

Roll Call

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, March 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
Alonzo Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Hoffman
Chris Praedel*

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

Commissioner Excused

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

Public Comments

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

*Commissioner Praedel arrived at 5:03 p.m.

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Presentation re: the 2025
Consolidated Plan

Public Services Director James Baker delivered a presentation entitled *Kalamazoo Residual Biosolids Sustainable Alternatives: The Future of Solids Handling at KWRP – Update to the City Commission, 3-17-2025*. A copy of the slides from this presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

At the conclusion of the presentation, Director Baker responded to Commissioner questions regarding the cost of choosing the status quo as an option for solids handling; the viability of landfills as a long-term disposal option; daily disposal volumes with the preferred solution compared to current volumes; other communities that were using the Dryer/ERS solution; the longevity of the Dryer/ERS technology and resiliency/redundancies built into the system; the potential of grant funding for the project; opportunities for the public to tour the Water Reclamation Plant; the ability of the Dryer/ERS technology to eliminate PFAS in biosolids; the impact of the new system on staffing needs; and the number and composition of users in the Kalamazoo wastewater system (residential vs. industrial).

Commissioner
Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____

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