

**CITY OF EAST LANSING  
CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
May 8, 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**

None

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

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Power to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012 budget work session.

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**Item 3** **Legislative Update**

Bob Emerson, McAlvey Merchant & Associates, updated Council and answered questions on current issues in the Michigan state legislature. Emerson reviewed jail reimbursement, driver responsibility fees and revenues, personal property tax bill, revenue sharing, and transportation funding task force.

**Item 4** **Recent Fireworks Legislation**

Juli Liebler, Police Chief, and Tom Yeadon, City Attorney, updated Council and answered questions on recent fireworks legislation and its impact on the City of East Lansing. They reviewed number of complaints, current noise ordinance, and what City can and cannot regulate according to the legislation.

Council discussed education, data collection, potential fireworks ordinance, and review at a later date.

**Item 5** **Electronic Fingerprint Booking System**

Juli Liebler, Police Chief, briefed Council and answered questions on an electronic fingerprint booking system purchase request and distributed Customer Quotation from

Identix, Incorporated. Liebler discussed collaboration with Lansing, Ingham County, and Michigan State University and cost discount if ordered within five days of other agencies.

Mary Haskell, Finance Director, reviewed budget figures to cover cost.

Liebler said this contract will be on Council consent agenda after review by City Attorney.

**Item 6**

**Ordinance No. 1276**

Darcy Schmitt, Planning and Zoning Administrator, briefed Council on Ordinance No. 1276; an Ordinance to amend Article V, Division 6 at Section 50-463 – of Chapter 50 – Zoning – of the Code of the City of East Lansing to amend allowed building heights.

Schmitt answered questions on Ordinance No. 1276 as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan and the proposed rezoning of 316 Gunson Street, 400 Gunson Street, and 1130 Beech Street from RM-14, Low Density Multiple-Family Residential District, to RM-54, University Oriented Multiple-Family Residential District. She discussed number of stories, height in feet, Special Use Permit, and major street location.

Council discussed zoning, density, parking, and lot coverage.

Goddeeris thanked Schmitt for her explanation.

**Item 7**

**FY2013 Budget Resolution, Tax Rates and Fee Schedules**

Mary Haskell, Finance Director, reviewed answers to Council questions regarding the fiscal year 2013 budget. Council discussed Avondale Square and monthly updates, library millage, budget estimates, and legal opinion and explanation for residents.

Goddeeris said FY2013 budget resolution will be on Council agenda next week for adoption.

**Item 8**

**Ballot Proposal**

Tom Yeadon, City Attorney, distributed draft language of an East Lansing Public Library millage question to be placed on the November 2012 ballot.

Council discussed language, explanation to residents, and coordinating timing with budget document. Yeadon said he will provide Council with suggested language changes.

Goddeeris said this item will be on Council agenda next week.

**Item 9**

**SR Grant Application & SRF Project Plan**

Todd Sneathen, Director of Public Works and Environmental Services, updated Council and answered questions on S2 grant application to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Sneathen also proposed a schedule of dates to meet approval and submittal deadlines for State Revolving Fund (SRF) project plan.

Goddeeris said this will be on Council agenda next week.

**Item 10****City Attorney Contract Renewal Discussion**

Goddeeris said the second one-year extension for City Attorney contract expires June 30, 2012. George Lahanas, City Manager, and Mary Haskell, Finance Director, distributed spread sheet of FY11 and FY12 to-date City Attorney billing totals. They also distributed a sample RFP (request for proposal) which could be refined if used by Council.

Council discussed four to six month RFP timeline; length of extension and changes to current contract; history and relationship with firm; and procedure to evaluate, collect data, and come to conclusion.

Goddeeris said this discussion will continue at May 22, 2012 work session.

**Item 11****Orchard Street Pumphouse**

Tom Yeadon, City Attorney, briefed Council and answered questions on draft Operation and Indemnity Agreement between the City and The Orchard Street Pump House Association.

Council discussed use, inspection, liability, and review and report for Council.

Yeadon said the Operation and Indemnity Agreement will be on a Council Consent agenda after review by the Orchard Street Pump House Association.

**Item 12****Woody's Oasis Grill**

It was moved by Loomis and seconded by Power to approve temporary addition of outdoor service (serving alcohol) for Woody's Oasis Grill from 10:00 a.m. to midnight during the following events:

- Art Festival, May 19 and 20, 2012
- East Lansing Jazz Festival, June 22 and 23, 2012
- Great Lakes Folk Festival, August 10, 11 and 12, 2012

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**Item 13****Council Member Reports**

Councilmember Power:

- Requested followup to questions regarding Hannah Community Center, bus maintenance, and City Center II due diligence issues.

Councilmember Loomis:

- No Report

Councilmember Beard:

- Reported on participation on panel for Center for Advanced Study of International Development in the MSU School of Human Resources and Labor Relations. He said they were entertaining a group of West Africans from Mali, Burkina Faso, and Senegal who are spending two weeks in this country learning about governmental processes and facilitation of economic development.

Mayor Pro Tem Triplett:

- No Report

Mayor Goddeeris:

- No Report

**Item 14**

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager George Lahanas:

- Requested scheduling a Council meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss City Center II due diligence issues.
- Reported on community budget information meetings.
- Reported on successful Health Care Task Force negotiations.
- Requested Executive session to discuss pending litigation regarding Gallagher, et. al.

**Item 15**

**Executive Session**

It was moved by Beard and seconded by Triplett to adjourn to Executive session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation concerning Gallagher, et. al.

Roll Call:

YEAS – Beard, Loomis, Power, Triplett, Goddeeris

NAYS – None

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Council adjourned to Executive session at 10:47 p.m.

Council returned to work session at 11:02 p.m.

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

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

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Diane Goddeeris  
Mayor

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Nancy O. Wagner  
Administrative Secretary