

**CITY OF EAST LANSING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
February 14, 2012**

Present: Beard, Loomis, Power, Triplett, Goddeeris  
Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Goddeeris. The meeting was held in Courtroom #2 of the 54-B District Court, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

**Item 1** **Communication from Audience**

- Jeffrey Schumacher, 730 N. Pine Street, Apt. 1, Lansing, spoke in support of a taxi driver license.
- The following spoke in support of a taxi driver license for Jeffrey Schumacher:
  - Collin Dozier, 232 South Clippert Street, Lansing
  - Alejandro Gonzalez, 1128 Victor Street, Apt. 107, East Lansing
  - Jordan Dickinson, 605 E. Grand River Avenue, Apt. 25, East Lansing

**Item 2** **Approval of the Minutes**

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Loomis to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2012 work session.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Beard and seconded by Triplett to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2012 special meeting.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Power to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2012 special work session.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

**Item 3** **NEA Grant Submission**

Ami Van Antwerp, Communications Coordinator, briefed Council and answered questions on a request from MSU Museum that the City of East Lansing be the submitter for a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant for support of the Great Lakes Folk Festival. Van Antwerp said because the rules for annual submission have changed, the MSU Museum can no longer submit more than one grant application.

Goddeeris said this item will be on the Consent agenda next week.

**Item 4**

**Taste of East Lansing**

Ami Van Antwerp, Communications Coordinator, briefed Council on a request from Community Relations Coalition for closure of east end of Lot 1, amplified sound, and parking lot fee waiver for “Taste of East Lansing” event on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Power to approve Community Relations Coalition request for Lot 1 east end closure, use of amplified sound, and fee waiver from Saturday, April 21, 2012, at 2:00 a.m. to Sunday, April 22, 2012, at noon for “Taste of East Lansing” event.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

**Item 5**

**Electric Car Charging Stations**

Tim Schmitt, Community Development Analyst, briefed Council and answered questions on a Lansing Board of Water and Light (LBWL) Department of Energy grant to install electric car charging stations in public areas in the region. Schmitt said LBWL approached the City regarding installation locations and, after discussion, two options emerged: the downtown parking system and the East Lansing Public Library.

Council discussed data collection, cost, timeframe, and charging station locations.

Alice Dreger, 621 Sunset Lane, spoke regarding charging station locations.

Goddeeris said this item will be on an upcoming Consent agenda.

**Item 6**

**Public Hearings for March 6, 2012**

It was moved by Loomis and seconded by Beard to introduce and set a public hearing for March 6, 2012, for the following four items:

- An application from the Islamic Society of Greater Lansing for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 920 Harrison Avenue
- An application from Wolf River Development Company, LLC for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 514 Michigan Avenue
- An application from Apollo Investment, LLC for Special Use Permit approval for the property at 301 M.A.C. Avenue
- An application from Capital City Vineyard Church for modified Site Plan and Special Use Permit for the property at 1635 Coolidge Road

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

**Item 7**

**Ordinance No. 1252**

Goddeeris said there has been a request to postpone discussion on Ordinance No. 1252 as neighborhood associations are continuing conversations.

It was moved by Beard and seconded by Triplett to defer discussion until March 13, 2012 Council work session, and defer action until March 20, 2012 Council regular meeting on Ordinance No. 1252; a City-initiated Ordinance to amend Article III – of Chapter 50 – Zoning, Section 50-31 and add a Division 5 – of the Code of the City of East Lansing, to provide standards of review for rezoning property and provisions for conditional rezoning.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION TO DEFER CARRIED

**Item 8**

**Broad Community Connection**

Lori Mullins, Community Development Administrator, and Heather Pope, DMB Coordinator, presented an overview and answered questions regarding the regional work which has begun in preparation for the opening of the Broad Museum. They highlighted wayfinding signage, a year-long temporary outdoor art exhibit, parking coordination and mural project, downtown art exhibits in coordination with local art teachers, and downtown businesses.

Goddeeris said a date has not yet been set for the Museum opening. She thanked Mullins and Pope for their ongoing efforts with this community project.

**Item 9**

**Brownfield Plan #16 for Interstate Partners Project**

Tim Dempsey, Director of Planning and Community Development; and Kevin McGraw, developer, Interstate Partners, 4520 N. Grand River Avenue, updated Council and answered questions on Brownfield Plan #16 for the former BCBSM/Health Central site, 1525 W. Lake Lansing Road.

Dempsey highlighted eligible activities, eligible property and legal description, and tax increment financing table.

Council discussed parcels, tax increment financing, timeframe, property assessment, date of sale, Department of Environmental Quality data, and cooperation with the neighborhood.

Goddeeris said this will be on Council agenda next week.

**Item 10**

**Policy Resolution 2012-1 – Public Disclosure Process**

Tom Yeadon, Assistant City Attorney, briefed Council and answered questions on a proposed policy resolution which would require Council members to notify the City Clerk of business meetings with vendors, contractors, and developers.

Council discussed citizen rights, formal vs. informal policy resolution, transparency, scope of required disclosure, and definitions within resolution.

Goddeeris requested Yeadon to present a revised draft to Council on March 13, 2012, which incorporates Council's discussion this evening.

**Item 11**

**Board and Commission Appointments**

It was moved by Beard and seconded by Power to appoint Chad Obenauf to the Commission on the Environment to a full term ending December 31, 2014.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Power and seconded by Triplett to appoint Jason Fleming to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to a full term ending December 31, 2014.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Power and seconded by Beard to appoint Mike Vasievich to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to a full term ending December 31, 2014.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Power and seconded by Triplett to appoint Larry Cross to the Building Board of Appeals to a full term ending December 31, 2014.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Power to appoint Robert "Tucker" Wilkinson to the Building Board of Appeals to a partial term ending December 31, 2013.

ALL YEAS  
MOTION CARRIED

**Item 12**

**Council Member Reports**

Councilmember Beard:

- Reported on "The Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability," by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.
- Said May is Older Americans month and reported on developing plans to recognize senior programs and contributions made to the community.

Councilmember Loomis:

- No Report

Councilmember Power:

- No Report

Mayor Pro Tem Triplett:

- Said Friday is the deadline to submit nominees for Crystal Awards.
- Asked Council to submit any nominees for the Crystal Award review committee by Friday.

Mayor Goddeeris:

- Said date for ASMSU (Associated Students of Michigan State University) community reception at Cowles House has been changed from March 14 to Monday, March 19, 2012.
- Reported on University Student Commission concerns regarding late night secure parking spots for drivers who make the responsible choice to take a taxi.
- Reported on Responsible Hospitality Council safety concerns regarding potential for high volume of traffic on St. Patrick's Day this year.
- Reported on outreach to the community to introduce new City Manager. Goddeeris said formal swearing-in ceremony for City Manager George Lahanas will be at the March 6, 2012 Council meeting.

### **Item 13**

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager George Lahanas:

- Discussed with Council counter offers to City Manager contract proposal. Goddeeris said City Attorney will review contract language.
- Requested input on "Manager's Message" to be included in the upcoming East Lansing Dialog.
- Reported on election inspector training provided by the Clerk's office over the past two days. Lahanas thanked election workers for their service.
- Requested an Executive session for the purpose of discussing Attorney/Client privileged communication.

### **Item 14**

### **Executive Session**

It was moved by Power and seconded by Beard to adjourn to Executive session to discuss Attorney/Client privileged communication.

Roll Call:

YEAS – Beard, Loomis, Power, Triplett, Goddeeris

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

Council adjourned to Executive session at 9:05 p.m.

Council returned to the work session at 10:42 p.m.

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Power to adjourn.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

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Diane Goddeeris  
Mayor

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Nancy O. Wagner  
Administrative Secretary