



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH 15, 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, Hewitt, Houghton, Jeffries, Robinson, Wood, Yorko

ABSENT: Council Member Quinney (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

Council President Robinson asked people to remember Stuart Dunnings, Jr., 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.

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

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

Council Member Wood announced the Tri-County Alcohol Awareness Committee's Tri County's Got Talent Essay/Poem Contest event and a play about Rosa Parks called a "Rose Among the Thorns."

Council Member Houghton announced the next Forest View and Old Everett neighborhood meetings.

Council Member Hewitt announced public hearings on the Parks 5 Year Master Plan.

Council Member Jeffries congratulated citizen Mike Morofsky who had a picture he took posted in the Lansing State Journal.

President Robinson thanked those who attended the recent 2nd Saturdays meetings for residents of the 3rd Ward. She announced the upcoming Churchill Downs, Colonial Village and the Lewton-Rich neighborhood meetings.

Council Member Yorko announced the upcoming Westside Neighborhood Association meeting and spoke about public hearings on the Parks 5 Year Master Plan.

City Clerk Swope announced the upcoming Greater Lansing Housing Coalition home improvement classes. He stated that Census forms are arriving in citizens' mailboxes and that it takes very little time to complete.

**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 upcoming Mobile Food Pantry event.

**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. Letters from the City Clerk:
- i. Regarding Grant Acceptance; Qualified Voter File's Electronic Poll Book (EPB) Laptop & Accessories Purchase

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

- ii. 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. ACT-8-09; Acquiring Riverfront Property for Open Space and Preservation

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. City of Lansing 2011 Consolidated Strategy and Action Plan Submission

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. Approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District; Old Town Temple, LLC for property located at 502 E. Grand River Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iv. Approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate; Old Town Temple, LLC for property located at 502 E. Grand River Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Quinney removed item #4, Proposed Resolution to Make Lansing A Sanctuary City from the Committee of the Whole agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

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

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

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

Frank S. Curtis X. of 1137 W. Allegan St. 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.

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

Norris Gibson of 110 W. Willow St. spoke about various city matters.

Tremaine Phillips of 401 S. Washington Ave. along with Vice President Dunbar presented information on Greater Lansing for Google and asked for help to nominate the Lansing area for Google's fiber optic program.

Council Member Dunbar spoke about the cities involved and the process related to Greater Lansing for Google.

By Council Member Dunbar

To resolve into the Committee of the Whole

Motion Carried (Council Members Jeffries and Wood voting nay)

The City Council resolved into the Committee of the Whole at 7:51 p.m.

The City Council rose from the Committee of the Whole at 9:11 p.m.

ADJOURNED TIME 9:11 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK