

Roll Call

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, February 17, 2025 at 5:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Aaron Leal, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Public Comments

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

Curt Aardema, City resident, expressing support for staff efforts to improve the City's development process.

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Presentation re: the
City's Development
Process

The following staff members delivered a presentation entitled *City of Kalamazoo: Development Process Update, 2025*.

Jaime McCarthy, Development Manager
Paul Thuringer, Development Administrator
Bobby Durkee, Assistant City Planner
Roger Iveson, Building Official

A copy of the slides from this presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

At the conclusion of the presentation, the presenters responded to Commissioner questions regarding the current timeframe for the development process; incentives for vacant trades inspector positions; continuity and consistent messaging among inspectors; the maintenance of service levels through position vacancies; structures and processes for ensuring continuous process improvement; the reduction in items going to the Planning Commission; the locations in the City that were seeing the most development; the City's recruitment of developers; the reasons staff initiated process improvements; timelines/deadlines in the process for developers; the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools in the development process; and the alignment of the development process with code-adjacent activities (fire inspections, rental registration).

Commissioner
Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general comments from City Commissioners.

Commissioner Decker thanked staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Praedel requested that Item G-1 on the business meeting agenda, a contract for engineering services for the Westnedge Avenue repaving project, be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Adjournment