



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF FEBRUARY 18, 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, Houghton, Jeffries, Robinson, Wood, Yorko

**ABSENT:** Council Members Hewitt and Quinney

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

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

Vice President Dunbar announced the upcoming Mobile Food Pantry, a youth gardening program, the non-motorized transportation master planning meeting and the land use master planning meeting.

Council Member Wood announced the Bea Christy Awards Dinner.

President Robinson spoke about the recent 2nd Saturdays meeting for residents of the 3rd Ward.

Vice President Dunbar announced the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth's energy efficiency rebates program for appliances.

City Clerk Swope stated that the South Side Community Center is still a polling location. He also stated that the February election is not for residents of the City of Lansing. He announced the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition's do it yourself home improvement classes. He spoke about the mid-March mailing of the U.S. Census forms.

**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, spoke about the upcoming Mobile Food Pantry and the great need for assistance in this area.

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

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

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- b. Letters from the Mayor re:

- i. Transfer of Funds; State/Federal Programs, Emergency Management Performance Grant

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

- ii. UAW Local 2256 Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- iii. Public Improvement III; Resolution to set a Public Hearing for New Sidewalk Construction along the south side of N. Grand River Avenue from Waverly Rd. to Delta River Drive, along the north side of N. Grand River Avenue from Capitol City Blvd. to Remy Drive, and along the south side of N. Grand River Avenue from Culver Avenue to W. North Street excepting all public streets and alleys and other land deemed not benefited

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

- iv. Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Amendment – Ingham County Redevelopment Authority, City of Lansing only

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- v. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the County of Ingham and the City of Lansing regarding Apportionment of Certain Long Term Employment Costs Relating to the Planned Consolidation of Dispatch Services

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Board Up and Title Search Fee Claim Appeal submitted by DuWayne Watkins for property located at 305 N. Pennsylvania Ave.

Robinson's changes to Committee of the Whole and City Council meetings.

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

**ADJOURNED TIME 2:31 P.M.**

- b. Letter from Marlene James of 6208 Grovenburg Rd. regarding trash removal fees

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

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**

**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Council Member Dunbar

To excuse Council Members Hewitt and Quinney from this afternoon's proceedings

Motion Carried

**REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Wood asked Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, to submit the non-motorized vehicle plan to the City Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:**

Vice President Dunbar spoke about the non-motorized transportation master planning meeting.

John Pollard of 1718 Blair St. spoke about the deficit elimination plan and city finances.

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

Loretta Stanaway of 546 Armstrong Rd. spoke about her request for an investigation into the election of City Council Member Tina Houghton.

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

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

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

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

By Council Member Dunbar

To resolve into the Committee of the Whole

Motion Failed (Council Members Jeffries and Wood voting nay)

Council Member Jeffries stated his concerns for not resolving into the Committee of the Whole.

President Robinson spoke about her decision to change the Committee of the Whole process.

Council Member Wood stated her concerns for not resolving into the Committee of the Whole.

Vice President Dunbar spoke about the similarities between past and present Committee of the Whole meetings.

City Council Members had an extensive debate about President