

Roll Call

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:01 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:

Tobi Hanna-Davies, City resident and member of ISAAC, regarding the infant mortality rate for black babies as an indicator of the stress of racism.

Cathy Phason, non-resident and member of ISAAC, regarding survey results from community-led listening sessions about the City Manager search.

Charlae Davis, City resident and member of ISAAC, regarding survey results from community-led listening sessions about the City Manager search.

Rochelle Habeck, City resident and member of ISAAC, regarding qualities needed in the next City Manager.

Closed Session

Commissioner Decker, seconded by Vice Mayor Hess, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to review and consider the contents of employment applications for City Manager candidates who have requested that their applications remain confidential.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Anderson announced the City Commission would not be returning to open session after the closed session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 7-0.

AYES: Commissioners Cooney, Decker, Hoffman, Praedel, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hess, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____

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