



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF OCTOBER 5, 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 Vice President Robinson.

PRESENT: Council Members Allen, Hewitt, Jeffries, Kaltenbach, Robinson, Wood

ABSENT: Council Members Dunbar (Arrived at 7:08) and Quinney.

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

### APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

By Council Member Jeffries

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of September 28, 2009

Motion carried

### SPECIAL CEREMONIES

- Special Ceremonies

1. Tribute; Congratulating Bruce Holliday on his retirement

Council Member Wood stated that Bruce Holliday was a friend and that he will surely be missed in his job as a police officer.

City Clerk Swope read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2009-385**

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

WHEREAS, Bruce Holliday has loyally served the Lansing Police Department for twenty five years, since August 13, 1984; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Marcia, are the proud parents of two sons, Bradley and Matthew; and

WHEREAS, Bruce worked his way up through the Lansing Police Department, starting out his illustrious career in the Jail; over the remaining years he worked two years undercover with the Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad, five years as Field Training Office, six years as a Crime Scene Investigator, and eight years in the South Precinct Detective Bureau; and

WHEREAS, for the past nineteen years, Bruce has served as a non-supervisory Union Representative with the Fraternal Order of Police, Capitol City Lodge #141; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has also served on the Police and Fire Pension Board for fourteen years, ensuring that he and his fellow LPD co-workers were secure in their retirement; and

WHEREAS, he is well known by his co-workers for his great sense of humor and penchant for practical jokes; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has been a loyal and dedicated employee to the Lansing Police Department, earning the reputation as a respected and thorough investigator. Daily he has demonstrated the honor and respect for Lansing and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to congratulate Bruce Holliday on his recent retirement and extend its sincere appreciation for his dedication and service to the City of Lansing Police Department and for helping to keep its citizens safe. We wish you continued success!

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

Bruce Holliday asked everyone to please support the Lansing Police Department. He thanked the City Council for this honor.

### COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Hewitt stated that the Allen Street Market is still open at this time of year.

*Council member Dunbar arrived at the meeting at 7:08 p.m.*

Council Member Hewitt announced the Oktoberfest event and thanked those who attended the recent 1st Contact meeting for residents of the 1st Ward.

Council Member Wood announced candidate forums at the Clifford Park, Eastside Neighborhood Organization and Westside Neighborhood Association meetings.

Council Member Dunbar stated that campaign signs are not allowed in the public right-of-way.

Councilmember Jeffries stated that St. Casimir Church has meals for the needy every 2nd Saturday of the month.

### CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

By Council Member Jeffries

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

Motion carried

The following items were added to the agenda:

1. From Councilmember Wood; Special Ceremony: Tribute; Recognition of Semone James Howes for her dedicated service on the Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners

The City Council returned to the order of:

### SPECIAL CEREMONIES

- Special Ceremonies

2. Tribute; Recognition of Semone James Howes for her dedicated service on the Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners

Council Member Wood stated that she was glad that Semone James Howes was feeling better and thanked her for her service to the Board of Water and Light.

City Clerk Swope read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2009-375**

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

WHEREAS, Semone M. James Howes is a lifelong resident of Michigan and has enjoyed living in Lansing for over fifteen years. As a mother to Justin and Samantha James and wife to Robert, she is both devoted and loving; and

WHEREAS, she earned her Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Eastern Michigan University with dual majors in Finance and Real Estate. She is a State of Michigan licensed real estate Broker and Certified General Appraiser. She often volunteers her real estate and financial expertise to several community and faith based organizations; and

WHEREAS, Semone was appointed as the First Ward Commissioner to the Lansing Board of Water and Light on February 20, 2006 with her service concluding on June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in her three and a half years of service to the Board, Semone has served as the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Board of Commissioners, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, the Board's Executive Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee to revise the Rules of Administrative Procedure, and as an alternate member of the Finance and Human Resource Committees; and

WHEREAS, Semone has lent her financial and business expertise as well as her leadership skills in governing the Lansing Board of Water and Light and encouraging it to reach its goals and remain an exceptional utility company with a sustainable future for many generations to come; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her working diligently to support the Lansing community, Semone has also worked to cultivate a successful career with the State of Michigan for over fifteen years. In 2005, she was appointed as Executive Director of the State of Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, having successfully developed the Authority since its inception for nearly three years; and

WHEREAS, Semone has worked in several other capacities with the State of Michigan, Departments of Labor and Economic Growth, Transportation, and Treasury and currently serves as an Investment Specialist with the Department of Treasury; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to thank Semone M. James Howes for her service and dedication to the Lansing community and to the Lansing Board of Water and Light. We wish you continued success!

Council Member Wood spoke about issues related to how she and Semone James Howes met.

Semone James Howes stated that it was truly a pleasure and honor to serve residents of the City of Lansing.

The City Council returned to the order of:

**COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS  
AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Member Allen took a point of personal privilege to address campaign literature which she felt inaccurately portrayed her character.

City Clerk Swope gave his condolences to the families of Alfred Morgan and Janet Hershey, election inspectors who recently passed away. He stated that today is the close of registration to vote in the November General Election. He stated that all requested absentee ballots have been mailed out and that there is still time to request and received absentee ballots.

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative 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, congratulated Bruce Holliday on his retirement. He announced the next Mobile Food Pantry and spoke about the Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for 2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

There were no Public Hearings.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke in support of tributes to Bob Cochran, Semone James Howes and Bruce Holliday.

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. spoke.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #2009-386**

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

WHEREAS, Reverend Lonnie J. Chipp is a native of Highland Park, Michigan and the oldest of six children; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from Highland Park High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, he has been married to Loretta Chipp for fourteen years and is the father of two adult daughters, Jasmine and Connie; godfather of four, and adopted father and mentor to many young adults; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chipp accepted Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of his life in 1994 and devoted his life to ministry. In 1995, he accepted his calling and was licensed in 1996 and was ordained in 2000; and

WHEREAS, early in his career, Pastor Mills recognized Reverend Chipp's commitment, faithfulness, and leadership ability and under the Holy Spirit's direction elevated Reverend Chipp to serve as the Assistant to the Pastor, a position he has held for the last fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, prior to moving to Lansing, Reverend Chipp served for fifteen years at New Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Detroit, Michigan, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Wallace R. Mills Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chipp moved to Lansing, Michigan in August 2008 and became a member of Watch Care at New Mount Calvary in early 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to congratulate Reverend Lonnie Chipp on his recent installation as Reverend of the New Mount Calvary Baptist Church. We wish you continued success!

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-387**

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure (dwelling) at 825 Clayton, Parcel # 33-04-01-08-452-201 and Legal Description: Lot 112 Oakdale Add to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, The Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on June 29, 2004, and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2009, the Lansing Demolition Board held a special meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Premises Code (1460.09) to order the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Housing and Premises Code require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby schedules a show cause hearing for Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor City Hall, 124 W. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 825 Clayton to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Manager of Code Compliance notify the owner of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

By Council Member Allen

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-388**

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain

structure (dwelling) at 806 N. Cedar, Parcel # 33-01-01-09-477-091 and Legal Description: Lot 17 Assessors Plat No 29 of Block 18 Orig Plat to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, The Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on February 6, 2009, and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2009, the Lansing Demolition Board held a special meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Premises Code (1460.09) to order the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Housing and Premises Code require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby schedules a show cause hearing for Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor City Hall, 124 W. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 806 N. Cedar to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Manager of Code Compliance notify the owner of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

By Council Member Allen

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-389**

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure (dwelling) at 1619 Bailey, Parcel # 33-01-01-22-351-141 and Legal Description: Lot 20 Block 1 Assessors Plat No 28 Rec L 10 P 33 to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, The Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on January 11, 2007, and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2009, the Lansing Demolition Board held a special meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Premises Code (1460.09) to order the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Housing and Premises Code require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an

opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby schedules a show cause hearing for Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor City Hall, 124 W. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 1619 Bailey to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Manager of Code Compliance notify the owner of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

By Council Member Allen

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-390**

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure (dwelling) at 1806 W. Michigan Avenue, Parcel # 33-01-01-17-187-041 and Legal Description: Lot 217 McPhersons Inverness Sub to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, The Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on August 7, 2007, and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2009, the Lansing Demolition Board held a special meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Premises Code (1460.09) to order the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Housing and Premises Code require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby schedules a show cause hearing for Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor City Hall, 124 W. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 1806 W. Michigan Avenue to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Manager of Code Compliance notify the owner of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

By Council Member Allen

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

packet

Motion Carried

By Council Member Allen

To place an affirmative roll on the substitute resolution

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-391**

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

WHEREAS, the Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure (dwelling) at 812 Heald Place, Parcel # 33-01-01-15-353-041 and Legal Description: Com 48 Ft N or SW Cor Lot 1, Th E 28.9 Ft N 4 Ft, E 15 Ft, N to S Line Heald Place Nw'ly to Pt N of Beg, S to Beg; Block 4 Lansing Improvement Companys Add to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, The Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on April 17, 2008, and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2009, the Lansing Demolition Board held a special meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Premises Code (1460.09) to order the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Housing and Premises Code require that a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby schedules a show cause hearing for Monday, October 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor City Hall, 124 W. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 812 Heald Place to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Manager of Code Compliance notify the owner of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.

By Council Member Allen

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-392**

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reported that, based on a review of the

documentation submitted, the applicant qualifies as a Local Nonprofit Organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes the Zonta Club of the Michigan Capitol Area Foundation as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk is requested to provide a copy of this resolution to the Zonta Club of the Michigan Capitol Area Foundation at P.O. Box 10112 Lansing, Michigan 48901.

By Council Member Kaltenbach

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-393**

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

WHEREAS, the Lawrence R. Davis Sarcoidosis Foundation, Inc. has requested a resolution of recognition as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license pursuant to MCL 432.103 (9); and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes the Lawrence R. Davis Sarcoidosis Foundation as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk is requested to provide a copy of this resolution to Barbara J. Davis of the Lawrence R. Davis Sarcoidosis Foundation, Inc., 918 Cawood Lansing, Michigan 48915.

By Council Member Kaltenbach

Motion Carried

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT  
RELATED MATTERS**

Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

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

By Council Member Jeffries that all items be considered as being read in full and that Vice President Robinson 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 the Board of Water & Light's consolidated Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2009

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. Sole Source Purchase; Finance Department/Fleet Services Division request for Gregware Equipment Company as the vendor for a used Bombardier SW 48 Sidewalk Plow Vehicle

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

- ii. Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for 2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

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

- iii. Appointment of Tom Truscott to the Historic District Commission for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2012

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
  - a. Letters from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission:
    - i. Providing 15-Day Notice of an Application from Masaad Investments, LLC requesting to Transfer Ownership of 2009 SDD & SDM Licensed Business from Ghotra Brothers Enterprises, Inc. located at 3912 S. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. Providing notice of a request from Fairbanks II, LLC d/b/a Coscarelli's to cancel its escrowed 2008 Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) license only and to cancel the Sunday Sales Permit and the additional bar permit, currently held in conjunction with a Class C license, located at 2408-2420 S Cedar St., with the Class C license to remain in escrow

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. Capital Area District Library's 2009 Tax Levy and Millage Reduction Fraction Computation

REFERRED TO THE CITY TREASURER AND REFERRED TO THE CITY ASSESSOR

- c. Request for Recognition of Non-Profit Status in the City of Lansing submitted by Mid-Michigan Mensa of 4350 Oakwood Dr., Okemos

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- d. Community Funding Reporting Statements submitted by:
  - i. Native American Arts and Crafts Council for its Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow, Native American Cultural Event held June 19 – 21, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. Black Child and Family Institute for its Genesee Block Party Community Cares Festival held September 5, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- e. Letter from Richard Clement requesting changes to all Lansing City Ordinances and employee rules related to marijuana

REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**

**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Council Member Hewitt

To excuse Council President Quinney from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

**REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Council Member Hewitt stated concerns with the Consent Agenda.

Vice President Robinson clarified the process in which the consent agenda was adopted.

Council Member Dunbar spoke in support of the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Wood stated concerns with the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Hewitt addressed comments made by Council Member Dunbar regarding the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Dunbar clarified her statements regarding the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Jeffries stated concerns with the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Swope clarified the City Council rule relating to the Consent Agenda.

Council member Hewitt addressed the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Allen asked that issues relating to the Consent Agenda be taken up in the Committee of the Whole.

Vice President Robinson announced the next 2nd Saturdays meeting for residents of the 3rd Ward.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. spoke about various city matters.

**ADJOURNED TIME 8:31 P.M.**