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# AGENDA ITEM

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TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator  
FROM: Ken Miller, PIO  
DATE: April 4, 2023  
SUBJECT: Citizens' Academy Graduation

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**Explanation:** On April 6, 2023, six (6) participants will graduate from the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) annual Lansing Citizens' Academy. The Citizens' Academy provides an interactive experience for participants to learn about the functions and responsibilities of each City department. Participants meet with City staff members and learn about ways to volunteer on City boards and commissions.

Classes were held monthly from Sept. 2022 – March 2023. Sessions were led by staff, often taking place at the appropriate City facility. Each session lasted about two hours and class attendees were given an opportunity to rate each presentation.

Staff recommends the City offer the program again in 2023-2024.

This year's Citizens' Academy graduates are:

**Krista Holland  
Michelle Riggs  
Maralee Thompson  
C. Emma Njoku  
Mika Stilwell  
Zach Bolin**

Policy Consideration: None

Financial Consideration: The costs are minimal and include folders, handouts and snacks for the participants at sessions. The participants also receive plaques to signify their graduation from the program.

Action: Staff is requesting that Mayor McNeill present plaques to the graduates. PIO Miller will be available to assist.

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