ACTION MINUTES

KALAMAZOO CITY COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2024

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the City Commission at its regular business meeting on April 1, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED

National Work Zone Awareness Week

ADOPTION OF THE FORMAL AGENDA

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

A citizen requested that the following item be moved to the Regular Agenda:

Item G.5, approval of an agreement with Norwegian Winds, LLC for the purchase of 232 and 310 Balch Street adjacent to the Central Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $250,000.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve items 1-4, 6-11, postpone item 12 until April 15, 2024, and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents on behalf of the city:

- approval of a contract supplemental with Peter's Construction for the 2023 Sidewalk Gap Project in the amount of $120,000.

- approval of a professional service agreement with the Northern Pump & Well Company for well rehabilitation and associated maintenance in the amount of $158,965.

- approval of the purchase of three vans from Gorno Ford through the MiDEAL Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of $163,761.

- approval of a contract with L.D. Docsa Associates, Inc. for the reconstruction of Water Station 26 in the amount of $232,140.

- approval of the second amendment to the employment agreement with City Manager Jim Ritsema.

- approval of an amendment to the grant agreement, and a budget amendment, with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the engineering and design phase of the Reed Court Flood Plain Project in the amount of $89,745.

- approval of the appointment and assignment of City Commissioners to various committees, boards, and commissions.

- approval of the Mayor's appointment of Jessica Thompson to the Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Economic Growth Authority Boards for a term expiring on March 31, 2028.

- approval of the following appointments and re-appointments to boards, commissions, and committees:

    - the reappointment of Tiffany Burns to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as the Eastside Neighborhood Representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2027.

    - the reappointment of Chealsie Viere to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2027.

    - the appointment of Damaris Potter to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2027.

    - the appointment of David DeBack to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2027

    - the reappointment of Joseph Hohler III to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2027.

- approval of the proposed settlement in the 2023 State Circuit Court Case Biance Wilson v. City of Kalamazoo for $450,000.

- resolution to vacate the northern seventeen (17) feet of W Water Street, between N Park Street and N Westnedge Avenue. *(Postpone until April 15, 2024)*

Commissioner Praedel, seconded by Vice Mayor Hess, 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, with Commissioner Wilson abstaining on Items G.11 and G.12.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Wilson (G.11, G.12)

REGULAR AGENDA

- Commissioner Praedel, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, moved to approve a construction agreement with Graphic Packaging International and James E. Fulton Excavating for the construction of wastewater systems in the amount of $2,164,591.50; and authorize the City Manager to approve up to $500,000 in project contingencies for additional project costs.

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

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

  NAYS: None

- Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Decker, moved to approve an effluent sewer easement with Graphic Packaging International for the GPI Effluent Sewer Realignment project.

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

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

  NAYS: None

- Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Vice Mayor Hess, moved to approve a professional service agreement with Jones & Henry Engineers, LTD for construction engineering services on the GPI Effluent Sewer Realignment project in the amount of $271,500.

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

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

  NAYS: None

- Vice Mayor Hess, seconded by Commissioner Decker, moved to approve a contract with Wightman and Associates to design the two-way conversion of Michigan Avenue in the amount of $1,976,459.

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

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

NAYS: Commissioner Cooney

- Vice Mayor Hess, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to approve an agreement with Norwegian Winds, LLC for the purchase of 232 and 310 Balch Street adjacent to the Central Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $250,000.

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

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

  NAYS: None

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, 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 9:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 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 April 1, 2024. Public notice was given and the meeting was conducted in full compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267, 1976).

Shelby Moss, Deputy City Clerk