

Roll Call

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held as an electronic meeting under the authority of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) as amended by PA 254 of 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to call a closed session to discuss labor negotiation strategy.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor David Anderson
Vice Mayor Patrese Griffin
Eric Cunningham
Jeanne Hess
Erin Knott
Chris Praedel
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

All members present indicated they were physically located in the City of Kalamazoo, except for Commissioner Urban, who indicated he was physically located in Burlington, Vermont.

Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, Deputy City Manager Jeff Chamberlain, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Public Comments

Next, when an opportunity was given for general public comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Jeff Messer, City resident, expressed opposition to the City Commission's ongoing use of electronic means for its meetings. Mr. Messer requested a separate voicemail box option for people who wanted to comment on agenda items, and he suggested letting verified City residents speak live during Commission meetings, either via phone or within Zoom. Mr. Messer asked that the City Commission not go into closed session.

Ann Martinez, City resident, expressed concerns about buildings next to her home on Conant Street.

Commissioner Comments

An opportunity was given for comments from City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Closed Session

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss labor negotiation strategy.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AYES:

Commissioners Cunningham, Hess, Knott, Praedel, Urban, Vice Mayor Griffin, Mayor Anderson

NAYS:

None

Mayor Anderson confirmed the City Commission would not return to open session following the closed session.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 18, 2021

Approved by: _____
David F. Anderson, Mayor
Dated: October 18, 2021