

Roll Call

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:03 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

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

Commissioner Excused

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

Public Comments

An opportunity was given for general public comments, but no comments were offered.

2025-15-01Presentations on
Sustainability Initiatives

Justin Gish, City Sustainability Coordinator, delivered a presentation entitled *Beyond the Greenhouse Gases: A Report on Sustainability Initiatives in Kalamazoo, Michigan*.

Taylor Van Winkle, Climate Sustainability Coordinator for Kalamazoo County, delivered a presentation entitled *Holistic Healthy Homes*.

Copies of the slides from these presentations were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

At the conclusion of the presentations, the Sustainability Coordinators responded to Commissioner questions regarding the status of the Community Change Grant; whether home repairs would include lead paint abatement; the process for homeowners to apply for repairs; whether rental properties were eligible for grant funds; investment in community centers and green industry development; whether the grant would fully cover the cost of solar panels for the Crosstown Justice Facility; the work to eliminate Japanese Knotweed; and the intersection of LEED certification requirements with historic district rules.

2025-15-02Cannabis Chamber 2024
Annual Review

Rebecca Colett with Detroit Cannabis Project delivered a presentation entitled *Kalamazoo Social Equity Cannabis Chamber 2024 Annual Review*. A copy of the slides from this presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Colett responded to Commissioner questions regarding wages for graduates of cannabis training programs; the resources that support the Cannabis Chamber; effective marketing channels; other cities that were utilizing Detroit Cannabis Project; and the link between retail prices and black-market sales, and whether the City needed to change its policies.

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

Commissioner
Comments

Vice Mayor Hess observed there were educational elements in all three presentations.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Adjournment



Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____