



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF OCTOBER 19, 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: Council Members Allen, Dunbar, Hewitt (Left at 8:03 p.m.), 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 Vice President Robinson

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of October 12, 2009 and Corrected Council Proceedings of September 18, 2006

Motion carried

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Allen announced the next Old Everett neighborhood meeting and gave a shot out to the residents of the Southbrook Villas.

Council Member Hewitt stated that the Allen Street Market is still open this year. He asked City Attorney Smith the status of changes to the Ethics Ordinance and he stated that it has been in the Committee of the Whole for quite some time.

Vice President Robinson welcomed President Quinney back to the City Council. She spoke about a workshop at Sparrow Regional Cancer Center and a special anniversary service for Union Missionary Baptist Church. She announced candidate forums at the next Churchill Downs and Colonial Village neighborhood meetings. She also announced the next Averill Woods neighborhood meeting.

Council Member Dunbar announced the South Lansing Business Association candidate forum, the Fenner Nature Center Candyland Trail and the Boo at the Zoo events. She also announced a community forum master planning meeting.

Council Member Wood announced the Grace Lutheran Church candidate forum.

City Clerk Swope gave his condolences to the family of Doris Carlice, an election inspector and community activist who recently passed away. He stated that there is still time to request and receive absentee ballots for the November General Election. He also stated that his 2500 S. Washington Ave. location will be open on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to request and receive absentee ballots. He announced the public test of the voting equipment.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. of 3815 Berwick Dr. announced the grand opening of the South Side Community Center.

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, announced the Trick or Treat on the Square event. He spoke about the recent Mobile Food Pantry and thanked the volunteers and sponsors of the event. He stated that the majority of the construction work on Mt. Hope Ave. should be completed next week, at that work on Allegan St. should be completed later this week. He spoke about repairs to city parks and the city's preliminary Fiscal Year 2009 Audit.

Council Member Kaltenbach stated that neighbors near the Kirby Ct. Park appreciate all of the city's efforts to improve the park.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

1. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 825 Clayton St.
2. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 806 N. Cedar St.
3. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1619 Bailey St.

There were no speakers for these Show Cause Hearings.

REFERRAL OF SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 825 Clayton St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

2. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 806 N. Cedar St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

3. In consideration of the issuance of orders for Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 1619 Bailey St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

There were no Public Hearings.

There were no speakers for Legislative Matters.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS

City Clerk Swope read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2009-401

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

WHEREAS, Jackie Wade Day was born the third oldest child of six with four brothers and one sister in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she is a loving mother of three adult children, Carolyn, Fred, and Cheryl, and is blessed to have five wonderful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Day moved to Lansing in 1965, where she and her family began building a full and joyful life; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Jackie and her good friend Christine Johnson, who is also mother to "Magic" Johnson, founded D&J Promotions & Management, initially to answer Magic's fan mail; and

WHEREAS, D&J Promotions & Management grew into a very successful venture and twenty nine years later, Jackie's talents as planner, organizer, coordinator, gospel promoter, producer, and manager are still going strong; and

WHEREAS, Jackie has been instrumental in coordinating numerous gospel concerts across mid-Michigan as well as to the Lansing and East Lansing area, including artists like Donnie McClurkin, Yolanda Adams, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, and Brian Hurst from Tyler Perry's "Madea Goes to Jail"; and

WHEREAS, Jackie was presented with the Milan NAACP Distinguished Service Award from the inmates at Milan Federal Prison in 1993 for her outreach efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to congratulate Jackie Wade Day on her many accomplishments and extends its deepest appreciation to her outreach efforts. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors!

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2009-402

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

That the following FY 2009 transfers be approved:

State/Federal Programs
VOCA-CARE Grant Project

\$128,803.00 from Estimated Federal Revenue 273.0.501210.17727
\$115,576.00 to CARE Wages – Temp Help 273.343201.707000.17727
\$8,730.00 to CARE Fringe Benefits 273.343201.715000.17727
\$4,497.00 to CARE Miscellaneous Operating 273.343201.741000.17727

(To provide for an annual renewable state grant to the Lansing Police Department for the Victims of Crime Act CARE domestic abuse counseling program. Trained volunteer response teams provide counseling and other assistance to victims in the greater Lansing area. Volunteer time is valued as soft match for the federal grant. The grant project will operate from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.)

By Council Member Wood

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 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 submitting:
 - i. A request by Cadillac Club, Inc. to Transfer Ownership of 2008 Class C Licensed Business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, located at 1115 S. Washington Ave. from David W. Sheets

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. 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. Transfer of Funds; Transfers Out, State/Federal Programs – Police

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

- ii. Transfer of Funds; Bullet Proof Vest Project

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

- iii. Issuing Grant Funds to Mount Hope Cemetery Basin Project from Fratcher Foundation Trust Funds

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

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Contract between the State of Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Lansing to allow for Hot mix asphalt paving work along Allegan St. (eastbound Capitol Loop) from Capitol Ave. to Grand Ave. and along eastbound Highway M-43/I-96BL (Saginaw St.) from Pennsylvania Ave. to Cleveland St.; together with necessary related work, located within the corporate limits of the City of Lansing

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- b. Letter from Comcast Cable providing notice of channel lineup changes effective November 10, 2009

REFERRED TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

- c. Letter from John Pollard, President of Fair Share Coalition of Lansing submitting a copy of a letter alleging Charter violations by the Lansing City Council

REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

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

Robert Ovalle of 2023 Park Ln., Delta Twp., spoke about the voting process.

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

Michael Morofsky of 1300 Woodbine Ave. spoke about an alleged Lansing Police Department conflict of interest.

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

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

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

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

Carl Calille of 306 Harriet Ave. spoke about various city matters.

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

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

Jason Willes of 3218 Continental Dr. spoke about various city matters.

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

Council Member Hewitt left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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

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

ADJOURNED TIME 8:13 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK