

CITY OF LANSING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2023

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor McNeill at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor McNeill called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Gene Kirby and Kevin Gardner
Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure
Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt
Ward 4: Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent: Dan Clemons

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2023, as presented:

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No discussion took place. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, and Buehler; Nay: none; Abstain: Councilmember Brungardt; Absent: Councilmember Clemons.** The motion was approved.

Audience Participation: None

Presentations: None

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Public Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and Consideration of Resolution No. B-4-2023

A public hearing is required for taxing entities who are planning on exceeding the revenue neutral rate (RNR). As presented at the June 29, 2023, work session, the City of Lansing intends to exceed the RNR of 32.920 mills.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to open the public hearing for Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons.** The motion was approved.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to close the public hearing for Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No discussion took place. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons.** The motion was approved.

Mayor McNeill asked that the Finance Director Beth Sanford discuss the options for going to a revenue neutral rate. Director Sanford reviewed the Capital and Supplemental items that were not part of the base budget that were discussed at the previous work session. The base budget was under what was levied last year, but the capital and supplemental requests put the city over. To remain revenue neutral, some of the projects that exceeded the budget could be moved to 2025. There were

still ARPA funds not committed that could address the projects as well. The stormwater projects that were already discussed by Public Works Director Michael Spickelmier for the 2024 budget would be pushed further down the line. Discussion continued with Director Sanford and Councilmembers Gardner and Buehler regarding whether other projects had been pushed to next year's budget to remain revenue neutral and if everything could still be completed using ARPA funds. Councilmember Majure and City Administrator Vandall discussed if the ARPA funds had already been allocated. Director Sanford further explained the components involved in the mill levy and the tax money received by the city from assessed property values.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to Dis-Approve Resolution No. B-4-2023. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. No discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons. The motion was approved.

Public Hearing on and Consideration of Proposed 2024 Budget

The proposed 2024 Budget will reflect a mill levy decrease of 1.598 mills from the previous year's mill levy, but still exceeds the revenue neutral rate by 1.93 mills, or \$233,277.

Councilmember Kirby made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2024 Budget. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. No discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons. The motion was approved.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2024 Budget. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. No discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons. The motion was approved.

The new proposed 2024 Budget with a 32.920 mill levy not to exceed the revenue neutral rate was requested.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion Approve the 2024 Budget with a 32.920 mill levy. Councilmember Brungardt seconded the motion. No discussion took place Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Abstain: none; Abstain: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons. The motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 1100: Court Fines and Fees Schedule

This ordinance establishes the fines and fees schedule for the Municipal Court and these changes must be adopted by ordinance in order to implement.

Councilmember Majure made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1100 adopting the City of Lansing Municipal Court Fines and Fees Schedule. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. No discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons. The motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 1101: 2023 Edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 50th Edition

This ordinance adopts the annual Standard Traffic Ordinance published by the League of Kansas Municipalities with changes outlined in the Ordinance. This is an annual procedure for updating the Lansing Traffic Code.

Councilmember Buehler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1101 adopting the 2023 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 50th Edition. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons. The motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 1102: 2023 Edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 39th Edition

Ordinance This ordinance adopts the annual Uniform Public Offense Code published by the League of Kansas Municipalities with changes as outlined in the Ordinance. This is an annual procedure for updating the Lansing Code of Public Offenses.

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1102 adopting the 2023 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 39th Edition. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. Mayor McNeill and Becky Gordon discussed the UPOC changes. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Abstain: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons. The motion was approved.

REPORTS:

City Attorney: Nothing to discuss.

City Administrator: Nothing to discuss.

Department Heads: Nothing to discuss.

Governing Body:

Councilmember Studnicka: Nothing to discuss.

Councilmember Gardner: Thanked Director Sanford for explaining the options regarding the revenue neutral rate.

Councilmember Kirby: Echoed what Councilmember Gardner. Thanked the staff for their work on the budget. Thanked the department heads for their efforts regarding the budget.

Councilmember Majure: Expressed his thanks to everyone for their work.

Councilmember Garvey: Ditto. Go Chiefs!

Councilmember Buehler: Ditto. Thanked the staff and the council for doing the right thing. On this day in 1963, the pro football hall of fame opened in Canton, Ohio with 17 charter members.

Councilmember Brungardt: Stated it is such a pleasure serving with the fellow councilmembers and doing what is best for the city. Thanked Director Sanford for her work.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Brungardt made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. No discussion took place. **Roll Call Vote: Aye: Councilmembers Studnicka, Gardner, Kirby, Majure, Garvey, Buehler, and Brungardt; Nay: none; Abstain: none; Abstain: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Councilmember Clemons. The motion was approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Tish Sims, CMC