



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF JULY 8, 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 Hewitt, Jeffries, Quinney, Robinson, Wood

ABSENT: Council Members Dunbar, Houghton (Arrived at 1:38 p.m.) and Yorko (Arrived at 1:46 p.m.)

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 Quinney

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of June 21 and 28, 2010

Motion carried

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Wood announced the upcoming Genesee Neighborhood Association meeting.

City Clerk Swope stated that absentee ballots are being mailed out and that there is plenty of time to still request and received an absentee ballot. He also stated that absentee ballots can be requested at the former armory building at 2500 S. Washington Ave. as well as in his office in City Hall and from his website.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

William Hubbell announced the Barbecue on the Boulevard event.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Council Member Houghton arrived at the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, spoke about the upcoming Common Ground Music Festival and stated that the city's trash collection and yard waste collection scheduled would be changing for some city residents.

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 Quinney 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. Submitting an Application for Naming and Renaming Memorials in the City of Lansing filed by Lansing for Cesar E. Chavez to Rename part of Grand River Avenue as Cesar E. Chavez Avenue

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. Submitting an Application for a Public Display of Fireworks filed by Meridan Entertainment Group and Kevin L. Meyer of Great Lakes Fireworks to be held July 18, 2010 at the Common Ground Music Festival located at 333 North Cedar St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- iii. Providing notice of the Denial of an Application for a Cabaret License in the City of Lansing filed by The Firm Food and Spirits located at 229 S. Washington Sq. based on the recommendation of the Lansing Building Safety Office

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- iv. 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. Resolution approving an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District Application submitted by MSU Federal Credit Union for property located at 104 S. Washington Sq.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Resolution approving an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate Application submitted by MSU Federal Credit Union for property located at 104 S. Washington Sq.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. Resolution approving an Application for Exemption of New Personal Property submitted by MSU Federal Credit Union for property located at 104 S. Washington Sq.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iv. Resolution requesting a public hearing and resolution for approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate submitted by Foresight Group for property located at 2282 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- v. Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District Application and Brownfield Redevelopment Plan #50; Foresight Group for property located at 2282 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- vi. Resolution requesting a public hearing and resolution for approval of Brownfield Redevelopment Act #50; Foresight Group for property located at 2282 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- vii. Worker's Compensation Claim #2062876 WC10002747001

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

- viii. Resolution rescinding and correcting Resolution #2010-138; Approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate submitted by Tom Arnold for property located at 1118 S. Washington Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ix. Resolution rescinding and correcting Resolution #2010-081; Approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate submitted by Old Town Temple, LLC for property located at 502 E. Grand River Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- x. Withdrawal of Nomination of Tony DeLuca for the Reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Board of Water and Light; Withdrawal of Andrew Frederick from At-Large position on the Planning Board; Withdrawal of Gabrielle Johnson's appointment to the Fourth Ward position on the Human Relations and Community Services Board

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- xi. Appointment of Patricia Spitzley to the Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2014; Appointment of Kyle Binkley to the Traffic Board for a 2nd Ward Term to Expire June 30, 2014

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letter from the State of Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth providing notice of a public hearing to be held July 20, 2010 on proposed amendments to administrative rules on the Michigan Uniform Energy Code (resident and commercial), Rehabilitation Code and Construction Code

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- b. Letter from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission providing 15-Day Notice of an application from the Nuthouse, Inc. for a new Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) License to be held in conjunction with 2010 Class C Licensed Business located at 418-420-428 E. Michigan Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- c. Letter from Comcast Cable providing notice of the discontinuance of its payment drop box location at 1401 E. Miller Rd.

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- d. Letter from Anita Moneypenney-Salinaz, Executive Director of Baker Donora Center, stating concerns with a proposed store at the corner of Baker St. and Lyons Ave.

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- e. Letter from Jason Harris of 1234 W. Allegan St. appealing a claim denial for property located at 1234 W. Allegan St.

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

- f. Letter from Deborah and Charles McCort of 2403 Dillingham Ave. appealing a claim denial for property located at 2403 Dillingham Ave.

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

MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

By Council Member Quinney

To excuse Council Member Dunbar from this afternoon's proceedings

Motion Carried

Council Member Yorke arrived at the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Hewitt asked Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, to send employees from the Transportation and parking divisions to a transportation planning conference in East Lansing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. spoke about 3rd Ward issues.

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

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

By Council Member Quinney

To resolve into the Committee of the Whole

Motion Failed (Council Members Houghton, Quinney, Robinson, and Yorko voting aye)

ADJOURNED TIME 1:56 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK