of 427 W. Shiawassee St. spoke about various city matters.

Loretta Stanaway of 546 Armstrong Rd. spoke about the City's budget.

Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. spoke about various city matters.

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

Jody Washington of 521 Nantucket Dr. spoke about Councilmember Wood.

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

Carl Calille of 306 Harriet Ave. spoke about the North Capitol Parking Ramp.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke about the North Capitol Parking Ramp.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2009-139

BY COUNCILMEMBER CAROL WOOD

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Michael C. Murphy, a renown figure in the Lansing Community, has become the ninth senior minister of one of the nation's most historic black churches, Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ, a multiracial congregation in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Murphy, founder and pastor of St. Stephen's Community Church, is known for his strong commitment to ministry, not only within the church but within the community; and

WHEREAS, Michael was named one of the "100 Most Influential" persons in the Greater Lansing Community by *Lansing Magazine*, honorary doctorate; and

WHEREAS, born in Chicago, Michael moved in the Lansing area in 1975 to pursue a master's degree in counseling, which he received later that year; and

WHEREAS, after moving back to Chicago to attend the Chicago Theological Seminary, earning degrees in D. Ministry and M. Divinity, he returned to Lansing in the 1980s, the place he now warmly refers to as his home, and worked for the State Senate as Administrative Assistant to Senator Gary Corbin and then Governor James Blanchard as the Children's Services Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Michael holds a Masters Associate from Michigan State University and a Bachelors Associate from DePaul University; and

WHEREAS, Michael worked for two Mayors of the City of Lansing as the Director of the Department of Human Relations and Community Services and resigned in 1997 to become the Fourth Ward Councilmember of the Lansing City Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Reverend Murphy was elected to the first of three terms to the State House of Representatives for Lansing's 69th District; and

WHEREAS, Michael has served his community and friends in many capacities; as the President of the Lansing City Council and member of the Michigan Municipal League Legislative and Urban Affairs Committee, Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Downtown Revitalization, Olivet College's Civil Rights Committee, and co-chair of

the Legislative Children's Caucus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Lansing City Council, hereby, commends Reverend Doctor Michael Murphy for his accomplishments and dedication to his community and congratulates him on his new position in Washington D. C. You will be missed.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-140

BY COUNCILMEMBER CAROL WOOD

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Gilbert and West Intercounty Drain Drainage District, Counties of Ingham and Eaton, State of Michigan (the "District") intends to issue bonds to pay the costs of cleaning, widening, deepening, straightening and extending the Gilbert and West Intercounty Drain; and

WHEREAS, the District is preparing to issue its Drainage District Bonds, Series 2009 (General Obligation Limited Tax) (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission the City of Lansing, State of Michigan (the "City") is required to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking whereby the City agrees to provide certain information as described in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Undertaking").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This City Council does hereby approve the Undertaking and authorizes the Finance Director to execute and deliver the Undertaking with such changes as may be required to confirm the Undertaking to the financial information and operating data contained in the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement prepared in connection with the Bonds.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-141

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, at its regular Committee of the Whole meetings, the City Council publicly reviewed the operations of City Departments and the status of critical issues with City Departments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held special Committee of the Whole meetings during evening hours at Lewton Elementary School on April 23, 2009 and Pattengill Middle School on April 28, 2009, and as part of the Council meeting to provide opportunities for citizens to comment on the proposed City budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held eight days of televised public hearings to review and, when necessary, amend the Mayor's FY 2009-10 budget recommendations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with City Charter and the State Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, notice was published and a public hearing was held on May 11, 2009, in regard to the FY 2009-10 budget and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, in the light of the present economy, the City Council maintains that essential services, such as police, fire, 911, and other services, be protected from budget cuts to the extent possible in its FY 2009-10 budget priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wholeheartedly recognizes the importance of forwarding a plan to allow essential services to be maintained during difficult budget times; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget maintains funding for the Combined Sewer Overflow abatement project, while restraining estimated increases in sewer fees for the next two years to 4% per year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Lansing presented in his budget the following property tax levy recommendation to the City Council, which is .13 mills less than the total property tax levy as in FY 2008-09;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lansing's FY 2009-10 operating property tax levy will be 15.44 mills, which is an increase of .43 mills, and the City's debt service levy will be .26 mills, which is a decrease of .56 mills, for a combined total tax levy of 15.70;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor's Recommended Budget for FY 2009-10 be adopted with the following amendments:

	<u>Changes</u>	Revenue Expenditure <u>Changes</u>
A. General Fund Revenues		
1. Charges for Services		
a. Public Safety Revenues (Ambulance Fees)	(80,000)	
B. General Fund Expenditures		
1. City Council		
a. Council Personnel (EOCC Recommendations)		(47,436)
2. City TV		
a. City TV Personnel		(4,315)
3. Mayor's Office		
a. Mayor's Office Personnel (EOCC Recommendations)		(7,251)
4. City Clerk's Office		
a. City Clerk's Office Personnel (EOCC Recommendations)		3,207
5. Fire Department		
a. Fire Operating		(24,205)
6. Human Services		
a. Human Services Discretionary		(5,000)
b. Got Chess Program		2,000
c. Baker Donora Network Center		<u>3,000</u>
	<u>\$(80,000)</u>	<u>\$(80,000)</u>

Attachment: Budget Policies

BUDGET POLICIES

- Encumbrances
Authority is provided to re-appropriate available capital project balances as of June 30, 2009, into the FY 2009-10 budget. All non-capital, unencumbered balances require Council approval for re-appropriation.

Authority is provided to re-appropriate outstanding encumbered obligations which are less than \$5,000 into the FY 2009-10 budget, and the Administration is requested to present Council with a detailed report listing each

encumbrance and its corresponding amount by September 2009. Notwithstanding, the above encumbrances which are less than \$5,000 and more than 8 months old shall require Council approval.

- Residency Incentive
In the event that funds advanced for home purchases are returned from employees, such funds shall be administratively re-appropriated to the City's Residency Incentive Program. Any amounts remaining in the City's Residency Incentive Program at the end of FY 2008-09 will be carried forward to FY 2009-10 and placed into the Residency Incentive Program account. The Administration is requested to identify other potential funding sources to be used for the City's Residency Incentive Program and report its findings to Council by January 1, 2010.
- Labor Relations
Authority is included to transfer wage reserves and fringes to Departmental line items upon contract settlements.
- Vacant and Unfunded Positions and Position Eliminations
Positions shown in the various Departmental budgets as eliminated in the FY 2009-10 budget are removed from Departmental Tables of Organization. The Administration is requested to present to Council on or before July 1, 2009, a City wide organizational chart reflecting all FY 2009-10 budgeted positions (funded-filled or vacant) and provide a list, by Department, of each position including position title, FTE, wages and fringes, and whether the position is filled or vacant.
- Vacancy factor/funded and unfilled Positions
The budget includes an attrition vacancy allowance of \$1,000,000. The Administration is requested to provide Council on July 1, 2009, and every month, thereafter, a list of vacant positions by department. The Administration is also requested to provide, on a quarterly basis, a detailed list by Department of all positions by title, FTE, wages and fringes, and impact programs and/or services which are included within this allowance. The personnel wages and fringes associated with all positions identified above as of July 1, 2009, and any such position vacated, thereafter, shall be placed in a budget control account, and will require City Council approval for expenditure.
- Infrastructure / Sewage / CSO
Sewage rates shall be maintained at the scheduled 4% increase. Authorization is provided to transfer Sewage funding and State Revolving Loan Fund proceeds to expenditure accounts within the 592 Capital Projects Fund Series and recover residual funding from completed project segments in CSO funds to the Sewage Fund. Authority is provided for the administrative appropriation of 2003 Sewer Bond proceeds for the ineligible share of Combined Sewer Overflow projects and for such other Sewage Fund projects as are within the provisions of the bond covenant. This authority includes re-appropriation of residual funds for the design phase of succeeding project segments. Authority is provided to administratively appropriate funding from the Lansing Board of Water and Light when the Board chooses to participate in infrastructure repairs which may be accomplished during the CSO project by the City contractor. The Administration is requested to submit to Council detailed quarterly reports beginning September 1st of each year outlining the transfers made pursuant to the above authorization.
- Public Service
Authority is provided to administratively transfer funding for flood control and storm sewer purposes if such funding is

necessary to address flooding or unanticipated storm sewer maintenance needs. Administrative transfer authority is authorized for expenditure of 1990-II Environmental Bond Fund proceeds and to transfer Technical Equipment Replacement funding to the Service Garage fund and to create appropriate expenditure accounts. The Administration shall submit to Council detailed quarterly reports beginning September 1st of each year outlining the transfers made pursuant to the above authorization.

8. Act 51 Major and Local Streets

Transfer authority is not limited by departmental allocation. Administrative authority is included for appropriation of MDOT special authorization funding. Authorization is included to carry forward residual appropriations from FY 2008/2009 Traffic Maintenance accounts for matching the ITS Signal Pre-emption Grant. The Administration shall submit to Council detailed quarterly reports beginning September 1st of each year outlining the transfers made pursuant to the above authorization.

9. Parking System Fund

Authority is provided to administratively transfer to Capital Project accounts from Operating Cost accounts to meet bid or unforeseen major maintenance cost requirements. The Administration shall submit to Council detailed quarterly reports and funding activity on a budget basis beginning September 1st of each year outlining the transfers made pursuant to the above authorization.

10. Fees

Approval is herein given to charge fees as listed in the budget fee schedules.

11. Grants

The Administration shall present to Council every application for any grant and, upon notification of the award of a grant, shall submit the grant to Council for acceptance. Administrative authority is given to create the necessary accounts and transfers in accordance with the requirements of the grantor. Any grant that can be applied for administratively should be submitted for Council review within 10 days of the application.

12. Debt Service

Authority is provided to transfer residual balances between General Obligation Bond Funds, upon completion of repayment, to meet funding needs in other General Obligation issues and to close funds. The Administration shall submit to Council detailed quarterly reports beginning September 1st of each year outlining the transfers made pursuant to the above authorization.

13. Civil Actions, Claims, and Damages

Whenever a claim is made or any civil action is commenced against the Mayor, a City Council member, a non-bargaining unit employee, or a Lansing retirement board trustee (collectively in this provision "the Employee") for damages caused by an act or acts of the Employee within the scope of his or her authority and while in the course of his or her employment with the City or his or her duties on behalf of the retirement board, the City will pay for, engage, or furnish the services of an attorney to advise the Employee as to the claim and to appear for and represent the Employees in the action. If the City Attorney does not provide the attorney services, the attorney selection shall be made by the City in the manner the City determines. The City may compromise, settle, and pay a claim before or after the commencement of any civil action. Whenever any judgment for damages caused by the act or acts of the Employee covered under this provision is awarded against the Employee as the result of a civil action, the City

will indemnify the Employee or will pay, settle, or compromise the judgment. The City's obligations under this provision, however, is contingent upon the Employee giving prompt notice of the commencement of the action and upon the Employee cooperating in the preparation, defense, and settlement of the action. The term "scope of authority" under this provision does not include any act or acts of Employee (i) fraud, (ii) dishonesty, (iii) willful, intentional, or deliberate violation of the law or breach of fiduciary duty, (iv) criminal act, or (v) traffic violation; nor does this provision abrogate or diminish governmental immunity.

14. Consolidated Law Enforcement Building

The Administration is requested to submit to Council a detailed analysis and business plan for Consolidated Law Enforcement Building to include the centralization of all police facilities and operations, 911 Center, and 54A District Court. This analysis should be submitted by January 1st and include the efficiencies that will be achieved, detail analysis of cost savings, and the elimination of redundancies.

15. Capital Improvement Projects

The Internal Auditor will provide an annual report to Council on all projects completed in the prior fiscal year regarding the Capital Improvement Project budgets and all cost overruns or under expenditures. This report will be submitted by January 31st each year for consideration by Council.

16. City's Road Maintenance/Construction Capital Improvement Plan

The Administration is requested to update on an annual basis and submit to Council by January 1st each year.

17. 425 Agreements/Project Labor Agreements

Council will review language to be incorporated in all future City 425 Agreements and Project Labor Agreements that addresses employment opportunities for City of Lansing residents and other issues that will protect the interests of the City.

18. Contracts

The Administration is requested to submit to Council by September 15, 2009, a detailed analysis and recommendations as to which contractual services above \$50,000, which were previously identified, could be brought "in-house", either in part or in total. The analysis should include projected costs and efficiencies.

19. Community Resource Officers

The Chief of Police provided four officers to assigned schools; the City Council strongly suggests that the Lansing School District reimburse the City for half the officers' wages and fringes.

20. Human Services and Community Supported Agencies Funding

The plan for funding Agencies submitted to Council designate particular Agencies. If any agency does not apply for or use their funding, all funds will remain in their respective account(s) for additional appropriation and approval by Council for Human Services and Community Supported Agencies use pursuant to the Charter transfer authority. The Administration/Human Relations Community Services Department is requested to submit to Council a quarterly report on the status of the Human Services and Community Supported Agencies' funding. This report should include the accounting level detail appropriation;

amount spent, balance, and a notation as to whether the balance of funds is expected to be spent by the end of the Fiscal Year; if not, why?

21. Personnel and Fringe Accounts
Administrative transfer authority shall be as set forth in Section 7-107.3 of the City Charter.
22. Event Costs
The Administration is requested to present Council with a detailed analysis by January 1, 2010, of the costs spent by the City on all public events which occurred from July 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009. This analysis is to include a breakdown, by event, the related City costs such as police, public service time, parks, etc. The Administration is to collect this data on a continuous basis and report its findings to Council on January 1st of the calendar year.
23. Pedway
The Administration is requested to submit to Council by October 1, 2009, a detailed plan and budget for the renovation the Pedway.
24. City Capital Improvement and Maintenance
The City's Capital Improvement and Maintenance Plan is referred to Committee of the Whole for review and consideration by January 1, 2010.
25. Wood Street Sidewalk
Administration is requested to review whether a sidewalk on Wood Street is needed.
26. Light on Fairview and Saginaw
Administration is requested to work with MDOT on changing the caution light at Fairview and Saginaw to a full phase traffic signal light and installing a full phase traffic signal light and pedestrian crossway at Marshall and Grand River.
27. Davis Park
The Parks Department is requested to review with Council the Master Plan for Davis Park by September 1, 2009, to determine the priority of the ball diamond and the modular skate park.
28. Sidewalks
The Council supports installation of sidewalks to fill gaps on all streets as outlined in the Public Service Department's 2005 Sidewalk Analysis.
29. Surveillance Cameras
The Mayor has raised sufficient private funds to lease and maintain all surveillance cameras for fiscal year 2009-2010. The Mayor may until he is able to privately fund the remaining cameras, shift camera locations to provide for the widest possible coverage until such time that additional cameras may be procured through private funding.
30. Ambulance Services
Administration is to submit a plan on administering an annual rate Subscription Ambulance Service program to City Council by June 1, 2009.
31. Council's Budget Policy Statement
It is Council's intent and understanding that adoption of the FY 2009-10 budget constitutes the City's official budget priorities and policy.

By Councilmember Robinson

To Adopt the Resolution

By Councilmember Wood

To Amend Budget Policies by inserting

30. AMBULANCE SERVICES
Administration is to submit a plan on administering an annual rate Subscription Ambulance Service program to City Council by June 1, 2009.

and renumbering the remaining section

Motion Carried

By Councilmember Dunbar

To divide the question to allow for separate votes on the Human Relations and Community Services Budget

Motion Carried

By Councilmember Dunbar

To recuse Councilmember Dunbar from the vote on Human Relations and Community Services Budget

Motion Carried

The question being the motion to approve Human Relations and Community Services Budget

Motion Carried (Councilmember Dunbar abstaining)

The question being the motion to approve the remainder of the Resolution

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 Denial of an application for a Cabaret License in the City filed by Derek Wroblewski of CDDM Corporation d/b/a Cheetah's of Lansing, located at 5910 S Pennsylvania Ave. based on the recommendations of the City Treasurer

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- ii. Submitting minutes of Boards and Authorities placed on file in the City Clerk's Office

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- b. Letters from the Mayor re:
 - i. Budget Update – Development Office, FY 2010

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Gilbert and West Town Drain Board – Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

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- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Notice from the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Water Bureau of the issuance of 2009 Campground License #L-2100-33 Renewal to Life O Riley Mobile Home Park, located at 6726 S. Washington Ave.

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- b. Letter from Rehman Robson submitting a copy of its consent letter regarding the City of Lansing, Counties of Ingham and Eaton, State of Michigan Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2009 Limited Tax General Obligation)

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- c. Request for Recognition of Non-Profit Status in the City of Lansing submitted by Jeffrey Green, President of Capitol Area Golf for Youths, Inc., d/b/a The First Tee Mid-Michigan of P.O. Box 10032

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- d. Michigan Tax Tribunal appeals filed on behalf of:
 - i. Lansing Retail Center, LLC for property located at:
 1. E. Michigan Ave., vacant parcel #33-01-01-14-226-051
 2. 300 Frandor Ave. and sub-addresses
 3. 3100 E. Saginaw St. and sub-addresses

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

- ii. Fountain Place Ltd. Partners for property located at 920 S. Washington Ave.

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

- iii. BEC Land Co. for property located at:
 1. 920 American Rd.
 2. 3122 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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

- e. Resignation from the Principal Shopping District Board submitted by Richard Karp

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- f. Resignation from the Telecommunications and Cable Advisory Board submitted by MaryAnn Prince

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- g. Letter from Ammahad-Shekarakki of P.O. Box 13135 requesting a street to be named after Malcolm X

REFERRED TO THE MEMORIAL REVIEW BOARD

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Kaltenbach asked Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, to look into a matter regarding water damage to a property by city workers.

Councilmember Dunbar commented on the relatively smooth budget approval process this year.

Council President Quinney thanked his fellow Councilmembers for the hard work they put in during the budget process. He announced that the Committee of the Whole meeting for this week has been canceled, and that City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2009 in observance of Memorial Day.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

ADJOURNED TIME 9:15 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK