



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF JUNE 15, 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, Hewitt, Jeffries, Kaltenbach, Quinney, Robinson, Wood

ABSENT: Councilmember Dunbar

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

APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Vice-President Robinson

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of June 1 and 8, 2009

Motion carried

TABLED ITEMS

1. BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
 - a. Authorizing Litigation Against the Mayor to Compel the Opening of Waverly and Red Cedar golf courses

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

- Special Ceremonies

1. Tribute; Recognition of the 16th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Vice President Robinson gave background information on the history of Juneteenth.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Reeves read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2009-195

BY COUNCILMEMBER A'LYNNE ROBINSON
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, June 19, 1865, coined as "Juneteenth" is of great historical significance and is the oldest African American Holiday; it is now an official state holiday in 15 states across the country; and

WHEREAS, it was on June 19, 1865, that news of the Emancipation Proclamation, which President Lincoln signed on January 1, 1863, reached the slaves of Texas; and

WHEREAS, learning of their freedom, this day of June 19, 1865, became the true Independence Day of African-Americans ending slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the slaves immediately left the plantations, congregated in the cities, and began celebrating their freedom by praying, feasting, dancing, and singing; and

WHEREAS, Isabella Baumfree, born a slave in 1797 and later known as Sojourner Truth, chose her new name soon after she left slavery and traveled the country speaking passionately about the evils of slavery and advocated strongly for the equal rights of women. She settled in Michigan in 1857 where she inspired many to work in support of human rights issues; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day to honor and respect the sufferings of slavery, acknowledge the evils of slavery and its aftermath; it is a day to reflect upon our history, and realize because of it, there will forever be a bond between mankind; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day to commit to each other the needed support as family, friends, and co-workers; a day to build coalitions; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council recognizes June 19th as Juneteenth Day and encourages everyone to participate in the 16th Juneteenth Anniversary Campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, extends our appreciation to Sojourner Truth for her dedication and encouragement to human rights issues.

By Councilmember Robinson

Motion Carried

Vice President Robinson encouraged citizens to participate in the celebration.

Sonya Lewis spoke about essay contests winners and about several events related to Juneteenth.

Vice President Robinson stated that her younger cousin is an essay winner. She thanked Sonya Lewis for all of her hard work.

Marilyn Plummer spoke about the Juneteenth newspaper and stated that this is the 5th year the celebration is recognized as a state holiday.

Rev. Richard Doss thanked the City of Lansing for its support of Juneteenth.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Hewitt announced the next Foster Your Neighborhood meeting.

Councilmember Allen announced the next Old Everett Neighborhood meeting.

Councilmember Kaltenbach congratulated Maurice Benson on graduating from Indiana Tech. He also congratulated Maurice's mother for her support.

Vice-President Robinson announced the next Churchill Downs neighborhood meeting, as well as its annual picnic. She announced the next Colonial Village neighborhood meeting and the Lewton-Rich neighborhood garage sale. She thanked her colleagues who attended the recent 2nd Saturdays meeting for residents of the 3rd Ward. She spoke to Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, about updates to the Hill Center and inquired as to why a planned tour of the facility did not take place.

Councilmember Wood announced the Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow event.

Council President Quinney thanked his colleagues and Vice President Robinson for facilitating the City Council meetings in his absence. He stated that he is well and is glad to be back.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Deputy City Clerk Reeves 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, spoke about bonds for job creation and economic recovery. He spoke about several items on tonight's agenda including the letter from the Mayor regarding Fiscal Year 2009 Year-End Budget Amendment. He spoke about the next Concert in the Park, Blues on the Square and Common Ground events.

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, Michigan, to Amend Chapter 290, Section 4, of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to provide that a City officer or employee who receives a gift for himself, herself, or on behalf of the City, with a value over \$50.00 from someone not related to the donee by blood or marriage shall be required to submit a letter of disclosure to the City Clerk for transmission to the Board of Ethics for appropriate action

Councilmember Robinson gave a brief overview of the Public Hearing.

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. stated concerns with proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance.

Richard Clement of P.O. Box 26123 spoke about the proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance.

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

Thomas Ryan of 4336 Chadburne Dr. stated concerns with proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. stated concerns with proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance and the issuance of Encroachment Permits to the Christman Company for improvements to 408 Kalamazoo St.

Willy Williams of P.O. Box 11042 spoke about various legislative matters.

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. stated concerns with proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance.

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. In consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to Amend Chapter 290, Section 4, of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to provide that a City officer or employee

who receives a gift for himself, herself, or on behalf of the City, with a value over \$50.00 from someone not related to the donee by blood or marriage shall be required to submit a letter of disclosure to the City Clerk for transmission to the Board of Ethics for appropriate action

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

Arlene Parrish of 3521 Wildwood Ave. spoke about the Administration's response to issues related to an independent contractor who worked on her house.

John Boise of 4921 Tenny St. spoke about various city matters.

Dennis Burdick of 518 N. Verlinden St. spoke about the snow removal ordinance.

Richard Clement of P.O. Box 26123 spoke about various city matters.

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

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

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

Thomas Ryan of 4336 Chadburne Dr. spoke about various city matters.

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

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

Willy Williams of P.O. Box 11042 spoke about various city matters.

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

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2009-196

BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDY ALLEN
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Todd and Kim Gavin are being recognized as Community Service Persons of the Year by the South Lansing Business Association on June 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, they have dedicated themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Casimir school system, so much so that you cannot walk the halls without bumping into one of the Gavins; and

WHEREAS, because of their dedication and commitment, they have become familiar with the children, whether it's through Kim's involvement in the Kindergarten Round Up room, or Todd's initiative and coaching of the floor-hockey program; and

WHEREAS, they have shifted their focus from sports development and ventured into PTO leadership positions, parent mentoring programs, and field trip chaperones; and

WHEREAS, Todd has individually ventured into the Biology class each year for dissecting day, and Kim has served the last five years as a Girl Scout leader; and

WHEREAS, the Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Casimir children are a primary focus and concern, and it is commonplace to find those children at the Gavin home almost any day of the week; and

WHEREAS, Todd Gavin has served one year as the PTO President, started and coached the floor-hockey program for the past six years, has coached the soccer team for six years, has coached the girls basketball team and boys baseball team for one year, and has chaperoned all but two field trips over a six year period; and

WHEREAS, Kim Gavin has served as PTO President for one year, served as PTO Vice-President for one year, directed the soccer program for three years, coordinated the mentoring program for five years, served as a room representative for eight years, and coordinated the book fair one year ; and

WHEREAS, the Gavins are thoroughly committed to enriching the lives of children through their service to the Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Casimir School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, extends their gratitude to Todd and Kim Gavin for there dedication and focus to the Lansing educational community and congratulates them on their achievement as the Community Service Persons of the Year. We wish you continued success!

By Councilmember Allen

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-197

BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDY ALLEN

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Chris Holman is being recognized as the Alfreda Schmidt Lifetime Achievement Award recipient by the South Lansing Business Association on June 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, he is an entrepreneur, media personality, business owner, teacher and father; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a Lansing resident for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, he started The Greater Lansing Business Monthly magazine out of the trunk of his car in 1987 and has dedicated himself to promoting the mid-Michigan business community from that time forward; and

WHEREAS, he currently hosts a statewide, syndicated radio show entitled "Business Beat"; and

WHEREAS, in early 2006, Chris Holman was appointed Michigan's Small Business Advocate by Governor Jennifer Granholm; and

WHEREAS, Chris Holman serves as a liaison between the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and small business owners across the state while working closely with the Michigan Business Ombudsman's Office; and

WHEREAS, he was once a high school teacher and coach and has returned to the joy of teaching as an instructor at Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, he has committed countless hours to the business community by serving on several other business ventures and numerous community boards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, extends their gratitude to Chris Holman for his devotion and commitment to the Lansing Community and congratulates him on his

achievement as the Alfreda Schmidt Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. We wish you continued success!

By Councilmember Allen

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-198

BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDY ALLEN

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, David C. Hollister is being recognized as the Business Person of the Year by the South Lansing Business Association on June 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, he serves as the President and CEO of Prima Civitas Foundation, a new nonprofit organization that aims at boosting Michigan's economy through promoting life sciences, advanced manufacturing, alternative energy, and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hollister was appointed as Director of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services in January 2003 by Governor Jennifer Granholm; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hollister lead the new department formed under the union of the CIS, the Michigan Department of Career Development, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and Michigan Broadband Development Authority which addressed labor, economic growth, and urban development issues in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, he has dedicated his life to public service: beginning as a high school teacher in the 1960's and continuing with his election and service to the Ingham County Commissioners in 1968 through 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hollister served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1974 until 1993: quickly becoming one of the top ten legislators, chairing the Appropriations Subcommittee on Social Services for over a decade and serving on the Appropriations Committee for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 he became Mayor of the City of Lansing and was re-elected to a third term with a landslide victory in November 2001; and

WHEREAS, because of his commitment to the City of Lansing, as Mayor he was able to build a new regional transportation center in downtown, bring minor league baseball to Lansing, strike a partnership with the State of Michigan that includes new buildings for various departments, create regional partnerships with local governments, and develop a new golf course and upscale housing; and

WHEREAS, one of Mayor Hollister's most exciting success was the commitment of General Motors to consolidate operations and build two new state-of-the-art assembly plants in Lansing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, extends their gratitude to David C. Hollister for his devotion and inspiration to the Lansing Community and congratulates him on his achievement as the Business Person of the year. We wish you continued success!

By Councilmember Allen

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-199

BY COUNCILMEMBER CAROL WOOD

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Donald L. Allen, Jr. earned his Juris Doctorate in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University in 1983; and

WHEREAS, he took an externship working in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Eastern District of Michigan while still in law school and was offered a position as the Judge's Law Clerk after graduation; and

WHEREAS, from 1985 until 1987, Dr. Allen served as a UAW Legal Services Plan staff attorney, representing individuals in bankruptcy and real estate transactions; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, he was hired as the Assistant Attorney General, prosecuting cases in the Health Care Fraud Division, serving as a civil defense attorney in the Corrections Division, and practiced administrative law in both the Social Services and Revenue Divisions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen, Jr. served three years on the Department of Attorney General Litigation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, he joined Governor Jennifer Granholm's Office of Legal Counsel as Deputy Legal Counsel in the area of criminal justice and drug policy issues. His principal responsibilities were handling issues concerning Homeland Security, emergency management, intergovernmental compacts, extraditions, pardons, commutations, and appointments; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Deputy Legal Counsel, Dr. Allen also drafted legislation, Executive orders, Executive Directives, proclamations, and provided recommendations for judicial appointments and served as the executive office representative with the Michigan State Bar; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Dr. Allen as the Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy in the Michigan Department of Community Health; and

WHEREAS, as the Director of Drug Control Policy, Dr. Allen provides policy advice to the Governor in areas of substance use disorders, gambling addictions, and drug related violence, overseeing three federal grant programs; Department of Justice, Byrne and Justice Assistance Grants, and the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse Prevention, and Treatment Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen is currently leading an executive department workgroup tasked with reviewing the expenditures of funds for substance abuse services throughout state government and providing recommendations for increasing efficiencies and serves as co-lead on interdepartmental workgroup on co-occurring disorders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen led the Governor's efforts to address the many problems posed by methamphetamine, holding meetings with various executive departments and interested stakeholders and his collective efforts led to the implementation of precursor legislation and the adoption of a drug endangered children's protocol; and

WHEREAS, his professional affiliations include membership with the Michigan Bar Association, the National Criminal Justice Association, the State Bar of Michigan Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program, the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, the National Criminal Justice Association's Policy Committee, and Board President of Caring About Kids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, congratulates Donald L. Allen, Jr. on being recognized at the Lansing Black Lawyers Association's Annual Otis M. Smith Scholarship Banquet for his outstanding leadership and accomplishments. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors!

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-200

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

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1988, the Lansing City Council authorized the sale of certain real property to The Christman Company, which real property is included as part of the parcel of real property commonly known as 408 Kalamazoo Plaza, Lansing, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, as part of the resolution, in order to effectuate the intent of the transaction and the improvements to be made to the building at 408 Kalamazoo Plaza, the Lansing City Council authorized the Public Service Department to issue three permits to The Christman Company to encroach onto:

The east 84 feet of the south side of Kalamazoo Plaza 9 feet for landscaping, sidewalk and 1 foot overhanging fascia material, and to encroach into the west 91 feet of the south side of Kalamazoo Plaza 9 feet for parking; and

The east 9 feet of the north 109 feet of the River Street right-of-way along the south 37 feet Lot 5, Lot 6 and the north 6 feet of Lot 7 for parking and onto the next 126 feet of River Street right-of-way along Lot 8 and the south 60 feet of Lot 7 for landscaping as required by the Zoning Code; and

The north side of Lenawee Street right-of-way 5 feet for landscaping as required by the Zoning Code.

; and

WHEREAS, the City and The Christman Company entered into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the same terms; and

WHEREAS, The Christman Company completed the above improvements and subsequent to the completion of these improvements The Christman Company transferred fee simple title to the real property commonly known as 408 Kalamazoo Plaza to Christman Capital Development Company; and

WHEREAS, there is no record that the permits referred to above were ever issued to The Christman Company or Christman Capital Development Company; and

WHEREAS, a new fascia was placed on the building located at 408 Kalamazoo Plaza during 1988, encroaching approximately .6 of a foot onto Kalamazoo Plaza, and extending from Fifty Seven and Four Tenths Feet (57.4') from the waters edge, southwest to the corner of the building; and

WHEREAS, Christman Capital Development Company has approached the City to resolve the existing encroachment issues; and

WHEREAS, the encroachments are small, pre-existing, and benefit the City by creating sidewalk, parking, and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, there will be no loss in public access to the waterways, no harm to any owners within the plat, any other party, or the public, if the encroachments are permitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby authorizes the administration to grant permits to Christman Capital Development Company, its successors and assigns (to the extent permitted by applicable law), for the following encroachments, subject to approval as to form and content by the City Attorney:

**BUILDING ENCROACHMENT
(KALAMAZOO PLAZA)**

Legal Description:

That part of Kalamazoo Plaza, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the intersection of the Southeasterly line of Kalamazoo Plaza and the Northeasterly line of River Street; thence Northeasterly, 83.3 feet along the Southeasterly line of Kalamazoo Plaza,

also being the Northwestern line of the Southeasterly 28 feet of Lot 5, Block 132 of the Original Plat of the City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats on page 136 of the Ingham County Records, to the Southwesterly line of an existing two story brick building and the point of beginning of the following described parcel; thence Northwesterly 1.0 feet; thence Northeasterly 84.0 feet; thence Southeasterly 1.0 feet; thence Southwesterly 84.0 feet along the Southeasterly line of Kalamazoo Plaza to the point of beginning.

LANDSCAPING AND SIDEWALK ENCROACHMENT (KALAMAZOO PLAZA)

Legal Description:

That part of Kalamazoo Plaza, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the intersection of the Southeasterly line of Kalamazoo Plaza and the Northeasterly line of River Street; thence Northeasterly, 83.3 feet along the Southeasterly line of Kalamazoo Plaza, also being the Northwestern line of the Southeasterly 28 feet of Lot 5, Block 132 of the Original Plat of the City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats on page 136 of the Ingham County Records, to the Southwesterly line of an existing two story brick building and the point of beginning of the following described parcel; thence Northwesterly 9.0 feet; thence Northeasterly 84.0 feet; thence Southeasterly 9.0 feet; thence Southwesterly 84.0 feet along the Southeasterly line of Kalamazoo Plaza to the point of beginning.

PARKING ENCROACHMENT (KALAMAZOO PLAZA)

Legal Description:

That part of Kalamazoo Plaza, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the intersection of the Southeasterly line of Kalamazoo Plaza and the Northeasterly line of River Street; thence Northwesterly 10.0 feet along an extension of the Northeasterly line of River Street; thence Northeasterly 73.0 feet, thence Southeasterly 10.0 feet; thence Southwesterly 73.0 feet along the Southeasterly line of Kalamazoo Plaza, also being the Northwestern line of the Southeasterly 28 feet of Lot 5, Block 132 of the Original Plat of the City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats on page 136 of the Ingham County Records, to the point of beginning.

PARKING & LANDSCAPING

Legal Description:

That part of River Street lying Southwesterly off and adjacent to Block 132 of the Original Plat of the City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats on page 136 of the Ingham County Records, described as: Beginning at the Southerly most corner of Lot 8, Block 132; thence Southwesterly 9.0 feet on the Southwesterly extension of the Southeasterly line of Lot 8; thence Northwesterly 236.0 feet, parallel with the Northeasterly line of River Street ; thence Northeasterly 9.0 feet along the Northwesterly line of the Southeasterly 38 feet of Lot 5, Block 132; thence Southeasterly 236.0 feet along the Northeasterly line of River Street to the point of beginning.

PARKING & LANDSCAPING

Legal Description:

The Northwesterly 5.0 feet of that part of Lenawee Street lying Southeasterly of and adjacent to Lot 8, Block 132 of the Original Plat of the City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats on page 136 of the Ingham County Records.

PARKING & DUMPSTER PAD

Legal Description:

That part of Lot 8, Block 132 of the Original Plat of the City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats on page 136 of the Ingham County Records, described as: Commencing at the Southerly most corner of Lot 8; thence Northeasterly, 136.0 feet along the

Southeasterly line of Lot 8 to the point of beginning of the following described parcel; Thence Northwesterly 51.0 feet along the Northeasterly line of the Southwesterly 136.0 feet of the Southeasterly 51.0 feet of Lot 8; Thence Northeasterly, 22.31 feet along the Northwesterly line of the Southeasterly 51.0 feet of Lot 8; thence Southeasterly 51.46 feet along the edge of existing asphalt parking and concrete dumpster pad; thence Southwesterly, 15.87 feet along the Southeasterly line of Lot 8 to the point of beginning.

By Councilmember Jeffries

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-201

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

WHEREAS, LaSandra Jones sought to eliminate special assessments of \$491.00, \$375.00, and \$65.00, totaling \$931.00, for trash and debris violations and 2nd notice fee and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 1225 Dakin Street, Lansing, Michigan 48912; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on Monday, June 8, 2009, to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim filed by LaSandra Jones of \$491.99, \$375.00, and \$65.00, totaling \$931.00, for special assessments on trash and debris violations and 2nd notice fee and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 1225 Dakin Street, Lansing, Michigan 48912;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further action is required by the City Attorney for processing this claim.

By Councilmember Kaltenbach

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-202

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

WHEREAS, Richard and Julieta Cole sought to eliminate special assessment of \$800.23 for Board-up and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 712 Randall, Lansing, Michigan 48906; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on June 8, 2009, to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim filed by Richard and Julieta Cole of \$800.23 for Board-up and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 712 Randall, Lansing, Michigan 48906;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further action is required by the City Attorney for processing this claim.

By Councilmember Kaltenbach

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-203

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

WHEREAS, Potter-Walsh Neighborhood Association has requested \$500.00 to defray costs for the rental of the park and other costs associated with the annual Potter-Walsh Neighborhood Children's Block Party to be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on Monday, June 8, 2009, and reviewed the request; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of Community Use/Promotion Funds to be awarded an organization in one fiscal year is \$500.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves an allocation from the Community Use/Promotion Account to Potter-Walsh to defray costs for the rental of the park and other costs associated with the annual Potter-Walsh Neighborhood Children's Block Party to be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$500.00 to the Council Community Use/Promotion Account – 101.112101.741289.0;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Potter-Walsh Neighborhood Association shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account as to contributors, funds received, expended, and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

By Councilmember Kaltenbach

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-204

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the reappointment of Jerry Ambrose to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term to expire June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, June 8, 2009, and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Jerry Ambrose to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-205

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the reappointment of Baldomero Garcia to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term to expire June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, June 8, 2009, and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Baldomero Garcia to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term to expire June 30, 2012.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-206

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the reappointment of Robert Traub as an At-Large member to the Income Tax Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, June 8, 2009, and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Robert Traub as an At-Large member to the Income Tax Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-207

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the reappointment of Gloria Nostrant as an At-Large member to the Income Tax Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, June 8, 2009, and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Gloria Nostrant as an At-Large member to the Income Tax Board of Review for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-208

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the reappointment of Patrick Izzo to the Income Tax Board of Review as an At Large member for a term to expire June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Committee Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, June 8, 2009, and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Patrick Izzo to the Income Tax Board of Review as an At Large member for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-209

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the reappointment of Howard McCaffery as a retiree representative to the Employees Retirement Board for a term to expire June, 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Ways and Means met on June 8, 2009, and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointment of Howard McCaffery as a retiree representative to the Employees Retirement Board for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

By Councilmember Wood

Motion Carried

**REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS;
COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS;
AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS**

By Councilmember Jeffries 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. Letter from the City Clerk submitting minutes of Boards and Authorities placed on file in the City Clerk's Office

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- b. Letter from the Mayor regarding Fiscal Year 2009 Year-End Budget Amendment

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
 - a. Notice from the State of Michigan Public Service Commission providing notice of a Public Hearing to the Gas Customers of Consumers Energy Company Case No. U-15986 on June 24, 2009

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- b. Letter from Ingham Intermediate School District submitting its 2009 Tax Levy and Millage Reduction Fraction Computation and their Estimated 2009 Summer Tax Levy Summary

REFERRED TO THE CITY ASSESSOR AND REFERRED TO THE CITY TREASURER

- c. Letter from Waverly Community Schools submitting its 2009 Tax Levy and Millage Reduction Fraction Computation

REFERRED TO THE CITY ASSESSOR AND REFERRED TO THE CITY TREASURER

- d. Letter from the Treasurer of Lansing Sesquicentennial Foundation, Timothy Adams, submitting its monthly report of expenditures for April and May 2009

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

- e. Notice of Claim submitted on behalf of Robert and Tiffany Stedfeldt for property located at 4642 Palmer St.

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

- f. Request for Recognition of Non-Profit Status in the City of Lansing submitted on behalf of Lansing Area Parents' Respite Center located at 840 E. Mt. Hope Rd.

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

- g. Affidavit of Disclosure submitted by Paul Evansen of the Lansing Fire Department

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

- h. Letter from Craig Wray of 617 W. Northrup St. regarding flooding and driveway issues on Northrup St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Councilmember Allen

To excuse Councilmember Dunbar from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Wood addressed comments made by speakers tonight regarding changes to the Ethics Ordinance and about disseminating information to the public.

Councilmember Kaltenbach asked Jerry Ambrose if a citizen's concerns have been address regarding grading issues related to the CSO project. Jerry Ambrose stated that those issues had been addressed.

Councilmember Wood asked Jerry Ambrose if the administration had contacted the owner of Handy's Market about signage issues and he stated that those concerns had been addressed.

Councilmember Hewitt asked Jerry Ambrose about a sidewalk survey that he asked for previously and he stated that he did not receive it but will follow up to get the survey to Councilmember Hewiit.

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR
OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, announced the next Mobile Food Pantry. He addressed comments made by speakers tonight regarding construction on Edgewood Blvd.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:38 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK