



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH 1, 2010**

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 Robinson

PRESENT: Council Members Dunbar, Houghton, Jeffries, Quinney, Robinson, Yorko

ABSENT: Council Members Hewitt and Wood

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 February 22, 2010

Motion carried

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

Vice President Dunbar addressed comments regarding the proposed changes to the snow removal ordinance and stated that the ordinance is in fact in the Public Service Committee.

City Attorney Smith spoke about the snow removal ordinance and stated that ordinance changes are made in committees.

Council Member Yorko spoke about resources for those citizens unable to remove snow from the sidewalks in front of their houses.

President Robinson spoke about what the city currently can do under the existing snow removal ordinance.

City Clerk Swope announced home maintenance classes offered by the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition. He stated that the U.S. Census forms should be mailed out in a few weeks. He also illustrated how to fill out the form and spoke about all of the benefits of an accurate count.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, stated that retired Lansing Police Department employee Darryl Zuk recently passed away.

The City Council observed a moment of silence in memory of Darryl Zuk.

Jerry Ambrose announced that the Green Infrastructure master planning meeting has been rescheduled and he announced the next Mobile Food Pantry event.

**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. 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

• 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 Tjada, Inc. requesting to Transfer Ownership of an Escrowed 2009 SDD and SDM Licensed Business from Lansing Downtown Properties, Inc. and Transfer Location from 220 S. Washington Ave. to 3135 S. Pennsylvania Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. Applications for Community Funding submitted by:
- i. Colonial Village Neighborhood Association for its Annual Picnic in conjunction with National Night Out to be held August 3, 2010

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. People of Purpose Faith Ministry for its Free Health Fair to be held April 24, 2010

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- c. Letter of Resignation from the Human Relations and Community Services Board submitted by Richard Lower

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- d. Letter from Andrea Perkowski of 522 N. Jenison Ave. stating concerns about roundabouts in the City of Lansing

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

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Council Member Dunbar

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK

To excuse Council Members Hewitt and Wood from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Robinson spoke about a census workshop she recently attended and gave detailed information about some of the processes.

City Clerk Swope stated that only those that do not mail in their census forms might receive a home visit by a census worker to ask for detailed information.

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR
OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

PUBLIC COMMENT

ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

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

Loretta Stanaway of 546 Armstrong Rd. spoke about the City Council meeting schedule.

Stan Shuck of 818 Cooper Ave. spoke about snow removal and parking in the city.

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

Dennis Burnside, no address given, spoke about Malcolm X.

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

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

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. spoke about the U.S. Census.

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

Christine Timmon of P.O. Box 14927 spoke about various city matters.

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

Gerald Rowley of 738 N. Pennsylvania Ave. spoke about various city matters.

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

By Council Member Dunbar

To resolve into the Committee of the Whole

Motion Carried (Council Member Jeffries voting nay)

The City Council resolved into the Committee of the Whole at 8:07 p.m.

The City Council rose from the Committee of the Whole at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:46 P.M.