



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF AUGUST 2, 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, Jeffries, Quinney, Robinson, Wood

**ABSENT:** Council Members Houghton (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.) and Yorke

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

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

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

Council Member Wood announced that Colonial Village and Genesee Neighborhood Associations are participating in National Night Out. She also announced St. Casimir's Annual Corn Roast and the upcoming Torch Run event.

Vice President Dunbar gave her time to Joe Manzella, Sam deBourbon, and Jonathan Watrous, who spoke about a graffiti project at the Deluxe Inn.

Council President Robinson stated that she has seen the graffiti at the Deluxe Inn spoke about how much she liked it.

Council Member Jeffries spoke about the St. Casimir's Annual Corn Roast.

Council President Robinson spoke about National Night Out. She also stated that she did in fact address issues related to an upcoming liquor store at the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Holmes Rd.

City Clerk Swope announced the upcoming Ingham County Fair. He also spoke about the State Primary Election tomorrow August 3, 2010. He stated that absentee ballots have to be returned by 8:00 p.m. to his office in City Hall or at 2500 S. Washington Ave. He spoke about precinct changes and construction at the precinct at the former armory building at 2500 S. Washington Ave. He reminded voters that this is a partisan election and that ballots cannot be split in the partisan section. He also stated that proposals are on the front and back of the ballot.

**COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kathi Raffone announced the funeral service for Nancy Webber from the Tri-County Office on Aging.

Dan Henderson announced the 6th Annual Lansing Bless Fest and the Lansing Flow Fest.

**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 National Night Out events. He spoke about street paving projects in the city. He also announced Lansing Live and Blues on the Grand events. He stated that three new restaurants would open in downtown Lansing in the fall. He spoke about referrals from the Mayor on tonight's agenda.

**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. Letters from the City Clerk:
  - i. Providing notice of the placement on file of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the City of Lansing and Neogen Corporation and a Summary of Planning Board Review and actions regarding the sale of the property

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- ii. Submitting a request to Transfer Ownership of 2010 Class C Licensed Business, located at 1145-1147 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48910, Ingham County from M.I.K., Inc. to Mad Bags, LLC; & Requests New Dance-Entertainment Permit.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- iii. 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 requesting a Public Hearing for Z-5-10; 717 E. Shiawassee St., a request from Neogen Corporation to rezone the property at 717 E. Shiawassee Street from "A" Residential to "H" Light Industrial to utilize the property for laboratories, warehousing, assembly, light manufacturing and offices as part of its operations

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Resolution approving SLU-3-2010; 815 W. Edgewood Blvd., a request by Antioch Full Gospel Baptist Church to construct a church on the vacant property located immediately west of 815 W. Edgewood Blvd.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. Resolution approving ACT-2-2009; Acquisition of 229 S. Cedar St. for the development of a surface parking lot

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iv. Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to provide a check-off box on Income Tax Forms to allow taxpayers to designate refunds for specific purposes

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

- 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 SDM Group II, LLC for a new Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) License to be located at 121 S. Washington Sq.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. Letter from Comcast Cable providing information on its Comcast Customer Guarantee

REFERRED TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Council Member Dunbar

To excuse Council Member Yorke from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

**REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Vice President Dunbar announced the 8th Annual South Side Community Fair in conjunction with the South Lansing Farmer's Market.

**REMARKS BY THE MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, asked that everyone remember to vote tomorrow.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:**

Rev. Andrew Brodie of 114 Glenn St. spoke about various city matters.

William Hubbell of 3916 Wedgewood Dr. spoke about various city matters.

Michael Mercer of 4530 Sycamore St., Holt, 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.

Claude Beavers of 3010 Boston Blvd. spoke about public access television and the upcoming election.

Robert Ovalle of 2023 Park Ln., Delta Twp., spoke about voting and crime.

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

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

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

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

Russell Terry of 121 E. Mt. Hope Ave. spoke about General Motors.

**ADJOURNED TIME 8:10 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**