

Roll Call

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, June 2, 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
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

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

Public Comments

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

2025-23-01

Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident and member of the Northside Cultural Business District Authority (NCBDA) Board, regarding the need for developers to include owner-occupied housing and resident-owned businesses in their Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) applications for redevelopment projects within the NCBDA district. (document filed)

Marilyn Pulley, City resident, regarding the need for developers to include owner-occupied housing and resident-owned businesses in their NEZ applications for redevelopment projects within the NCBDA district.

Nate Ross, City resident, regarding the lack of charges against the owner of an unsecured firearm that was accidentally discharged in a car by a child, resulting in the shooting of another child.

2025-23-02

Presentation re:
Downtown Parking
Updates

Rob Bacigalupi, Principal of Mission North, LLC, delivered a presentation entitled *Downtown Kalamazoo 2025 Parking Updates*. A copy of the presentation slides was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

Following the presentation Mr. Bacigalupi responded to Commissioner questions regarding the free 90-minute spaces in parking ramps; planning for new traffic patterns created by the future downtown arena; and installation issues with the parking meter kiosks.

2025-23-03

Transformational
Brownfield Project
Presentation

The following people delivered a presentation entitled *Transformational Brownfield Project: Committee of the Whole, June 2, 2025*:

Sarah Snoeyink from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation
David Stegink, the City's Brownfield consultant from Fishbeck, Inc.
Trisha Kidd and Mark Chilcott from PlazaCorp
Joe Agostinelli from Michigan Growth Advisors
Jamie McCarthy, the City's Development Manager

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

Commissioner Questions:

Following the presentation, Assistant City Planner Bobby Durkee, Development Manager McCarthy, Ms. Kidd, and Mr. Agostinelli responded to Commissioner questions regarding the concerns of Northside Neighborhood residents; the number and mix of affordable housing units; the approval timeline and logistics for City incentives; the reliability of state and federal funding for the project; interim uses for buildings that will be developed during later phases of the project; and potential benefits for the Northside Neighborhood, including a community development agreement.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____

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Transformational
Brownfield Project
Presentation (cont'd)

Commissioner
Comments

Adjournment