



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
JULY 29, 2019**

Tony Benavides Lansing 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 Wood

**PRESENT:** Council Members Garza, Hussain, Jackson, Spadafore, Spitzley, Washington, Wood

**ABSENT:** Council Member Dunbar

A quorum was present.

President Wood asked people to remember Judi Brown Clarke's mother and father, both of whom recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Wood.

**APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

By Vice President Spadafore

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of July 22, 2019

Motion Carried

**SPECIAL CEREMONIES**

1. Tribute; in recognition of Lansing Police Chief Mike Yankowski upon his retirement

President Wood spoke in support of the tribute

**RESOLUTION #2019-217**

BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNBAR, GARZA, HUSSAIN, JACKSON,  
SPADAFORE, SPITZLEY, WASHINGTON AND WOOD  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Michael A. Yankowski was sworn in as a City of Lansing Police Officer in 1994 and within three (3) years, in 1997, became the LPD Canine Handler, and in 2001 was promoted to Sergeant. During that time he served for four (4) years as the Canine Unit Supervisor before accomplishing his next promotion to Lieutenant in 2007, first with Road Patrol and then in Internal Affairs. In 2010 Michael A. Yankowski then achieved the promotion of Police Captain where he served for three (3) years in the Patrol Division before being appointed by the Lansing Police Commission to the City of Lansing Police Chief in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Yankowski in 1994 graduated from Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree: Criminal Justice and furthered his education in 2010 by attending and receiving certification from the Michigan State School of Criminal Justice, Staff and Command; and

WHEREAS, while serving the City of Lansing, Michael A. Yankowski implemented the Real Time Crime Center, deployed crime fighting solution software (NC4 Street Smart), established a training unit and increased training by 200% along with developing a New Hire Cultural

Competency Training Program. In addition he created the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.), implement body worn camera programs and established a Crisis Intervention Training Program (CIT); and

WHEREAS, through community engagement, Michael A. Yankowski instituted the Citizen Police Academy, developed an Officer Wellness Program, established a Community Services Unit that focused on Community Policing and Community Engagement, and created a Youth Public Safety Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, through policing strategy he adopted a nationally recognized Best Practices Regional Violent Crime Initiative, assisted in the hiring and embedding of the LPD Police Social Worker, played an integral role in the creation of the Metro Lansing Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT) and developed a nationally recognized Recruiting and Hiring Strategy; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Yankowski, in addition to implementing and addressing best practices for the Lansing Police Department, also played key roles on multiple organizations and Boards, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Tri-County Metro Board, MCOLES Recruiting Task Force, WA-IAM Inc. Rise Recovery Community, Partners in Crisis, Lansing Safety Council, Mid-Michigan Police Academy Advisory Board, Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust, Y.M.C.A, and the Lansing Catholic Diocese Task Force on Race in Catholic Schools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council extends our gratitude and appreciation for the many years of dedication and impressive achievements. The City Council acknowledges Michael Yankowski for his exemplified character traits of devotion to duty, brotherly love for his fellow officers, sincerity of purpose and genuine concern for all citizens in the City of Lansing. We wish him well in the next chapter of his life.

By President Wood

Motion Carried

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
AND THE CITY CLERK**

Council Member Washington reminded everyone of her upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Constituent Contact Meeting for August.

Council Member Garza reminded everyone of his upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Constituent Contact Meeting for August.

Council Member Hussain reminded everyone of his upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Constituent Contact Meeting for August.

Vice President Spadafore spoke in support of Police Chief Mike Yankowski and shared details on the meet-and-greet events for the new Lansing Police Chief, LPD Captain Daryl Green.

Council Member Washington shared that Police Chief Green will be at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting to lay out his path forward for the Lansing Police Department and the City of Lansing

President Wood shared additional thoughts concerning Chief Yankowski's retirement.

City Clerk Swope recognized intern Nathan Kelps for his work for City Council and the Clerk's Office and provided an election update.

**COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Willy Williams announced the upcoming City Primary Election.

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

City 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**

Executive Assistant to Mayor Schor, Samantha Harkins, spoke about upcoming citizen engagement opportunities, including Summer Concert Series, the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the Citizen Academy, and the National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS**

1. In consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 5624 Joshua

Council Member Spitzley gave an overview of the Show Cause Hearing

- Comment on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings:

There was no public comment.

**REFERRAL OF SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS**

1. In consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish; 5624 Joshua

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

1. In consideration of Z-3-2019; 835 W. Genesee Street, Rezoning from "C" Residential District to "DM-1" Residential District (PEND-924)
2. In consideration of SLU-2-2019; Special Land Use Permit for a Neighborhood Community Center in the "DM-1" Residential District, 835 W. Genesee Street (PEND-921, 922)
3. In consideration of Z-4-2019; 213 W. Malcolm X Street, Rezoning from "C" Residential District to "F" Commercial District (PEND-920)

Council Member Hussain gave an overview of the public hearings.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

There was no public comment.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**REFERRAL OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. In consideration of Z-3-2019; 835 W. Genesee Street,

Rezoning from "C" Residential District to "DM-1" Residential District (PEND-924)

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

2. In consideration of SLU-2-2019; Special Land Use Permit for a Neighborhood Community Center in the "DM-1" Residential District, 835 W. Genesee Street (PEND-921, 922)

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

3. In consideration of Z-4-2019; 213 W. Malcolm X Street, Rezoning from "C" Residential District to "F" Commercial District (PEND-920)

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice President Spadafore asked that all items be removed from the Consent Agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #2019-218**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the State Community Corrections Advisory Board, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, and the City of Lansing approved the original Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the State Community Corrections Advisory Board approved the Funding Application and Plan for FY 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2019-2020 Application provides for the following CCAB Plans and Services programming: Relapse Prevention and Recovery (\$67,898) to be provided by CEI CMH; Gatekeeper services (\$4,069) to be provided by the CCAB Staff Consultant; MRT Cognitive Change Groups (\$26,082) to be provided by Prevention and Training Services; Domestic Violence Intervention Groups (\$12,000) to be provided by Prevention and Training Services; Opioid Specific Program services (\$55,000) to be provided by Tri County Community Adjudication Program; Day Reporting services (\$40,274) to be provided by Northwest Initiative – ARRO; and, Electronic Monitoring Services for Pretrial defendants (\$10,134) to be provided by Sentinel, Inc., for a subcontracted program total of \$215,457 for the time period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2018-2019 Application also provides funding for a special part-time Pretrial Services Investigator (\$25,683) to enhance the community supervision capacity of 30th Circuit Court Pretrial Services and for CCAB Administration in the amount of \$50,422 for a Plans and Services total of \$291,562 for the time period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County is also provided with availability of a projected average daily population of 30 residential beds and with M.D.O.C. in the amount of \$531,075 and 1.23 beds per day funded with Drunk Driver Jail Reduction – Community Treatment Program (DDJR-CTP) grant funds in the amount of \$21,169 contracting directly with residential providers rather than with local jurisdictions for a projected total value of \$552,244; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the FY 2019-2020 Application, the County may enter into subcontracts for the purpose of implementing Plans and

Services programs and services identified in the Community Corrections Plan and Application; and

WHEREAS, the Subcontractors for Plans and Services programming are willing and able to provide the services that the County requires.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes entering into an Agreement with the Michigan Department of Corrections for Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections for FY 2019-2020 in the amount of \$291,562 in CCAB Plans and Services and Administration funds for the time period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes entering into subcontracts for CCAB Plans and Services programming from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 with Prevention and Training Services for the cost of MRT Change Groups for a cost not to exceed \$26,082; with Prevention and Training Services for the cost of Domestic Violence Intervention Groups for a cost not to exceed \$12,000; with Tri County Community Adjudication Program for the cost of Opioid Specific Program services not to exceed \$55,000; with CEI Community Mental Health for the actual cost of Relapse Prevention and Recovery services not to exceed \$67,898; with Northwest Initiative - ARRO for the actual cost of Day Reporting services not to exceed \$40,274; and with Sentinel, Inc. for the actual cost of electronic monitoring services for Pretrial defendants not to exceed \$10,134.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the continued funding of a special part-time (19 hours per week) Pretrial Services Investigator position at the ICEA PRO06 salary grade not to exceed \$25,683.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that entering into the subcontracts and maintaining the Pretrial Services Investigator position are contingent upon entering into the Agreement with the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the subcontracts and Pretrial Services Investigator position are contingent throughout the subcontract period on the availability of grant funds from the State of Michigan for these purposes.

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approved the submission of the Funding Application and Plan for FY 2019-2020 and a Contract with the Michigan Department of Corrections to implement the Plan, by Resolution #19-268 on June 11, 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council approves and authorizes the submission of the Funding Application and Plan for FY 2019-2020, pursuant to Michigan Act 511 of 1988.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves Ingham County to administrate the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Corrections as set forth herein.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2019-219**

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2018 City Council adopted Resolution 2018-303 to establish the Lansing City Council meeting dates for 2019; and

WHEREAS, November 25, 2019 and December 9, 2019 are scheduled regular City Council meetings on Resolution 2018-303.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council amends Resolution 2018-303 to remove the previously scheduled November 25, 2019 and December 9, 2019 City Council Meetings and schedule City Council Meetings for December 2, 2019 and December 16, 2019 to replace those.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Committee of the Whole meeting for November 25, 2019 will be canceled and new meeting will be scheduled for December 16, 2019.

By Vice President Spadafore

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2019-220**

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, in 2018 the State of Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (MFSA), MCL 28.451 *et seq.* was amended to alter the times a person can ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2019 the City of Lansing was required to amend their Ordinance (Ordinance #1250) Chapter 1615 to comply with the regulations contained in the State statute; and

WHEREAS, the State statute, now, permits 3 days of fireworks for Memorial Day, up to 8 days of fireworks around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, and 3 days of fireworks for Labor Day; and

WHEREAS, the extension of dates have negatively impacted the quality of life for residents of the City of Lansing, such as the aging population, young children, residents who suffer from sensory sensitivity to loud unexpected noises, and resident's pets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Lansing City Council is requesting the extreme amended dates be reconsidered by the State Legislature and request an amendment to MCL 28.451 to only allow for fireworks on the day before and day of the listed holidays; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk forward this Resolution along with the letter of support of this Resolution from Mayor Schor on to the State Legislature and Governor's Office upon adoption.

By Vice President Spadafore

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2019-221**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Relations and Community Services (HRCS) as the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care for the Lansing, East Lansing, Ingham County area, will be receiving renewal grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the 2018 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application; and

WHEREAS, these renewal grants will help fund programs for at least the following agencies: Advent House Ministries, Child and Family

Charities - Gateway Division, Mid-Michigan Recovery Services, Lansing Housing Commission, Holy Cross Services, One Church One Family, and the HRCS (HMIS and Planning funds), for a one-year period to support existing Continuum of Care initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the HRCS Department is to receive from HUD an amount up to \$2,551,336; and

WHEREAS, each agency shall be responsible for securing the required cash or in-kind match requirements stipulated by HUD in receiving said grants, while HRCS will continue to be responsible for securing a 25% cash and/or in-kind match for the HMIS and Planning grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Lansing, Michigan, accepts the terms of the grant application as stipulated by HUD and the City of Lansing does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. That the administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and transfer necessary funds to administer and monitor the grants and to appropriate such additional funds as shall be necessary to complete the project subject to the City Council transfer policies.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to HUD for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To implement the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreements.
4. To authorize the Mayor of the City of Lansing to be the local authorized representative to sign documents in behalf of the City of Lansing.
5. To comply with any and all terms of said HUD agreements, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portion of this resolution.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2019-222**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2004 National City Bank of the Midwest (formerly First of America Bank – Central) was appointed Trustee of the Charles W. Fratcher Irrevocable Trust (The Trust); and

WHEREAS, PNC Bank is the successor to National City Bank of the Midwest and is now the Trustee; and

WHEREAS, the Trust property is known as Fratcher Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is a beneficiary of the Fratcher Foundation under the following Trust provisions "Care of Mount Hope Cemetery. Foundation, in Trustee's discretion may use Trust income to fulfill Foundation's primary charitable purpose to plant flowers and otherwise beautify Mount Hope Cemetery, Lansing, Michigan, in memory of Charles L. Fratcher, Dot Lora Fratcher Rena M.B. Wilson. Foundation income shall not be used for general maintenance of Mount Hope Cemetery, as the City of Lansing, or its appropriate board, maintains other cemeteries under its control. Foundation income shall be used to enhance the beauty and utility of Mount Hope Cemetery in ways which will not or cannot be done by the City of Lansing. Trustee shall use accumulated income as the first funds expended in the subsequent year or years"; and

WHEREAS, to receive distribution from the Trust, the Trustee has

requested that the City of Lansing submit a grant request and letter of proposal that includes an outline of the specific amount requested and how the funds will be utilized; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of Fratcher Foundations funds, the City intends to place the distribution received in a grant revenue account and appropriate the funds to an expense account; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the acceptance of the Fratcher Foundation donations and authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to provide the Trustee with an appropriate grant request and letter of proposal each year; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon receipt of a Fratcher Foundation donation, the Finance Department is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary appropriations and transfers for the expenditure and control of the funds.

By Council Member Spitzley

Motion Carried

**SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT  
ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

City 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 Vice President Spadafore that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Wood make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

• Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

1. Letter(s) from the City Clerk re:
  - a. Application to transfer stock interest through transfer of stock from the corporation to new and existing stockholders for Mash Mavericks at 523 E. Shiawassee Street (PEND-974)  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

b. Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement  
Annual Report 2018-2019  
PLACED ON FILE

2. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
  - a. City of Lansing Defined Contribution Plan Amendment (PEND-975)  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

b. Intent to create North Grand River Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority (PEND-982)  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

c. Intent to create South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Improvement Authority (PEND-983)  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

3. Letter(s) from the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority re:
    - a. Brownfield Plan #70; 735 Hazel LLC; 735 Hazel Street, Transfer of Ownership
- REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:
    1. Affidavit of Disclosure; Thomas D. Cochran, Lansing Public Media Center Director
- REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Vice President Spadafore to excuse Council Member Dunbar from tonight's proceedings.

Motion Carried

**REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Vice President Spadafore confirmed that the August Public Service Committee Meeting will be cancelled.

President Wood stated that Committee of Public Safety meetings specifically regarding the Lansing Marihuana Ordinance will take place at 10am on Tuesdays beginning July 30<sup>th</sup> on 10<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS**

Willy Williams shared his thoughts on the upcoming City Primary Election.

Bob Pena spoke about various city matters.

**ADJOURNED TIME 7:56 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**