

Roll Call

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, August 4, 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
Alonzo Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Chris Praedel

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

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Decker, seconded by Vice Mayor Hess, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Praedel. 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:

K, City resident, regarding the demonstration happening outside City Hall to protest Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids and Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS) "sweeps" targeting the housed.

An anonymous speaker, regarding the lack of faith in the City to protect its immigrant community.

Jody, regarding various topics.

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Presentation re: the
Communications Plan

Communications Manager Michael Smith delivered a presentation entitled *Communications Plan: Enhancing Communication Reach and Impact, 2025-2028*. A copy of the presentation slides was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

Following the presentation, Communications Manager Smith responded to Commissioners' questions regarding social media influencers; improving community survey participation; expanding the *City Commission Update* video meeting summary to cover other boards, commissions, and committees; using emergency communication protocols to update the community about urgent news from the federal government; and the use of topic-specific forums to facilitate two-way communication with the community.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____

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