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August 7, 2019–7:00 P.M.

Court/City Council Conference Room

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1) **Opening**

A) **Roll Call**

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Baum, Cannon, Grigsby, Hoene (7:20 PM), McWherter and Murray. Also present were Aaron Stephens, City Council Liaison, and Shelli Neumann, Staff Liaison.

B) **Review of Agenda**

The Commission approved the agenda for August 7, 2019. Motion by Murray; second by McWherter. All yeas; motion carried.

C) **Approval of Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes for July 2, 2019. Motion by Cannon; second by Murray. All yeas; motion carried.

D) **Election of Officers**

Commissioner Talyce Murray was elected as the Chair of the HRC, effective immediately. Motion by Hoene; second by Cannon. All yeas; motion carried.

2) **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3) **Written Correspondence**

None

4) **Council Liaison Comments**

Councilmember Stephens spoke about the Ordinance prohibiting conversion therapy for minors which he brought to City Council at their 7/16/19 meeting, which is before the HRC this evening. The ordinance is modeled after the Huntington Woods ordinance that was recently passed.

Councilmember Stephens stated that he would be introducing a resolution at City Council that would change the way the City Council agenda is set.

Councilmember Stephens noted that he is currently working on arranging a community conversation on the topic of leasing and domestic violence with a landlord and student group and EVE.

Councilmember Stephens expressed his gratitude for Commissioner Baum's service on the HRC.

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- 5) **Staff Liaison Report**
None

- 6) **Commissioner Concerns/Items**
Newly appointed Commissioner Chuck Grigsby introduced himself to the HRC.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation of Daniel Baum's service on the HRC, specifically in the role as Chair. The August meeting is Baum's last meeting, as he will be leaving East Lansing to go to University of Michigan's Law School.

- 7) **New Business**
A) **Ordinance 1465**
It was moved by Cannon and supported by Murray to recommend that City Council approve Ordinance 1465, an ordinance prohibiting the practice of conversion therapy.
Roll call vote:
Baum: Yes
Cannon: Yes
Grigsby: Yes
Hoene: Yes
McWherter: Yes
Murray: Yes
All yeas; motion carried.

- 8) **Old Business**
A) **Public Safety Review Board**
Commissioner Murray stated that the subcommittee working on recommendations regarding the Public Safety Review Board Ad Hoc Committee has met twice. They have drafted some initial recommendations that they will offering to the HRC at the September 4 meeting. Murray summarized the drafted recommendations verbally.

Murray noted that she will be sending the recommendations to Neumann prior to the September meeting, and sharing them with the City Attorney. The City Attorney will also be invited to the September meeting.

- B) **Coffee & Conversation—HRC Monthly Event**
Commissioners discussed the July Coffee & Conversation inaugural event. Approximately eight community members attended the event, and it received positive media coverage. Commissioner McWherter did a very good job of leading the discussion of "What is a Protected Class?" Baum and Cannon will facilitate the second session on Sunday, August 18, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at Espresso Royale (1500 W. Lake Lansing Rd), topic: Hate Crimes.

Various ways of publicizing the event were discussed, including creating a Facebook event and sending a press release to targeted members/stakeholders of the community. The possibility of free billboard advertising was mentioned.

- 9) **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM. Motion by Cannon; second by Hoene. All yeas; motion carried.