

Roll Call

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor David Anderson
Vice Mayor Jeanne Hess
Don Cooney
Qianna Decker
Chris Praedel
Alonzo Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Hoffman

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

Commissioner Excused

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

Public Comments

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

The following people thanked the City Commission for listening to the community and selecting Malcolm Hankins as the next City Manager:

Tobi Hanna-Davies, City resident
Wendy Flora, City resident
Shona

Addition of an Item to the Agenda

Mayor Anderson announced that Western Michigan University had submitted a request to display fireworks on Saturday, November 1st during the football game with Central Michigan University, and he asked that approval of this request be added to the agenda as item G-2. There were no objections.

2025-47-01

Employment Agreement
with Malcolm Hankins
for the City Manager
Position

Mayor Anderson and Commissioner Wilson offered remarks about the negotiation of an employment agreement with Malcolm Hankins for the position of City Manager.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Vice Mayor Hess, moved to approve an employment agreement with Malcolm Hankins for the position of City Manager.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioners Praedel and Cooney offered remarks on Mr. Hankins, the employment agreement, and ways to honor Chief Operating Officer Laura Lam.

In response to questions from Commissioner Decker, Mayor Anderson indicated an action was contemplated for November 17th to appoint an Interim City Manager to fill the gap between City Manager Ritsema and Mr. Hankins. Mayor Anderson indicated the Interim City Manager would be compensated for their services.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5-1.

AYES:

Commissioners Cooney, Praedel, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hess,
Mayor Anderson

NAYS:

Commissioner Decker

Commissioner Praedel, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, moved to approve a request from Western Michigan University to amend its July 25th application to publicly display fireworks at Hyames Field and Waldo Stadium to add Saturday, November 1, 2025 to the already approved dates of September 27th and November 11th.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 6-0.

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

NAYS: None

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____

2025-47-02

Approval of an Amended
Fireworks Application
from Western Michigan
University

Commissioner
Comments

Adjournment