

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
August 28, 2012**

Present: Beard, Loomis, 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.

Item 1 **Approval of the Agenda**

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

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Item 2 **Business Agenda**

1. Discussion of the City Council member selection process.

Councilmember Donald Power resigned from City Council effective August 22, 2012.

Mayor Goddeeris said Council has been provided for reference East Lansing City Charter language which addresses resignation from Council and filling of the vacancy. She said on three previous occasions (1993, 1997 for six months, and 2006) there have been resignations from Council and copies of those minutes have also been provided.

Council discussed which process to use to select a new Council member, how to implement that process and timeline, previous Application to Fill Vacancy on the City Council and any changes to made, and notification of the public.

City Attorney Tom Yeadon suggested additional language to the affidavit section of the Application: “...*nor am I a current employee or administrative officer of the City of East Lansing...and Section 7.13...*” That section would now read:

I swear or affirm that I am a resident of and registered to vote in the City of East Lansing. I further swear or affirm that the above information is true and accurate. I further swear that, on this date, I am not in default to the City of East Lansing, **nor am I a current employee or administrative officer of the City of East Lansing**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.8 **and Section 7.13** of the City Charter. By submitting this application, I agree to a criminal background check and understand that this application is a public record.

Council agreed to this additional language.

By consensus, Council agreed to the following process and timeline:

- Wednesday, August 29: Distribute press release via print, City website, and social media
- Friday, September 7, 4:00 p.m.: Application deadline (this allows 10 days for applications to be submitted)
- Tuesday, September 11: at scheduled City Council work session, discuss questions for applicants and finalize interview schedule
- Saturday, September 15, beginning at 8:00 a.m.: Interview all applicants at Hannah Community Center. Interviews will be open to the public and televised on WELG, East Lansing cable channel 22.
- Tuesday, September 18: at scheduled City Council regular meeting at MSU Union, make decision on applicant to fill vacancy. (If needed for the decision process, special meetings could be called for Wednesday, September 19 and/or Thursday, September 20.)
- Friday, September 21: Vacancy filled within 30 days, per East Lansing City Charter
- Tuesday, September 25: at scheduled City Council work session, administer Oath of Office to newly selected Councilmember

Item 3

Communication from Audience

- Erik Altmann, 702 Snyder Road, spoke in opposition to fireworks
- Ray Vlasin, 1854 Cricket Lane, spoke regarding Plante & Moran feasibility study of regional shared services
- Travis Colwell, 830 Huntington Road, spoke regarding fireworks

Item 4

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 8:25 p.m.

Diane Goddeeris
Mayor

Nancy O. Wagner
Administrative Secretary