



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF OCTOBER 26, 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, Jeffries, Kaltenbach, Quinney, Robinson, Wood

**ABSENT:** Council Members Dunbar and Hewitt (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

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

### **APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

By Council Member

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of October 19, 2009

Motion carried

*Council Member Hewitt arrived at the meeting at 7:03 p.m.*

### **SPECIAL CEREMONIES**

- Special Ceremonies

1. Mayoral Presentation; Ramadan Dinner Fundraiser Proceeds to Greater Lansing and Mid-Michigan Food Banks

Mayor Bernero spoke about the dinner being quite successful. He thanked Joan Jackson Johnson, the Human Relations and Community Services Department, and everyone who made the dinner a success.

Joan Jackson Johnson, Director of the Human Relations and Community Services Department, spoke about the proceeds from the dinner being divided evenly between the Greater Lansing Food Bank and the Mid-Michigan Food Bank. She stated that both organizations accept non-perishable food donations as well as cash donations.

Terry Link of the Greater Lansing Food Bank stated that Joan Jackson Johnson does a great job for the homeless and spoke about her support of his organization.

Mayor Bernero spoke about the various ways citizens can help the homeless, such as volunteering.

2. Mayoral Presentation; Recognition of South Side Citizen Action Team

Mayor Bernero spoke about the opening of the South Side Community Center and thanked all of those who made it happen. He also passed out certificates to those present who helped make the center a reality.

Council Member Allen stated that her 16 year dream to have a South Side Community Center has finally come true and thanked Mayor Bernero for making it happen.

Mayor Bernero noted the efforts of Frank Lain who was instrumental in the opening of the center.

Council President Quinney stated that he was in the first graduating class of Harry Hill High School, which is now the South Side Community Center. He thanked the Mayor's administration for opening the center.

Murdock Jemerson, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, stated that the South Side Community Center will house the first City owned indoor pool and encouraged attendees of the opening day festivities to bring their swim attire.

Martin Dungey was thrilled to represent his wife Monica, who has passed away, and recognized all of her hard work.

Tina Houghton thanked everyone involved in the opening of the center.

Alfreda Schmidt read a statement about the history and the future services of the center.

Gordon Wilson thanked the Temple of David church for the use of their meeting space. He thanked Frank S. Curtis X, Darnell E. Oldham, Sr. and Mayor Bernero for all of their efforts.

Ed Benson spoke about the process that brought about the creation of the center.

Mayor Bernero thanked all in attendance and invited everyone to the opening of the center.

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

Council Member Hewitt stated that this is the last week for the Allen Street Market. He asked Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, to address an unrepaired sidewalk in the 2700 block of E. Michigan Ave. that he stated he has asked about for the past six months. He also asked him about Fairview Ave. in the Groesbeck Area not being repaired.

Jerry Ambrose stated that he will follow up on both issues.

Council Member Allen asked Jerry Ambrose why requests from the Internal Auditor were not addressed and he stated that he informed her in the Committee of the Whole that those issues are being addressed.

Council Member Wood spoke about her visit at Christ United Methodist Church today and thanked the members for all of their work.

Vice President Robinson spoke about the On the Boulevard Association's Canned Food Drive and she thanked those in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward who worked on opening the South Side Community Center.

Council Member Allen thanked Lori and Gary Patterson for their great home Halloween decorations.

Council President Quinney spoke about the reasons that recent Committee of the Whole meetings were canceled and he spoke about the process for the Budget Policies and Priorities. He congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on Mt. Hope Cemetery being recognized with a historic designation. He announced the Pleasant View Magnet School Breast Cancer Awareness event.

City Clerk Swope gave his condolences to the family of Jim Morse, an election inspector who recently passed away. He stated that there is still time to request and receive absentee ballots. He also stated that his office at 2500 S. Washington Ave. will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday to request and receive absentee ballots. He asked that voters call his office or check his website to find out their polling locations.

## COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Willy Williams of P.O. Box 11042 announced the Got Chess? program.

## 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

Mayor Bernero thanked Joan Jackson Johnson and the Human Relations and Community Services Department employees for the success of the recent Mobile Food Pantry. He invited everyone to attend the opening of the South Side Community Center. He stated that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Gier Community Center expansion. He spoke about the Brownfield summit. He asked for a moment of silence for the family of Demarcus Rembert, as citizen who was recently killed. He stated that there will be a community public safety meeting regarding this incident and others. He spoke about the six month crime statistics which show that the city has experienced a 16.3% reduction in overall crime.

## 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 812 Heald Pl.

There were no speakers for this Show Cause Hearing

## 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 812 Heald Pl.

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.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke about the City Council Budget Policies and Priorities.

Richard Clement of P. O. Box 26123 spoke about transfers of funds and about the "Modus Operandi" agreement between the Venue Nightclub and the Lansing Police Department.

Kathi Raffone of 1221 Muskegon Ave. spoke about the city budget.

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

## CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Jeffries asked that items 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, and 3a be removed from the consent agenda.

## RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION #2009-403

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Manager has determined that the building located at 1619 Bailey Street, Parcel # 33-01-01-22-351-141 legally described as: Lot 20 Block 1 Assessors Plat No 28 Rec L 10 P 33 is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 1460.24 of the Lansing Uniform Housing Code and the Housing Law of Michigan and was red tagged on January 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by the Hearing Officers on August 27, 2009, at which the Hearing Officers determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by September 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officers filed a report of their findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Housing and Premises Code and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Premises Code require 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on October 19, 2009, to review the findings and the order of the Hearing Officers and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 1619 Bailey Street are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Hearing Officers to demolish or otherwise make safe the said building within sixty days from the date of this resolution, Monday, October 26, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Hearing Officers' order for demolition or make safe, the Manager of Code Compliance is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED whether demolition is accomplished by said property owner or the city that appropriate seeding and restoration of property take place to avoid run-off to adjacent properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of such demolition shall be a lien against the real property and shall be reported to the City Assessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the owners in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment record shall be notified by the City Assessor of the amount of such cost by first class mail at the address shown on the records. Upon the owners failure to pay the same within thirty (30) days after mailing by the City Assessor of the notice of the amount thereof, the amount of said costs shall be a lien and shall be filed and recovered as provided by law and the lien shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the

general property tax act.

By Council Member Allen

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-404**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Manager has determined that the building located at 825 Clayton Street, Parcel # 33-01-01-08-452-201 legally described as: Lot 112 Oakdale Add is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 1460.24 of the Lansing Uniform Housing Code and the Housing Law of Michigan and was red tagged on June 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by the Hearing Officers on August 27, 2009, at which the Hearing Officers determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by September 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officers filed a report of their findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Housing and Premises Code and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Premises Code require 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on October 19, 2009, to review the findings and the order of the Hearing Officers and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 825 Clayton Street are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Hearing Officers to demolish or otherwise make safe the said building within sixty days from the date of this resolution, Monday, October 26, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Hearing Officers' order for demolition or make safe, the Manager of Code Compliance is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

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By Council Member Allen

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-405**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Manager has determined that the building located at 806 N. Cedar Street, Parcel # 33-01-01-09-477-091 legally described as: Lot 17 Assessors Plat No 29 of Block 18 Orig Plat is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 1460.24 of the Lansing Uniform Housing Code and the Housing Law of Michigan and was red tagged on February 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held by the Hearing Officers on August 27, 2009, at which the Hearing Officers determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by September 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officers filed a report of their findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Housing and Premises Code and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Premises Code require 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on October 19, 2009, to review the findings and the order of the Hearing Officers and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 806 N. Cedar Street are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Hearing Officers to demolish or otherwise make safe the said building within sixty days from the date of this resolution, Monday, October 26, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Hearing Officers' order for demolition or make safe, the Manager of Code Compliance is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED whether demolition is accomplished by said property owner or the city that appropriate seeding and restoration of property take place to avoid run-off to adjacent properties.

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By Council Member Allen

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-406**

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Lansing requires the Council to adopt an annual statement of Budget Policies and Priorities serving to guide the Administration in developing and presenting the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the State's continuing budget problems and the economy's slow recovery from recession will make the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget process difficult and challenging; and

WHEREAS, in light of the present economy, the City Council maintains that public and emergency services be protected from budget cuts to the extent possible and that tax increases be considered; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to continue its commitment, if funding is available:

- Maintain and improve the City's infrastructure;
- Preserve and ensure clean, safe, well-maintained housing and neighborhoods;
- Provide comprehensive and affordable recreational programs and youth and family services;
- Automate work programs for improved efficiency in service delivery; and

WHEREAS, in considering these Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget priorities, the Administration is encouraged to ascertain the feasibility of funding any new programs through the reduction of spending in existing program areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, acknowledges that the City will likely need to adopt, at best, a budget which recognizes the structural changes that are the result of lost revenues and encourages the Administration to prudently develop next year's budget with the following conditions:

- Protection of public and emergency services;
- Use of the Budget Stabilization Fund to prevent layoffs;
- Consider a property tax increase to fund additional patrol officers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration review the attached statement of policies and priorities and implement those items that would boost efficiencies to increase productivity or reduce costs, that could replace existing programming, or if funding becomes available, that could be considered as new programming.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Training:** All Departments should continue their work to improve community relations and reaffirm the City's commitment to ensure equality and freedom for all people regardless of actual or perceived race, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, color, age, height, weight, student status, marital status, familial status, housing status, military discharge status, sexual orientation, gender identification or expression, mental or physical limitation, and legal source of income.

**Arts Commission:** The Administration should develop an Arts Commission and submit both the policy and recommendation of members to Council for their approval.

**Environmental & Public Health Commission:** The Administration should develop an Environmental & Public Health Commission and submit both the policy and recommendation of members to Council for their approval.

**Facilities Plan:** The Administration is requested to submit a five and ten

year Master Facilities Plan. City Council is also requesting that the Administration continue work on the delayed maintenance issues with regard to all City Facilities. The Administration should develop a plan for consolidation of the North and South Precincts, Central Police Operation, and 54-A District Court and report back to Council within a sufficient amount of time to implement prior to expiration dates on leases.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT****General Budgeting Practices:**

1. Administration is to develop a line item budget.
2. Develop and analyze a cost recovery schedule for City services.
3. Develop a return on investment analysis for all proposed changes in City services.
4. Identify and provide a complete analysis of the City's structural deficits and the Administration's plan to eliminate the same.

**PUBLIC SAFETY****FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**City-wide Emergency Preparedness:** The Administration should allocate sufficient funding for the Emergency Management Division to prepare City Employees with appropriate emergency training, continue efforts to prepare the public and neighborhood groups to assist in emergencies, and provide basic search and rescue operations and necessary emergency equipment at key City facilities, and communicate the plan to the public. The Administration should assist residents in times of unforeseen disasters.

**Firefighters:** The Administration in conjunction with the Internal Auditor is to determine if it is more advantageous to hire additional firefighters rather than increase overtime.

**Fire Facilities Maintenance:** The Administration is to conduct a study of the maintenance needs of all fire stations.

**Fire Stations:** All current fire station structures need to remain open unless one is closed in order to open a new station. If there is consideration of a reduction of the level of personnel at a station, it must be promptly brought before Council for approval. City Council encourages the administration to study the possibility of utilizing regional fire facilities.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Police-Community Relations:** The Department should continue its work on improving police-community relations and reaffirm the City's commitment to ensure equality and freedom for all people regardless of actual or perceived race, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, color, age, height, weight, student status, marital status, familial status, housing status, military discharge status, sexual orientation, gender identification or expression, mental or physical limitation, and legal source of income.

**Crime Prevention:** The Administration is requested and encouraged to invest in programs for long-term crime prevention strategies.

**Expedite Hiring Process:** The Administration should fill all the vacant funded positions and "front load" positions for the LPD to ensure that all critical positions are filled at all times. These positions are to be filled at all

times even if it is on a temporary basis due to officers retiring or being called for reserves. The Administration should look at filling positions with civilians or volunteers allowing more officers on patrol.

**Additional Police Officers:** The Administration should place ten additional road patrol officers.

**LPD Personnel:** The Administration is requested to review the way the police department is structured to determine if civilian personnel or police officers could be deployed differently in order to increase the number of patrol officers on the street.

**Allocate Overtime for Zero Tolerance Areas:** The Administration should earmark sufficient overtime funds for patrol officers to address problem solving to help curtail crime in zero tolerance areas. The Council recommends that overtime funds should not be taken from the current overtime budgeted line item.

## **HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Audits of Organizations:** The Administration should work with the Internal Auditor to provide the Ways and Means Committee with an analysis of the Federal 990 Statement and any annual audit or financial statement that is compiled by or for the organization that receives funding from HRCS or in-kind contributions in excess of \$5,000 from the City.

**Carry Forward Funding:** In accordance with the ordinance requiring 1.25% of the revenues set aside for funding of the Human Relations and Community Service programming, City Council wants all of these funds to be carried forward and distributed, which could entail a one time grant to qualified programs to ensure service to the community.

**Emergency Housing:** The Administration should establish a fund for temporary emergency housing needs which may not be met by outside agencies.

**Special Events:** The Administration should develop a mechanism to measure the City's costs associated with special events filed with the City. Identify all additional money or donated items given to the City to host or sponsor special events.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT/PLANNING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**Consolidation of Ground Maintenance:** The Administration should pursue the consolidation of equipment and management for all grounds-related maintenance.

**Trail/Greenways:** The Administration should encourage the Parks and Recreation Department to work collaboratively with the Tri-County Planning Commission to develop/expand our citywide/regional trail system and seek opportunities to reduce expenses in this effort. Additionally, look at the feasibility of connecting the River Trail (through bike lanes/Greenways to Trails) where there is currently no access to the trail.

**Mid-Michigan Football Youth League:** The City Council encourages Administration to pursue all grants and outside funding sources to be identified for building a home facility for our local Mid-Michigan Youth Football League.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Baker/Donora Facility:** City Council understands the service that is given at Baker/Donora Focus Center which affects the community in and around the center. Because of the opportunity which now avails itself with the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition and the NPP, City Council

requests the Administration to make every effort possible in facilitating and utilizing the funding available to implement the plan for a new building.

**Park Millage Usage:** Park Millage money should be used for maintenance, programs, and improvements to our existing park facilities.

**Golf:** The Administration should pursue the recommendations made by the Public Service Committee by means of a 2006 Committee Report and approved by Council through a resolution.

**Park Restrooms:** The Administration should submit a plan which will allow for restroom facilities in the City's park system to be utilized during the day time hours, including weekends, and to analyze the cost and feasibility of installing semi-permanent restroom facilities.

**Forestry:** The Administration should make no further cuts to forestry/cemetery staff. Further, the Administration should pursue expanding forestry services, including staffing, by requiring the "in-sourcing" of these services in all City contracts where applicable.

## **PLANNING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**Neighborhood Preservation Program:** The Administration should monitor the commitments made by City departments and non profits as part of the Neighborhood Preservation Program and make an assessment of the program and recommendation for a new plan.

**Traffic:** The Administration should provide a plan to be pro-active for the replacement of signage (stop signs, traffic signs, etc.).

**Focus on Home Ownership:** The Administration should direct the Planning Department to designate the City's HOME dollars for owner-occupied housing.

**Beautification:** The Administration should include a beautification standard/expectation in all proposed development projects, including those capital projects that are financed with City funds. Such standards should serve as a planning and economic development tool that will enhance property values, create jobs, and revitalize neighborhoods and business areas.

**Corridor:** City Council encourages the Administration to develop a plan to revitalize and enhance major corridors that lead into the City.

**Allocation of Code Compliance Time:** The Code Compliance officers should spend an equal amount of their time between rental registration inspections and quality-of-life issues and complaints from residents that may not generate revenue.

**Code Compliance:** The Code Compliance Office should develop a plan for coverage of code compliance issues during evenings and weekends.

**Expedite Improving Abandoned Residential and Commercial Buildings:** The City Attorney and the Planning and Neighborhood Development Department should expedite the forced improvements or closure of abandoned, neglected, and burned out houses and commercial buildings, and develop a commercial building code.

**Housing Court:** The Court, City Council, and the Administration should work to create a Housing Court to expedite code enforcement and housing issues.

**Specialty Grocery Market:** The Administration and the City of Lansing Economic Development Corporation should pursue, as a destination location, a specialty grocery market such as a Whole Foods Market, Fresh Market, or Trader Joe's in Lansing.

**Grocery Stores:** The Administration and the City of Lansing Economic Development Corporation should pursue grocery stores in the urban core.

**PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

**Maintenance:** The Administration should ensure money is allocated for the maintenance of alleys, rain gardens, and other public areas.

**Street Sweeping:** The Administration should develop a plan for maintenance of the street right-of-way, which includes increasing street sweeping, trash, and brush removal. Additionally, Administration should establish priority zones for bike lanes.

**Residential Solid Waste:** City Council encourages the Administration to analyze the costs and benefits of providing all residential solid waste services through the City.

**Compost Material:** The Administration is requested to provide a final report to City Council regarding the cost/benefit of retrofitting yard waste trucks with hydraulic lifts and providing rigid recycling bins that would be compatible with such trucks.

**Sidewalks:** The Administration should ensure that sidewalks are installed, maintained, and free of snow in high traffic areas to provide the public, especially children, with safe routes to and from schools and shopping areas. The Administration should also submit plans to upgrade the skywalks to make them handicap accessible. The Administration should ensure that all sidewalks in all areas identified in the 2005 Public Service Gap Closure Analysis are addressed in order of their priority unless construction is scheduled.

**Skywalks:** The Administration should submit a report to upgrade existing skywalks to make them handicap accessible and identify additional sites for installation of future skywalks.

**Sidewalk Repairs:** The Administration should provide Council, for their review, the ordinance and mechanism to enact the Sidewalk Inspection Due on Sale of Property Program as well as guidelines that would allow property owners to pay for the replacement/repair of deteriorating sidewalks and be reimbursed by the City for its share of the cost and ensure that all temporary repairs meet ADA standards for "Rise and Run".

**Rain Gardens:** The Administration is requested to provide a comprehensive design plan and costs for adding to or transitioning from traditional storm sewers to rain gardens, wherever feasible. Every effort should be made to coordinate installation with existing and planned construction projects. The Administration should provide information about and encourage the use of rain gardens on all new development. Once the plan is approved by City Council, the Administration shall install rain gardens according to the plan.

**Bike Lanes:** The Administration is encouraged to expedite the Walkable/Bikeable Plan as outlined in the current ordinance.

**Utilities:** The Administration should make every effort to coordinate with utility providers to bury utilities where and whenever possible.

**CSO Projects:** The Administration should partner with City Council to engage residents affected by CSO in a project review, survey, and evaluation of the City's CSO Control Project with a focus on the existing project approach of total separation of the remaining combined sewer system.

**CSO Project Funding:** The Administration should review and determine long term strategies for financing and funding CSO projects which do not primarily rely on sewer rates.

By Council Member Robinson

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-407**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves acceptance of the COPS Project Safe Neighborhood Grant received from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and that the following FY 2010 transfer be approved:

State/Federal Programs  
Police  
COPS Project Safe Neighborhoods

\$ 6,000.00 from Federal Revenue 273.0.527001.17081  
\$ 6,000.00 to Miscellaneous Operating 273.343251.741000.17081

(To appropriate US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Project Safe Neighborhoods resources to address persistent local issues of guns, drugs, and gangs. Special public billboard ads will be emphasized. The project covers the period of February 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.)

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-408**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves acceptance of the 54A District Court's Sobriety Court Grant received from the USDOT Office of Highway Safety Planning and that the following FY 2010 transfer be approved:

State/Federal Programs  
Sobriety Court OHSP

\$30,000.00 from Federal Revenue 273.0.527000.17068  
\$16,840.00 to Temp Help 273.132201.707000.17068  
\$675.00 to Miscellaneous Operating 273.132201.741000.17068  
\$12,485.00 to Contractual Services 273.132201.743000.17068

(To provide for supplemental funding in Sobriety Court with grant resources from the US Department of Transportation, Office of Highway Safety Planning [OHSP]. The grant will operate from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010)

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-409**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves acceptance of the Supreme Court Administration Office Renewal Grant received from the Michigan Drug Court Grant program and that the following FY 2010 transfer be approved:

State/Federal Programs  
Sobriety Court MDCGP

\$20,600.00 from Federal Revenue 273.0.547000.17075  
\$3,000.00 from Participant Fees 273.0.648001.17075  
\$23,600.00 to Temp Help 273.132201.707000.17075

(To provide for basic funding of temporary help in Sobriety Court with grant resources from the Supreme Court Administrative Office. The grant will operate from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010)

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-410**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves acceptance of the ATF Database Grant received from the US Department of Justice and that the following FY 2010 transfer be approved:

State/Federal Programs  
Police  
ATF Database Grant

\$ 28,000.00 from Federal Revenue 273.0.527001.17065  
\$ 28,000.00 to Overtime – ATF Task Force 273.343225.708000.17065

(To appropriate US Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives [ATF] grant resources to provide for the overtime-intensive loading of evidence data to the ATF nationwide database. The project covers only the month of September 2009.)

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2009-411**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approves acceptance of the 09 Justice Assistance Grant received from the US Department of Justice and that the following FY 2010 transfer be approved:

State/Federal Programs  
Police  
09 Justice Assistance Grant

\$ 194,603.00 from Federal Revenue 273.0.527001.17662  
\$ 14,294.00 to Ingham County 273.343251.960002.17662  
\$ 21,400.00 to East Lansing 273.343251.960004.17662  
\$ 158,909.00 to Miscellaneous Operating 273.343251.977101.17662

(To appropriate the annual renewable formula grant resources of the US Department of Justice for cooperative law enforcement programs in the wider Lansing area. Ingham County and East Lansing will concentrate resources on technical equipment, and Lansing will concentrate on expanding and updating its Detention Center surveillance. The project covers the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2012.)

By Council Member Wood

Motion Carried

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**RESOLUTION #2009-412**  
REPORT OF COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY met on September 16, 2009 and reviewed safety concerns surrounding the Venue Nightclub during their events. During that meeting, the owners of the Venue Nightclub and

representatives from the Lansing Police Department attended to discuss safety recommendations.

At the October 21, 2009 Committee on Public Safety meeting, Captain Teresa Szymanski provided the Committee with a "Modus Operandi" agreement between the Lansing Police Department and the Venue Nightclub. The agreement includes a list of recommendations to assist with issues that arise with large crowds of people on the Venue Nightclub's special events nights, including monitoring of alcohol sales/consumption, due to recurring altercations of varying severity near and after the Club closing, and keeping in mind the limitations of the Lansing Police Department.

For each special event put on by the Venue Nightclub, the "Modus Operandi" agreed upon would include the following:

- 20-25 Security Officers to staff special events
- Security Officers screen all patrons entering the Club
- Barricades are placed to encourage patrons waiting in line to remain orderly
- Security Officers and Club management communicate via two way radios
- Security Officers and Club Management maintain an Incident Log documenting problems, complaints, crimes, etc.
- Security Officers and Club Management notify Police of reported crimes
- Security Officers wear name tags
- Security Officers patrol parking areas during the Club's business hours
- Club stops performances/music and switch to lower volume calming music at 35 minutes prior to closing
- Club turns on interior lights and begin periodic closing announcements asking patrons to leave at 30 minutes prior to closing
- Closing announcements advise patrons not to loiter in the parking lot
- Security Officers conduct a sweep of the parking lot at closing time
- Security Officers do not allow patrons to loiter in parking areas
- Club provides portable lighting for parking areas
- Club provides Police advance notice of special events
- Police have installed Public Video Surveillance (PVS) cameras
- Police supervisors monitor activity at the Club
- Club provides traffic barricades in parking areas to direct vehicles to exit
- Police assist with traffic control on public roadways as needed
- Club ensures trash is cleaned from parking areas after closing
- Club maintains dialogue with neighboring business management
- Club continues practice of increased security staff when large crowds are expected

The Committee wishes to thank the Lansing Police Department for their time and effort in this endeavor.

By the Committee on Public Safety

Signed by: Sandy Allen, Chair  
Carol Wood, Vice Chair  
Eric Hewitt, Member

By Council Member Allen

To receive this Committee Report

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:
    - i. Providing notice of the placement on file of a draft version of the City of Lansing's Report on Audit of Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2009

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

- ii. Submitting written comments received during the sixty (60) day comment period for the intent to create the Saginaw Street Corridor Improvement Authority and the Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. 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. P-1-2007; Final Plat, Re-approval of McCrackin Subdivision – Valencia Blvd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Transfer of Funds; State/Federal Programs, 09 Recovery Asset Seizure Federal Grant Program

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

- iii. Transfer of Funds; Police Administration, Donations

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

- iv. Transfer of Funds; State/Federal Programs, Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Grant

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

- v. Grant Acceptance; Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant

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

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
  - a. Letter from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission providing 15-Day Notice of an application from RPF Oil Company for a new SDM License to be located at 4600 S. Cedar St.

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

- b. Letter from Comcast Cable providing notice of network enhancements and channel lineup changes effective on or about November 18, 2009 and submitting documents related thereto

REFERRED TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

- c. Letter from Kasia Franklin of 1714 Shady Oak Ln. requesting a stop or yield sign at the northeast corner of Biltmore Blvd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND REFERRED TO THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

- d. Letter from Steve Harry of 3125 Tecumseh River Rd. requesting an Ordinance banning the use of 527 accounts by City of Lansing elected officials

REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY

**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Council Member Robinson

To excuse Council Member Dunbar from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

**REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Council Member Jeffries explained his absence from recent Committee of the Whole meetings.

Vice President Robinson stated the reasons for addressing absences from recent Committee of the Whole meetings and the resulting lack of quorums.

Council member Jeffries spoke about his attendance record.

Council member Wood spoke about her attendance record and explained her absence from recent Committee of the Whole meetings.

Council Member Allen spoke about her attendance record and explained her absence from recent Committee of the Whole meetings.

Council Member Hewitt explained his absence from recent Committee of the Whole meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

Marcus Brown of 119 and 121 E. Barnes Ave. spoke about issues related to his neighborhood.

Dottie Croskey of 144 Barden St. spoke about issues related to her neighborhood.

Dennis Burdick of 518 N. Verlinden St. spoke about the upcoming City General Election.

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

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

Claude Beavers of 3010 Boston Blvd. spoke about the Mayor's 527 account and about golf courses in the city.

Whitney Simpson of 3111 Plymouth Dr. spoke about taxes.

Gary Andrews of 560 Brookland Blvd. spoke about Cable PEG channel issues.

Fred Stackable of 4781 E. Golfview Dr., Leland, spoke about the upcoming City General Election.

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

Christopher Davis of 122 W. Huron St. spoke about various city matters.

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

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

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

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

Rina Risper of 503 W. Grand River Ave. spoke about various city matters.

**ADJOURNED TIME 9:32 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**