ACTION MINUTES

KALAMAZOO CITY COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2024

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the City Commission at its regular business meeting on June 3, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Mayor David Anderson Vice Mayor Jeanne Hess Don Cooney Stephanie Hoffman Chris Praedel Alonzo Wilson
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	Qianna Decker

Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Decker. With a voice vote the motion passed.

PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED

Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 7, 2024

NeighborWorks Week, June 1-8, 2024

ADOPTION OF THE FORMAL AGENDA

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following changes:

City Manager Ritsema requested that Item H-3, first reading of an ordinance to amend sections of the Traffic Code, be removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Cooney requested that Item G-2, a contract supplemental with Wightman & Associates for design of the Kalamazoo Avenue 2-way conversion project, and Item G-8, a resolution to decertify Peake Road and Circle Street for the purposes of Act 51 funding, be moved to the Regular Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents on behalf of the city:

- approval of a professional services agreement with Wightman & Associates for construction engineering services for the Michikal improvements project in the amount of $214,050.

- approval of a professional services agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc for lift station control panels, programming, and engineering support in the amount of $465,000.

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving a request from the Downtown Development Authority to levy a tax rate of 1.9638 mills. (Resolution No. 24-32)

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** confirming the 2024 Assessment Roll. (Resolution No. 24-33)

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recommending approval of a Social District and Commons Area Permit for KZoo Tacos, LLC DBA Barrio located at 215 E. Michigan Ave. (Resolution 24-34)

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to decertify East Harkins Court, Milham Park Drive, and Caves Court for the purposes of Act 51 funding. (Resolution No. 24-35)

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to certify the Portage/Pitcher Connector and Harrison Street and decertify East Kilgore Road, Gibson Street, Bank Street, and West Michigan Avenue for the purposes of Act 51 funding. (Resolution 24-36)

- approval of a request from the Kalamazoo Country Club for a permit to publicly display fireworks at 1609 Whites Road on Thursday, July 4th.

Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, moved to approve the consent agenda requests and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents on behalf of the City.

With a roll call vote the motion passed 6-0.

AYES: Commissioners Cooney, Hoffman, Praedel, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hess, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

REGULAR AGENDA

- Vice Mayor Hess, seconded by Commissioner Praedel, moved to accept a $12,272,799 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant from the United States Department of Transportation and approve a budget amendment.

  With a roll call vote the motion passed 6-0.

  AYES: Commissioners Cooney, Hoffman, Praedel, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hess, Mayor Anderson

  NAYS: None

- Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Praedel, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend the Kalamazoo City Code, Chapter 2 – Article X Employee Retirement System, §2-243. (Ordinance 2083)

  With a roll call vote the motion passed 6-0.

  AYES: Commissioners Cooney, Hoffman, Praedel, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hess, Mayor Anderson

  NAYS: None

- Vice Mayor Hess, seconded by Commissioner Praedel, moved to approve a contract supplemental with Wightman & Associates for design of the Kalamazoo Avenue 2-way conversion in the amount of $229,000.

  With a roll call vote the motion passed 5-1.

  AYES: Commissioners Hoffman, Praedel, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hess, Mayor Anderson

  NAYS: Commissioner Cooney

- Commissioner Praedel, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to decertify Peake Road and Circle Street for the purposes of Act 51 funding. (Resolution No. 24-37)

  With a roll call vote the motion passed 6-0.

  AYES: Commissioners Cooney, Hoffman, Praedel, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hess, Mayor Anderson

  NAYS: None

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss pending litigation and an attorney-client privileged communication.

With a roll call vote the motion passed 6-0.

AYES: Commissioners Cooney, Hoffman, Praedel, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hess, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

The City Commission went into closed session at 9:06 p.m.
The City Commission returned to open session at 9:32 p.m.

OFFER OF JUDGEMENT

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Praedel, moved that the City Commission make an offer of judgement of $300,000 in the *Lakisha McMillon v City of Kalamazoo* lawsuit.

With a roll call vote the motion passed 6-0.

AYES: Commissioners Cooney, Hoffman, Praedel, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hess, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that these action minutes are accurate account of the actions taken by the Kalamazoo City Commission at its regular business meeting on June 3, 2024. Public notice was given and the meeting was conducted in full compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267, 1976).

Scott A. Borling

Scott A. Borling, City Clerk