

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 17, 2012**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Goddeeris. The meeting was held in Council Chambers of the 54-B District Court, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

East Lansing Boy Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1 **Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved by Goddeeris and seconded by Triplett to approve the agenda with the following additions:

CONSENT AGENDA

Item # 20 – New Item

- Set a public hearing for May 15, 2012 for Ordinance No. 1276; a City-initiated ordinance to amend the RM-54 District, University Oriented Multiple-Family Residential, of the Zoning Code to modify allowed building heights.

Item # 21 – New Item

- Approval of a resolution recognizing April 21, 2012 as the Greater Lansing Chapter Jack and Jill Day in East Lansing.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Item # 22 – New Item

- Consideration of the Climate Sustainability Plan

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Item 2 **Approval of the Minutes**

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Power to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2012 regular meeting.

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Item 3 **Special Presentation**

Wendy Wilmers Longpre, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts, recognized East Lansing Boy Scouts who have recently volunteered in the City of East Lansing

Environmental Stewardship Program by working in White Park and Henry Fine Park. She recommended awarding City of East Lansing Natural Resources Conservation patches to Ben Baker, Danny Baker, Jacob Stanton, Rhys Fitschen-Brown, Alec Hegg, Paul Przybylski, Dean Przybylski, John Upham, and Noah Miller for their efforts to preserve and enhance City parks and environment.

Mayor Goddeeris read a Council resolution awarding the Natural Resources Conservation patches to these nine Boy Scouts.

Item 4

Written Communication

Between April 10 and 17, 2012, Council received written communication:

- 04/10/12 from Suchitra Webster regarding Ordinance No. 1276
- 04/11/12 from Sally Silver regarding Ordinance No. 1276
- 04/12/12 from Phil Bellfy regarding City Center II
- 04/12/12 from Eliot Singer regarding DDA
- 04/16/12 from Richard Sheppard regarding FarmHouse Fraternity
- 04/16/12 from Gordon and Sheila Taylor regarding City Center II
- 04/16/12 from Darcy Schmitt: Response letter to Sally Silver
- 04/17/12 from Eliot Singer regarding East Village

Goddeeris said she received communication from Joe Maguire regarding groundbreaking for the green demonstration building on May 8 at 10:00 a.m.

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Communication from Audience

- Susan Schmidt, 1717 Colorado Drive, spoke regarding Project Pride, East Lansing annual recycling event, which will be held June 2, 2012.
- Jim Anderson, 968 Roxburgh Avenue, spoke regarding the Solid Waste Fund budget.

Item 6

Review of Work Session Actions

Mayor Goddeeris reviewed the following actions taken at the work session of April 10, 2012:

1. Approved the minutes of the March 27, 2012 special meeting.
2. Approved the minutes of the March 27, 2012 work session.
3. Approved revised request for one-lane road closures for Lansing marathon on Sunday, April 22, 2012.
4. Approved Grant of Sidewalk Easement between S & K Real Estate, LLC and the City of East Lansing.
5. Approved Certified Resolution from City Council Authorizing the Application for Special License.
6. Approved right-of-way request for space along Charles Street adjacent to the former Barnes & Noble space at 333 E. Grand River Avenue for The Land Grant: Art, Agriculture, Sustainability event and authorized food vending.

Item 7**Communication from Mayor and Council Members**

Councilmember Power:

- Congratulated East Lansing Public Library Director Kristin Shelley on a successful fundraising event last Friday evening.
- Requested information on status of due diligence list for City Center II and distributed two additional due diligence questions.
- Requested a future Council City Center II discussion to develop a top 10 list of risk and reward for the City; develop worst case, middle case, and best case projections for the City; and develop cost of a City exit strategy, if one is needed.

Councilmember Loomis:

- No Report

Councilmember Beard:

- Congratulated East Lansing Boy Scout Troop 2 members on receiving Natural Resources Conservation patches and thanked all East Lansing scouts for their service to the City.
- Reported on Tri-County Regional Planning Commission which is hosting HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Sustainability Summit at Hannah Community Center on April 30 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and invited residents to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Triplett:

- Said he echoed Councilmember Power's comments on the successful Library event on Friday and thanked Director Kristin Shelley and staff for their work.
- Reminded citizens of Crystal Awards event to be held Thursday, April 19 at Hannah Community Center with reception beginning at 5:00 p.m. and presentations at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Goddeeris:

- Thanked Senior volunteers who were recognized at a reception this past week.
- Invited citizens to Community Relations Coalition Taste of East Lansing event on Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in parking lot #1.

Item 8**City Manager's Report**

City Manager George Lahanas:

- Said Crystal Awards event is an opportunity to pay tribute to people who provide a great service to the community and to recognize citizenship and service as values in this community.

Item 9**City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Tom Yeadon:

- No Report

Item 10**Public Hearing – FY2012-13 Budget and Tax Rate**

George Lahanas, City Manager, reviewed the FY2012-13 budget Executive Summary highlighting responsible combination of reductions and revenue enhancements to solve the City's fiscal challenges. He said this budget seeks to balance revenue challenges with the need to provide the necessary services our citizens expect and deserve.

Goddeeris opened the public hearing on the FY2012-13 Budget and Tax Rate.

The following community organization representatives thanked Council for previous support or for recommended CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and / or General Fund support in FY2012-13 budget:

- Sara Levine and Ruth Pell – Tri-County Office on Aging, Lansing
- Michelle Reardon – Hometown Housing Partnership, Inc. (HHP), East Lansing
- Diana Maddox – Capital Area Center for Independent Living, Lansing
- Kathy Kelly – Child Abuse Prevention Services, Lansing
- Lori Pourzan and Jane Martineau – Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Lansing
- D. Clark – Capital Area Literacy Coalition, Lansing
- Barbara Morton – Gateway Community Services, East Lansing
- William Acheson – Franklin Street Community Housing Corporation, Lansing
- Angie Mayeaux – Haven House, East Lansing
- Erica Schmitt diel – MSU Safe Place, East Lansing
- Joseph Hershey – The Listening Ear, Lansing
- Patricia Joly – MSU Migrant Student Services, East Lansing

Seeing no one else come forward, Goddeeris closed the public hearing on the FY2012-13 Budget and Tax Rate.

Goddeeris said Council will continue budget discussions at 5:00 p.m. next Tuesday in Conference Room A.

Item 11**Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 1270**

Consideration of 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.

Darcy Schmitt, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented an overview and answered questions on Ordinance No. 1270 and amendments to East Village District.

Council discussed previous and current conforming uses, Zoning Board of Appeals variances, and timeline of current applications.

Goddeeris opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1270.

Isaac Sheppard, Jr., 1049 John R Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan, spoke regarding FarmHouse Fraternity proposed renovations, zoning, and application process.

Devin Cudnohufsky, 342 N. Harrison Road, spoke in support of application from FarmHouse Fraternity at 151 Bogue Street.

Daniel Snitchler, 321 Bogue Street, spoke in support of application from FarmHouse Fraternity at 151 Bogue Street.

Trace Camacho, 1321 Ramblewood Drive, spoke regarding FarmHouse Fraternity and zoning.

Seeing no one else come forward, Goddeeris closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1270.

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Beard to defer action on Ordinance No. 1270 until May 1, 2012, and schedule discussion for work session on April 24, 2012.

ALL YEAS
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Item 12

Consent Agenda

City Manager George Lahanas reviewed the Consent agenda:

1. Approval of a resolution awarding City of East Lansing Natural Resources Conservation patches to Ben Baker, Danny Baker, Jacob Stanton, Rhys Fitschen-Brown, Alec Hegg, Paul Przybylski, Dean Przybylski, John Upham, and Noah Miller for their work in East Lansing Parks as part of the City of East Lansing Environmental Stewardship Program.
2. Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Wolverine Engineers and Surveyors to provide construction services for the 2012 infrastructure improvements for the Ann Street redevelopment area project and authorize City Manager to sign.
3. Approval of a contract with E.T. MacKenzie Company for 2012 infrastructure improvements for Ann Street development area project in the amount of \$1,269,338.62 and authorize City Manager to sign.
4. Approval of MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies which is required as part of application for annual State right-of-way permit.
5. Introduce and set a public hearing for May 15, 2012, Ordinance No. 1278; an Ordinance to amend Section 8-251 of Division 2 – Entertainment License – and Sections 8-281, 8-301, 8-302, and 8-303 of Division 3 – Dances and Dancehalls – and to amend the title of Division 3 and Section 8-331 of Division 4 – Amusements and Video Arcades – of Article IV – Amusements and Entertainment of Chapter 8 – Businesses – of the Code of the City of East Lansing.
6. Introduce and set a public hearing for May 15, 2012, for reconsideration of an application from Dino Cascardo Holdings, Lansing, LLC for Special Use Permit approval for the property at 504 Michigan Avenue. The applicant is requesting approval to allow the sale of packaged beer, wine, and spirits.
7. Approval of Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Program Agreement with Lansing Board of Water and Light for electric car charging stations at East Lansing Public Library and in downtown and authorize City Manager to sign.

8. Approval of the appointment of Brian Laxton to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial term ending December 31, 2012.
9. Set a public hearing for May 15, 2012, for Ordinance No. 1276; a City-initiated ordinance to amend the RM-54 District, University Oriented Multiple-Family Residential, of the Zoning Code to modify allowed building heights.
10. Approval of a resolution recognizing April 21, 2012 as the Greater Lansing Chapter Jack and Jill Day in East Lansing.

It was moved by Beard and seconded by Power to approve the Consent agenda.

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City of East Lansing, Michigan

**RESOLUTION AWARDING “SCOUTS CONSERVING EAST LANSING’S
NATURAL RESOURCES” PATCHES TO THE NINE (9) LOCAL SCOUTS**

April 17, 2012

WHEREAS, the City developed a Scouting Patch Program in 2007 to recognize local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who volunteer their time on environmentally related community service projects which benefit the City of East Lansing ; and,

WHEREAS, nine Boy Scouts recently combined to volunteer more than 30 hours for the City’s Environmental Stewardship Program; and,

WHEREAS, the volunteer efforts of the scouts helped develop a nature trail at White Park and remove buckthorn, an invasive species, at Henry Fine Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East Lansing City Council hereby award, Ben Baker, Danny Baker, Jacob Stanton, Rhys Fitschen-Brown, Alec Hegg, Paul Przybylski, Dean Przybylski, John Upham and Noah Miller the City’s “Scouts Conserving East Lansing’s Natural Resources” patch in recognition of their efforts to preserve and enhance our City parks and environment.

City of East Lansing, Michigan

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 21, 2012 AS THE GREATER LANSING
CHAPTER JACK AND JILL DAY IN EAST LANSING**

April 21, 2012

WHEREAS, Jack & Jill of America, Inc, was founded on January 24, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, the Greater Lansing Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., was voted on at the National Convention in Chicago in 1982 and chartered by the National Office on March 12, 1983 with 26 Charter members; and,

WHEREAS, goals of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. are aimed at stimulating children's growth and development, providing constructive programs for children such as educational, cultural, civic, recreational, etc., aid mothers in learning more about child rearing and care, seeking the advantages for children that we desire for our own, supporting legislation aimed at bettering conditions for children, and, finally, to develop and disseminate childcare and child development educational material; and,

WHEREAS, by bringing together children in a social and cultural environment Jack & Jill's resources are intended to improve the quality of life, particularly for African-American children; and,

WHEREAS, on April 20-22, 2012, there will be several celebratory events held to honor their 30th anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, their anniversary theme is "Celebrating a 30 year Legacy of Service to Families and the Community" which is a continuation of their National mission to "Achieving Excellence, Inspiring Greatness, and Motivating Youth to Lead and Serve (AIM);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of East Lansing hereby recognizes April 21, 2012 as the Greater Lansing Chapter Jack and Jill day in East Lansing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council congratulates the Greater Lansing Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. on their 30th anniversary and wish them many years of success to come.

Item 13

Business Agenda

1. Consideration of Climate Sustainability Plan.

Goddeeris recognized David Smith, Environmental Specialist, and Commission on the Environment members who were present at the meeting: Chair Brian Cenci, Shanna Draheim, Dorinda Van Kempen, and Marcia Horan.

Shanna Draheim spoke regarding the Climate Sustainability Plan and said it contains actions not only to guide City work, but also for business owners and residents as well.

Goddeeris thanked the Commission for their hard work on the Climate Sustainability Plan.

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Beard to approve the Climate Sustainability Plan as included in Council packet.

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It was moved by Power and seconded by Goddeeris to return Climate Sustainability Plan to Commission on the Environment, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and Planning Commission to develop a step by step action plan which includes milestones, timetables, and responsibilities for implementation of Plan, and return to Council by August 8, 2012.

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2. Consideration of the Annual Restaurant, Liquor and Entertainment License Renewal.

It was moved by Loomis and seconded by Power to approve a resolution to authorize the Clerk to issue renewal licenses, as provided by law, for all current restaurant and entertainment licenses except for those restaurants that have delinquent taxes as listed in April 17, 2012 Council agenda packet Attachment K.

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It was moved by Loomis and seconded by Power to approve a resolution to authorize the Clerk to issue renewal licenses for all current restaurant and entertainment licenses for those restaurants listed in April 17, 2012 Council agenda packet Attachment K that have delinquent taxes only upon payment of any delinquent taxes, fees or charges due and payable to the City of East Lansing.

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It was moved by Goddeeris and seconded by Power approve City Council register no objections to renewal of current liquor license holders in the City of East Lansing.

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3. Consideration of an application from the Michigan Farmhouse Association for Site Plan approval for the property at 151 Bogue Street, which would permit an expansion of the existing Farmhouse fraternity, increasing occupancy from 44 to 60 persons, and would add retail space on the first floor of the addition. The property is zoned EV, East Village.

It was moved by Beard and seconded by Power to defer consideration until May 1, 2012, and schedule discussion at April 24, 2012 work session of an application from the Michigan Farmhouse Association for Site Plan approval for the property at 151 Bogue Street, which would permit an expansion of the existing Farmhouse fraternity, increasing occupancy from 44 to 60 persons, and would add retail space on the first floor of the addition. The property is zoned EV, East Village.

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4. Consideration of the preface and underlying definitions of the City Council’s five overarching Strategic Priorities.

Power said he would like to modify III. Enhanced Public Assets, sentence two, by adding: *and informational resources*.

It was moved by Power and seconded by Triplett to adopt Strategic Priorities as written and modified at III. Enhanced Public Assets, sentence two, to read:

“Maintaining and improving these assets, which include both physical structures and facilities, as well as recreational, cultural, educational programs *and informational resources* is critical to the wellbeing of the community and its residents.”

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Item 14

Adjournment

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

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Diane Goddeeris
Mayor

Nancy O. Wagner
Administrative Secretary