



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF JULY 19, 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, Wood, Yorke

ABSENT: Council Members Hewitt, Quinney and Robinson

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

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

Council Member Yorke announced the 4th Annual Westside Summerfest.

Council Member Wood announced the upcoming Bassett Neighborhood Picnic.

Council Member Houghton announced the upcoming Forest View Citizens' Association meeting.

Council Member Yorke announced the upcoming Westside Neighborhood Association meeting.

City Clerk Swope spoke about the upcoming August 3, 2010 State Primary Election. He stated that the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. He also 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 South Washington Office Complex (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**

Kathi Raffone announced the Lansing City Rescue Mission's backpack program.

Willy Williams spoke about the 4th Annual Westside Summerfest.

**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 Common Ground, Blues on the Grand, Downtown Lansing Live and about the Board of Review.

Council Member Yorke announced a community mural at the Black Child and Family Institute.

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

Motion Carried

• Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

- a. Letter from the City Clerk:
  - i. Providing notice of the placement on file of
    - Police and Fire Retirement System Actuarial Valuation Report, December 31, 2008
    - Police and Fire Investment Retirement System Performance Review for Periods Ending December 31, 2009
    - Employees' Retirement System Actuarial Valuation Report, December 31, 2008
    - Employees' Retirement System Performance Review for Periods Ending December 31, 2009

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- ii. Providing notice of the placement on file of the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact

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- iii. Submitting Applications for a Public Display of Fireworks filed by Roger Bonney of Night Magic Display on behalf of Lansing Lugnuts, to be held on August 6, 14, 20, 28, and 31, and September 3, 2010, with rain date to be decided at a later date

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- iv. Request for Recognition of Non-Profit Status in the City of Lansing Submitted by Prima Civitas Foundation located at 1614 E. Kalamazoo St.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- v. Submitting 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. Resolution an application for Development Area Liquor License submitted by Gavrilides Management Company, LLC (Soup Spoon Café) for property located at 1419 E. Michigan Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Resolution Requesting a Public Hearing in consideration of Adding Chapter 1279 to the Lansing Zoning Ordinances to Establish and Regulate Overlay Districts in Certain Geographic Areas of the City, Commonly known as the Old Town, Reo Town, E. Michigan Avenue and W. Saginaw Street Commercial Areas

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
  - a. Letter from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission providing notice to Simmons Properties, LLC of the approval of a request for New Authorization for the outdoor sale, service and consumption of alcoholic liquor in an area measuring 27' x 26', to be located directly adjacent to licensed premises on property owned by the City of Lansing and to be enclosed by licensed premises on one side and 3 1/2' high metal fencing with rail on three (3) sides, located at 325 City Market Dr.

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- b. Letters in opposition to renaming part of Grand River Avenue as Cesar E. Chavez Avenue submitted by:
  - i. David Gregware of 1220 Turner St., Suite B

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. Summer Schriener of 115 E. Grand River Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- iii. Lisa Davis of 1145 Shelter Lane

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- iv. Racha Kardahji of 1427 Smithfield Ave., East Lansing

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- v. Veronica Gracia-Wing of 227 N. Capitol Ave.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- c. Letters in support of renaming part of Grand River Avenue as Cesar E. Chavez Avenue submitted by:
  - i. State Representative Joan Bauer

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. American GI Forum of Saginaw

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- d. Petition with nineteen (19) signatures submitted for speed bumps to be installed in the 1000 block of Poxson Ave.

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

**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Council Member Jeffries

To excuse Council Members Hewitt, Quinney and Robinson from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

**REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Vice President Dunbar spoke about the South Side Farmers' Market and announced an art project taking place before the demolition of the Deluxe Inn.

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

Brian O'Connell, representing General Motors, LLC, made a presentation about their Application for Exemption of New Personal Property for property located at 920 Townsend Ave and answered council members' questions.

James Baer Allen of 500 S. Pine St. spoke about electronic mail.

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

Jim Harken of 315 Bingham St. spoke about the proposed new Board of Water and Light plant.

Oralya Garza Ueberroth of 15800 Elmira St., Dewitt, Twp., spoke about medical marijuana.

Nancy Whitby of 744 Call St. spoke about various city matters.

Michael Mercer of 4530 Sycamore St. in Delhi Township spoke about various city matters.

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. spoke about a liquor store.

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.

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

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

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.

**ADJOURNED TIME 8:34 P.M.**

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CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK