



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LANSING  
PROCEEDINGS OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

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 Jeffries

PRESENT: Council Members Dunbar, Houghton, Jeffries, Quinney, Robinson, Washington, Wood

ABSENT: Council Member Yorke

President Jeffries spoke about the conduct of audience members at City Council Meetings.

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

**APPROVAL OF PRINTED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

By Council Member Dunbar

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of September 10, 2012

Motion carried

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

Council Member Wood announced the 6th Annual Friends of Lansing Cemeteries Fall Walking Tour.

Vice President Dunbar spoke about the South Lansing Farmer's Market and Council Member Yorke's medical condition.

City Clerk Swope spoke about the close of registration and absentee ballots for the upcoming Presidential election.

**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**

Randy Hannan, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, spoke about Lansing Community Connect and BluesFest. He announced Trick or Treat on the Square and the first meeting of the Mayor's Financial Health Team.

**TABLED ITEMS**

1. Memorializing Congress to Amend the United States Constitution to allow the federal government to place limits on independent expenditures by corporations supporting or opposing candidates for federal office and to allow state

governments to place limits on independent expenditures by corporations supporting or opposing candidates for state and local offices

By Council Member Robinson

To remove this item from the table

Motion Carried

City Attorney Smith spoke about changes to the previously tabled item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

- Public Comment on Legislative Matters:

Legislative Matters included the following public hearings:

There were no Public Hearings

Roman Collins of 609 Doyle Rd., Laingsburg, spoke about Memorializing Congress to Amend the United States Constitution to allow the federal government to place limits on independent expenditures by corporations supporting or opposing candidates for federal office and to allow state governments to place limits on independent expenditures by corporations supporting or opposing candidates for state and local offices.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

By Council Member Dunbar

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Wood asked that items 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e and the previously tabled item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

**RESOLUTION #2012-205**

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JEFFRIES, DUNBAR, HOUGHTON, QUINNEY, ROBINSON, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND YORKO  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Lansing Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has announced its 47th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner to be held Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the Best Western Hotel and Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1919, the Lansing Branch of the NAACP was chartered under the leadership of Mr. C.A. Campbell who fought diligently to enforce civil rights laws for the community; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP's mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate hatred and racial discrimination; the efforts put forth through the Lansing Branch made vast strides in integrating the Lansing community; and

WHEREAS, for over 100 years, the NAACP has led the movement on social rights and equality; and

WHEREAS, the keynote speaker, Reverend Dr. Wendell Anthony, is President of the largest Michigan branch of the Detroit Branch NAACP and Senior Pastor of Fellowship Chapel Church in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP 47th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner offers an opportunity for the community to come together in support of the work of the NAACP Lansing Branch and share in the celebration, "Battle for the Ballot – This is My Vote!";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council, hereby, acknowledges the Lansing Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on its 47th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner and expresses our admiration and gratitude to its members for their achievements and commitment to the City of Lansing and its residents. We applaud them for many years of success and diligence in the fight for equality and anticipate many more to come. Congratulations!

Approved as part of the Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #2012-206**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Michigan Titans Basketball Club, located at 5500 Manor Drive, has requested a resolution of recognition as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license pursuant to MCL 432.103 (9); and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reported that, based on a review of the documentation submitted, the applicant qualifies as a Local Nonprofit Organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, recognizes the Michigan Titans Basketball Club as a Local Nonprofit Organization operating in the City of Lansing for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk is requested to provide a copy of this resolution to the Michigan Titans Basketball Club of 5500 Manor Dr., Lansing, MI 48911.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2012-207**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Poorman sought to eliminate special assessment of \$150.00 for Tag Monitoring Fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 229 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing, Michigan 48912; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on September 19, 2012 to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, grants the claim of \$150.00 to Jeffrey Poorman on special assessment on Tag Monitoring Fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 229 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing, Michigan 48912;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Attorney shall take the appropriate steps to process this claim.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2012-208**

BY COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Poorman sought to eliminate special assessment of \$600.00 for Tag Monitoring fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 1819 Maplewood, Lansing, Michigan 48910; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on September 19, 2012 to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim filed by Jeffrey Poorman of \$600.00 for special assessment on Tag Monitoring fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 1819 Maplewood, Lansing, Michigan 48910;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further action is required by the City Attorney for processing this claim.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2012-209**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Poorman sought to eliminate special assessment of \$600.00 for Tag Monitoring fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 915 Baker, Lansing, Michigan 48910; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on September 19, 2012 to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim filed by Jeffrey Poorman of \$600.00 for special assessment on Tag Monitoring fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 915 Baker, Lansing, Michigan 48910;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further action is required by the City Attorney for processing this claim.

By Council Member Houghton

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION #2012-210**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Poorman sought to eliminate special assessment of \$150.00 for Tag Monitoring fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 1022 N. Martin Luther King, Lansing, Michigan 48915; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on General Services met on September 19, 2012 to review the claim;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, hereby, denies the claim filed by Jeffrey Poorman of \$150.00 for special assessment on Tag Monitoring fees and all associated penalties and interest on the property tax bill of 1022 N. Martin Luther King, Lansing, Michigan 48915;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further action is required by the City Attorney for processing this claim.

By Council Member Houghton

**RESOLUTION #2012-211**

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lansing disagrees with the Citizens United v Federal Election Commission decision, 558 U.S. 50 (2010), in which the United States Supreme Court overruled the decision in Austin v Michigan Chamber of Commerce 494 U.S. 652 (1990) and determined that the Federal Election Commission does not have an interest sufficient to justify limits on independent expenditures made by corporations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lansing believes that corporations should not be treated as people in the context of campaign finance regulation but as legal entities whose purpose and utility is to be determined by "we the people" under the federal, state, and local laws of these United States, and that such purpose and utility should not extend to the use of money as speech; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lansing believes that money should be treated as property, not speech, consistent with the United States Supreme Court's decision in Buckley v Valeo, 424 U.S. 1 (1976);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing calls on the Michigan legislature and the United States Congress to disclose all independent expenditures made by individuals and corporations seeking to influence the elections for public office at the federal, state, and local levels;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lansing supports the Move To Amend coalition in their proposed amendment to the United States Constitution and requests that Congress propose and pass a twenty-eighth amendment to the United States Constitution that states with respect to campaign finance regulations that "corporations are not people," "money is not speech," and that "federal, state, and local governments have the authority to regulate expenditures made by individuals and corporations seeking to influence the elections for public office at the federal, state, and local levels."

By Council Member Dunbar

To accept a substitute resolution for the one originally placed in the packet

Motion Carried

By Council Member Dunbar

To place an affirmative roll on the substitute resolution

By Council Member Wood

To Amend the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED following "the United States Constitution that states" by inserting "with respect to campaign finance regulations that"

Motion Carried

By Council Member Dunbar

To Amend the second WHEREAS clause following "treated as people" by inserting "in the context of campaign finance regulation"

Motion Carried

The question being the motion to place an affirmative roll on the substituted resolution

Motion Carried

**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 Jeffries make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

• Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

- a. Letter from the City Clerk submitting the proposed 2013 City Council meeting schedule

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES

- b. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:
  - i. Act-6-2012; Groundwater Treatment Infrastructure-Los Alamos Technical Associates (LATA), on behalf of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Act-7-2012; Marketing for Sale 629 W. Hillsdale St., Fire Station #3

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. Act-8-2012; Marketing for Sale 1821 Todd Ave., Fire Station #5

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iv. Act-9-2012; Marketing for Sale 629 N. Jenison Ave., Fire Station #7

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- v. Appointment of Anthony Mullen to the Board of Water and Light Board of Trustees for an At-Large Term to Expire June 30, 2013

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letter from the office of Ingham County Treasurer, Eric Schertzing, regarding tax foreclosed properties in the City of Lansing

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

**MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE**

By Council Member Robinson

To excuse Council Member Yorke from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

**REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Washington announced the Eastside Neighborhood Association's Candidate Night event.

**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.

**ADJOURNED TIME 7:44 P.M.**

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**CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK**