



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF AUGUST 16, 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, Quinney, Robinson, Wood

ABSENT: Council Member Yorke (Arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

Council Member Wood took a point of personal privilege to introduce her recently born grand niece, Ruth Ann Hallman.

Council Member Wood asked people to remember Chris Baryames and Denise Acker, and Council Member Quinney asked people to remember Rise Civils, 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 MEMBERS' COMMENTS
AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Member Quinney announced the Lansing Mosaic Festival.

Vice President Dunbar announced the 8th Annual Southside Community Showcase.

Council Member Houghton announced the next Old Everett Neighborhood meeting.

Council Member Wood announced the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

President Robinson spoke about the turnout and issues at the recent 2nd Saturday meeting for residents of the 3rd Ward.

COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Yorke arrived at the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Joan Nelson announced J.A.M. jazz performances.

Kathi Raffone announced the Backpacks for Hope event.

President Robinson announced the Black Child and Family Institute's backpack drive.

Willy Williams announced the upcoming public hearing to rename Main St. after Malcolm X.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Jerry Ambrose, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, announced the next Mobile Food Pantry and backpack supply event at the same location. He spoke about the upcoming Ramadan Dinner. He spoke about the 2009 Lansing Police Department Annual Report.

**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**

Council Member Wood objecting to items being referred to the Committee of the Whole.

By Council Member Dunbar that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Robinson make the appropriate referrals

Motion Failed (Council Members Dunbar, Houghton, Robinson and Yorke voting yea)

By Council Member Dunbar

To reconsider the vote by which the motion that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Robinson make the appropriate referral failed

Motion Carried (Council Members Hewitt, Jeffries and Wood voting nay)

Council Member Jeffries raised a point of order as to the number of yea voted needed to approve the motion for referrals.

President Robinson ruled that the number of yea Council member vote to refer items was 5.

Council Member Jeffries stated that the referrals to the Committee of the Whole circumvented the committee process.

The City Council had a lengthy debate regarding the referral process and the changes to processes by President Robinson.

Council Member Quinney Moved the Previous Question

Motion Carried (Council Members Hewitt, Jeffries and Wood voting nay)

The question being Council Member Dunbar's motion that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Robinson make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Dunbar, Houghton, Quinney, Robinson, and Yorke

Nays: Council Members Hewitt, Jeffries, and Wood

- Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

- a. Letter from the City Clerk providing notice of the placement on file of an Annual Report on the Parks Millage Fund by the Internal Auditor

RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

- b. Letters from the Mayor re:
- i. Lansing Police Department 2009 Annual Report

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- ii. Z-6-2010; 124, 126, 130 & 134 Regent St. and 127, 131, 135, 139 & 141 Leslie Street, Planning Board recommendations regarding a request from David Muylle to the rezone the properties listed above from "B" Residential District to "DM-1" Residential District to combine all of the lots and create a planned residential development that would consist of 14 condominium units

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- iii. ACT-5-2008; 2500 S. Washington Ave. - Washington St. Armory, Fee Simple Interest

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- iv. PRD-1-2010; Planned Residential Development for East Village, Planning Board recommendations regarding a request by Creekside Asset Management to reduce the number of multiple family buildings/units to reduce the number of units in the development from 177 to 125

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- v. Transfer of Funds; Infrastructure Fund, Mt. Hope Cemetery Improvements

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- vi. Sole Source Purchase; Transportation and Parking Office request for Traffic & Safety Control System, Inc. as the vendor for North Grand Parking Access and Revenue Control Equipment

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- vii. SLU-5-2010; 230 Bingham St., a request by Reformed Church of America, Classis South Grand Rapids, Blacksoil Church to utilize the first floor of the building located at 230 Bingham St. for a church

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- viii. SLU-1-2010; 5750 S. Cedar St., a request by Abundant Grace Faith Church to utilize the building at 5750 S. Cedar St. for a church

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- ix. Deferred Compensation Plan (457 Plan) Contribution Amendment

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letter from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission providing notice of Impending Investigation to Sam Eyde Restaurant Group, LLC regarding its request to Transfer Ownership Of Escrowed 2010 Class C Licensed Business, Located at 3218 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. from Tri-City Foods, Inc.; Transfer Location (Governmental Unit) to 3021 E. Saginaw St., Lansing Township; and New Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) License in conjunction, Sunday Sales Permit, Dance-Entertainment Permit, Official Permit (Food)

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- b. Letter from Ingham County/City of Lansing Office of Community Corrections requesting approval of its Michigan Department of Corrections – Office of Community Corrections Funding Application for 2010-2011, and submitting documents related thereto

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- c. Affidavit of Disclosure submitted by Matthew Priebe of the Lansing Police Department

REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

- d. Letters from Elva Reyes, Chair of the Lansing for Cesar E. Chavez Committee

- i. Requesting that their application to rename part of Grand River Avenue as Cesar E. Chavez Avenue be held in abeyance

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- ii. Submitting a joint amended application in conjunction with the Old Town Commercial Association for an honorarium street name of Honorary Cesar E. Chavez Avenue to be added to Grand River Avenue from Oakland Ave. to Pine St. and to rename City Lot 56 as Cesar E. Chavez Plaza

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Wood spoke about a deterioration of response to the public since the beginning of the year.

President Robinson addressed Council Member Woods comments regarding the solicitation of votes for referrals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

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

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

Christopher Davis of 921 W. Allegan St. spoke about various city matters.

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

Joan Nelson 217 Rosamond St. spoke about Cottage Lane.

Kathi Raffone of 1221 Muskegon Ave. 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.

Charlene Decker of 2711 Pleasant Grove Rd. spoke about various city matters.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:35 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK