

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 24, 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 Beard and seconded by Power to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2012 budget work session.

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Item 3 **Kalamazoo Street Interceptor Project**

Todd Sneathen, Director of Public Works and Environmental Services, briefed Council and answered questions on a proposal from Terra Contracting, LLC, Kalamazoo, Michigan, for cleaning and televising the 48" and 54" interceptors on Kalamazoo Street from Harrison Road to west of Marigold Avenue. He said the proposal for \$27,408.30 includes a combination of televising and sonar inspection.

Goddeeris said regional vendor and bid process will be placed on a future work session for discussion.

Goddeeris said contract with Terra Contracting LLC will be on Council agenda next week.

Item 4 **Mary P. Sharp Sculpture Design**

Ami Van Antwerp, Communications Coordinator, and Kevin Epling, Arts Commission Chair, briefed Council and answered questions on the final design by artist Richard Taylor for the sculpture honoring former East Lansing Councilmember Mary P. Sharp.

Council discussed Sharp family input, timeline for construction, community awareness during Arts Festival, and fundraising.

Goddeeris thanked Arts Commission and Art Selection Panel for their work. She also thanked Van Antwerp for her work on the Crystal Awards.

Item 5

Granicus Agreement

George Lahanas, City Manager, and Alan McCarrick, Information Systems Administrator, updated Council and answered questions on Granicus proposal and service agreement to provide solution for paperless agenda and on-demand video streaming which will provide better transparency to residents and more mobile access. Lahanas said it will be a separate decision if Council chooses to proceed with paperless agenda packets and use of iPads.

McCarrick said Granicus proposal and service agreement will be placed on Council consent agenda next week.

Item 6

Contract Extensions

George Lahanas, City Manager, and Shelli Neumann, Human Resources Administrator, briefed Council and answered questions on contract extension agreements for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Lahanas said these contract extensions show that unions understand current finances and are willing to partner with the City.

It was moved by Loomis and seconded by Beard to approve contract extensions for:

- International Fire Fighters Association (IAFF)
- Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM)
- United Auto Workers (UAW), Local 2256
- East Lansing Supervisory Independent Union (ELSIU)
- East Lansing Independent Employees Union (ELIEU)
- Fraternal Order of Police (FOP): Support Services

and the City of East Lansing for one year, from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and authorize City Manager to sign.

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Item 7

Brownfield Plan #17 – 514 Michigan Avenue

Tim Dempsey, Director of Planning and Community Development, briefed Council and answered questions on Brownfield Plan #17 for the 514 Michigan Avenue redevelopment project. Dempsey reviewed cost of eligible activities, timeline, and reimbursements.

Dempsey said a public hearing on Brownfield Plan #17 is scheduled for May 1, 2012.

Darcy Schmitt, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented Option A and Option B for Ordinance No. 1270; a City initiated ordinance to amend Article VI, Division 6 at Sections 50-792, 50-793, and 50-794 – of Chapter 50 – Zoning – of the Code of the City of East Lansing to amend the permitted land uses and minimum building height requirements.

Schmitt said Option A includes Sec. 50-795 (8) referring to renovations or additions to a sorority or a fraternity which will not increase occupancy or building footprint by more than 50%, with submission for approval prior to June 14, 2016.

Schmitt said Option B includes Sec. 50-795 (8) and also adds Sec. 50-795 (9) which allows renovations or additions to existing principle buildings.

Council discussed East Village district outline, density, June 14, 2016 vs June 14, 2014 sunset date, and Special Use Permit application and fees for FarmHouse fraternity. Schmitt said if either Option A or Option B of Ordinance No. 1270 were approved, 25% retail space on first floor of FarmHouse fraternity would not be necessary because it would no longer be reviewed under East Village zoning requirements.

Goddeeris said written communication was received on April 23, 2012 from Berton Sheppard regarding FarmHouse fraternity.

Item 9**Council Member Reports**

Councilmember Beard:

- Reminded citizens of HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Sustainability Summit at Hannah Community Center on April 30 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and said he plans to attend.

Councilmember Loomis:

- Reported on his recent attendance at the press announcement of The Heights development project at Eastwood Towne Center.

Councilmember Power:

- Distributed Document VI, Additional Due Diligence Clarifications and Questions for List, dated April 23, 2012.
- Commented on recent State News editorial regarding East Lansing City Manager search process costs.
- Distributed article from Bloomberg Businessweek regarding Stockton, California private/public redevelopment project.

Mayor Pro Tem Triplett:

- Reported on current State Senate hearings regarding personal property taxes and potential impact on the City of East Lansing.
- Said City Attorney is drafting a memo of guidance for Council members, City staff, and Board and Commission members regarding legal parameters of millage conversation.

Mayor Goddeeris:

- Reported on items and received input regarding:
 - City Attorney
 - Citizens United vs Federal Election Commission
 - Gas stations with liquor licenses and standards of review
 - Theta Delta Chi event Thursday evening
 - Citizen followup
- Said Kristin Shelley, East Lansing Public Library Director, requested contact from Council members when there is possible press followup to Library questions.

Item 10

City Manager's Report

City Manager George Lahanas:

- Said he has jury duty the week of May 7, 2012.
- Reported on meetings with residents and civic groups to introduce himself as new East Lansing City Manager, to present positive operations of the City, and to communicate budget issues.

Item 11

Adjournment

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

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Diane Goddeeris
Mayor

Nancy O. Wagner
Administrative Secretary