



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 21, 2010**

City Council Chambers  
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Robinson

**PRESENT:** Council Members Dunbar, Hewitt, Jeffries, Quinney, Robinson, Wood, Yorko

**ABSENT:** Council Member Houghton

Council Member Wood asked people to remember Emly Horne's mother, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Robinson.

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

By Council Member Dunbar

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of January 7 and 11, 2010

Motion carried

#### **CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

By Council Member Dunbar

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 Council Member Dunbar; City Council Meeting Venue for the State of the City Address

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Member Wood announced the Diamonds in the Rough event and the Ruth Hallman Birthday Party for Lansing Police Department problem-solving overtime.

President Robinson announced the Lansing Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's My Cry in the Dark event on depression in the black community.

Council Member Wood announced final meetings for the 2035 Plan for the Tri-County.

City Clerk Swope spoke about the upcoming 2010 census and the importance of accurate counts of the population.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Loretta Stanaway of 546 Armstrong Rd. announced a cemetery event.

Manuela Kress of the Women's Center of Greater Lansing announced upcoming classes for women.

L.W. Morrow of 3030 Paul Ave. spoke about a fuel cell 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**

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, thanked the City Council for allowing the late item for the City Council Meeting Venue for the State of the City Address.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

There were no Public Hearings.

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. spoke about the City Council Meeting Venue for the State of the City Address.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### **RESOLUTION #2010-005**

BY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT KATHIE DUNBAR  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor presents the State of the City Address annually as part of a City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has expressed the desire and recommendation to hold a State of the City Address on January 25, 2010 as part of the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Southside Community Center at 5815 Wise Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the January 25, 2010 Lansing City Council meeting will commence at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall and recess by 5:45 p.m. The City Council meeting will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. by the call of the President at the Southside Community Center at 5815 Wise Road for the State of the City Address.

By Council Member Dunbar

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 Dunbar that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Robinson make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

a. Letters from the City Clerk submitting:

- i. Proposed resolution to rescind resolution #2008-623, Development Area Liquor License for McPat, Inc. for property located at 120 N. Washington Sq., due to the Transfer of Ownership of a Class C Liquor License to the same location for the same restaurant, Troppo, adopted through resolution #2009-446

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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

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b. Letters from the Mayor re:

- i. Brownfield #46 (b) Sonic Restaurant, Former Governor's Inn Project (amended)

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Act-20-2008; Alley Vacations, 300 Block S. Capitol Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. Act-17-2008; Vacate Right of Way, E. Howe Ave. east of 7th Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iv. Transfer of Funds; City Council (Houghton)

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

- v. Transfer of Funds; City Council (Yorke)

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

- vi. Proposed Resolution; Establishment of Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District for property located at 1118 S. Washington Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- vii. Proposed Resolution; Brownfield Plan #47; 1118 South Washington Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- viii. Proposed Resolution; Act-5-09; Comfort Station, 313 E. Grand River Ave. Market for Sale

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ix. Proposed Resolution; North Capitol Parking Ramp, Setting a Public Hearing for February 8, 2010

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- x. Proposed Resolution; Accident Fund Parking Ramp Bond, Setting a Public Hearing

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- xi. Appointment of Tricia Spain to the Board of Review for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2012

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

- xii. Appointment of Josh Hovey to the Planning Board for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2013 and Appointment of Alisande Henry to the Planning Board for an At-large Term to Expire June 30, 2012

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- xiii. Appointment of Antoinette Howard to the Mechanical Board for a Citizen Representative Term to Expire June 30, 2010

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- xiv. Appointment of Adam Hussain to the Park Board for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2011

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letter from the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issuing a permit to the City of Lansing to perform repairs to the superstructures only at the Kalamazoo St. crossing of the Grand River and the Pennsylvania Ave. crossing of the Grand River

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

- b. Letters from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission

- i. Providing 15-Day Notice of an application from Billie Morrell requesting a new SDM License to be located at 1616 Perkins St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. Providing notice of the Cancellation of Application submitted by the Firm Food and Spirits, LLC for a 2nd Outdoor Service Area for property located at 227-229-231 S. Washington Sq. per its request

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- iii. Providing notice of the Cancellation of Application submitted by Ganpat, Inc. to Transfer Ownership of a 2009 SDD and SDM Licensed Business with Sunday Sales Permit from GKRA, Inc. for property located at 4013 Aurelius Rd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- c. Letter from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission submitting a copy of its audit report for fiscal year 2009

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

- d. Letter from the Ingham County/City of Lansing Office of Community Corrections requesting Confirmation of Appointment of Scott Schultz to the Community Corrections Advisory Board

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- e. Letters from Comcast Cable providing notice of:
  - i. Updates to its on-screen Cable Guide for Digital Cable customers effective February 11, 2010

REFERRED TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

- ii. Channel lineup changes effective February 11, 2010

REFERRED TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

- f. Community Funding Reporting Statements submitted by:
  - i. Lansing Neighborhood Council for its Awards Dinner for Neighborhood Volunteers held February 27, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. North Town Neighborhood Association for its participation in Old Town Dickens Village event held December 5 & 6, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- iii. Old Town Neighborhood Association for its participation in Old Town Dickens Village event held December 5 & 6, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- iv. Walnut Neighborhood Association for its participation in Old Town Dickens Village event held December 5 & 6, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- v. Averill Woods Neighborhood Association for its City Park/Woods Clean-Up with MSU "Into the Streets" held November 14, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- g. Application for Community Funding submitted by Lansing Neighborhood Council for the Bea Christy Awards Dinner for Neighborhood Volunteers to be held February 19, 2010

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- h. Letter of Resignation from the Board of Public Service submitted by Jessica Yorko

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- i. Letter of Resignation from the Traffic Board submitted by Josh Hovey

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**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Council Member Dunbar

To excuse Council Member Houghton from this afternoon's proceedings

Motion Carried

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

Harold King of 1563 N. High St. spoke about various city matters.

Loretta Stanaway of 546 Armstrong Rd. spoke about various city matters.

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

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

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. spoke about neighborhood involvement.

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

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

Joseph Pizzo of 4340 Old Lansing Rd. spoke about Malcolm X.

Paul Pizzo of 2708 W. Libbie Dr. spoke about Malcolm X.

By Council Member Dunbar

To resolve into the Committee of the Whole

Motion Carried

*The City Council resolved into the Committee of the Whole at 2:33 p.m.*

*The City Council rose from the Committee of the Whole at 4:33 p.m.*

**ADJOURNED TIME 4:33.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**