

	A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor David Anderson Vice Mayor Drew Duncan Jeanne Hess Stephanie Hoffman Chris Praedel Jacqueline Slaby Alonzo Wilson COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None Also present were Chief Operating Officer Laura Lam, City Attorney Aaron Leal, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Invocation	The invocation, given by Pastoral Intern Joel Haan from Immanuel Fellowship Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2025-49-01 Public Arts Commission Report	Patrick Hershberger and Ann Videtich provided an update and year-end report from the Kalamazoo County Public Arts Commission. Copies of the written report were included with the papers for this meeting.
Proclamations 2025-49-02	Commissioner Hess read a proclamation recognizing <i>Building Blocks of Kalamazoo 30th Anniversary, 2025</i>. T. Moore, Executive Director, and other representatives from Building Blocks of Kalamazoo received the proclamation.
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.
Communications	Chief Operating Officer Laura Lam provided information on the fall leaf collection program, an upcoming open house on street safety projects, and a City-organized food drive.
2025-49-03 City Clerk's Report	City Clerk Borling reported the City Commission had received a resolution submitted by Zachary Lassiter that would direct staff to initiate acquisition of the property at 4301 Stadium Drive. City Clerk Borling noted this item was being presented as an informational item, not an action item.
Public Comments	Next, when an opportunity was given for general public comments, the following people addressed the City Commission: Drew Duncan, City resident, regarding people mistaking him for Vice Mayor Duncan. Charlae Davis, City resident with ISAAC, regarding Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's concept of the "beloved community." Rebecca Bergman, non-resident, regarding the need for more funding for Ministry with Community. Robert Piellusch, City resident, expressing support for the resolution submitted by Zachary Lassiter.

Tina McClinton, City resident, regarding flooding and the elimination of greenspace in her neighborhood and the need for call-in public comments at City Commission meetings. Heaven Simpson with Kalamazoo County Continuum of Care, expressing support for Item H-1, approval of an agreement with the Continuum of Care for \$300,000 to support winter shelter services. Iris Potter, non-resident and board member for Dignity in Motion, expressing support for their hoteling program and for the City purchasing 3401 Stadium Drive. Jan, a City resident, regarding the challenges facing the unhoused as they tried to find shelter. Michelle Davis, Executive Director of Housing Resources, Inc., regarding the need for additional shelter beds in Kalamazoo. Andrea Tramel with Ministry with Community, expressing support for additional emergency shelter funding. An anonymous speaker, regarding the brief public participation summaries in the Planning Commission staff reports. Victor Ledbetter, Portage City Council Member, congratulating the Mayor and newly elected City Commissioners. Jane Ghosh, CEO of Discover! Kalamazoo, congratulating the new City Commission, thanking staff for their work on the new youth sports complex, and announcing the Gilmore Keyboard Festival would become an annual event in 2026. K, non-resident, regarding funding for overnight shelters and the Michigan Department of Transportation's proposed rules for parking facilities.	Public Comments (cont'd)
Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents on behalf of the city: - approval of a 63-month copier and printer maintenance cooperative contract with D.L. Gallivan through the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies Contract #AEPAIFB071B in the amount of \$128,770.74. - approval of a 63-month cooperative contract with Wells Fargo through the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies Contract #AEPAIFB071B for the lease of new copiers and printers in the amount of \$202,382.46. - adoption of a RESOLUTION certifying the Project Area Designation, establishing the Project District Area Boundaries, appointing additional Directors to the Economic Development Corporation Board, and scheduling a public hearing on December 15th for the Friendship Village of Kalamazoo Project.	Consent Agenda 2025-49-04 2025-49-05 2025-49-06 Resolution 25-61

2025-49-07
Resolution 25-62

- adoption of a Restated **RESOLUTION** approving an application for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption at 261 E Kalamazoo Avenue.

2025-49-08
Resolution 25-63

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting a public hearing on December 15, 2025 to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the City of Kalamazoo.

2025-49-09

- approval of an amended lease agreement for 459 N. Rose St. between the City and the Central County Transportation Authority (Metro).

2025-49-10

- approval of the Mayor's appointments and reappointments to the Local Officers Compensation Commission:
 - the appointment of William Reed for a full-term expiring March 31, 2032.
 - the appointment of Levi Weintraub for a full-term expiring March 31, 2032.
 - the reappointment of Mark Liddle for a full-term expiring March 31, 2031.
 - the reappointment of Barbara Miller for a full-term expiring March 31, 2031

2025-49-11

- approval of a recommendation to postpone until December 1, 2025 consideration of a purchase agreement for the sale of 459 N. Rose Street to Kalamazoo County for the sale price of \$200,000.

Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan, moved to approve the consent agenda requests and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents on behalf of the City.

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

AYES: Commissioners Hess, Hoffman, Praedel, Slaby, Wilson, Vice Mayor Duncan, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

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2025-49-12
Funding Agreement
with the United Way
and Kalamazoo County
Continuum of Care for
Winter Shelter Services

Patrese Griffin, Executive Director of the Kalamazoo County Continuum of Care, provided an overview of the plan and funding sources for winter shelter services for the unhoused in Kalamazoo County.

Commissioner Questions:

Executive Director Griffin responded to Commissioner questions regarding the status of funding from Kalamazoo County, the scope of the program relative to the scope of the need for shelter beds, whether funding was the reason the proposed program did not fully address the need, whether the medically frail would be able to keep their pets with them, the role and importance of the shelter coordination services, the lessons learned from the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and the timeframe for shelter operations relative to weather fluctuations and available funding.

Public Comments:

Michelle Davis, Executive Director for Housing Resources, Inc., clarified the proposed shelter services and funding would serve single adults, not families.

Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan, moved to approve an agreement with United Way South Central Michigan/Continuum of Care to support winter shelter services in the amount of \$300,000.

Prior to a vote on the motion, and in response to a question from Commissioner Hess, Chief Operating Officer Lam provided an update on the Kalamazoo County family shelter project.

Mayor Anderson reviewed family shelters available in Kalamazoo County.

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

AYES: Commissioners Hess, Hoffman, Praedel, Slaby, Wilson, Vice Mayor Duncan, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

Mayor Anderson and City Attorney Leal provided an overview of the proposed employment agreement with Patsy Moore for the position of Interim City Manager.

Commissioner Questions: none

Public Comments: none

Vice Mayor Duncan, seconded by Commissioner Slaby, moved to approve an employment agreement with Patsy A. Moore for the position of Interim City Manager.

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

AYES: Commissioners Hess, Hoffman, Praedel, Slaby, Wilson, Vice Mayor Duncan, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

Chief Operating Officer Lam clarified that the former McDonald's restaurant at the corner of Rose Street and Kalamazoo Avenue had been purchased by Kalamazoo County, not the City of Kalamazoo.

Commissioner Hoffman thanked the community for supporting her and welcomed the newly elected City Commissioners.

Commissioner Slaby thanked the community for their support and expressed excitement about making assimilation into Kalamazoo easy, the work of Imagine Kalamazoo 2035, getting people more involved in City processes and decision-making, and improving peoples' daily lives.

2025-49-12

Funding Agreement with the United Way and Kalamazoo County Continuum of Care for Winter Shelter Services (cont'd)

2025-49-13

Employment Agreement with Patsy Moore for the Position of Interim City Manager

City Manager's Report

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Wilson congratulated the newly elected Mayor and City Commissioners.

Vice Mayor Duncan thanked the community for their support and expressed his commitment to earn the votes cast for him.

Commissioner Praedel welcomed the new City Commissioners and offered remarks on the work of the Public Services and Management Services Departments. Commissioner Praedel expressed interest in announcing board, commission, and committee vacancies during City Commission meetings, and he suggested using artificial intelligence (AI) to summarize community feedback from public input session.

Commissioner Hess welcomed the new City Commissioners, thanked Public Services crews for their hard work, and encouraged people to shop local and attend holiday events downtown. Commissioner Hess reported she attended the grand opening for the newest Reach Sober Living independent living home for people in recovery.

Mayor Anderson announced he had attended the celebration of life event and presented a letter of condolence for Emmanuel Alexander Browning, a young person who had been killed in a car accident on US-131. Mayor Anderson offered remarks on the typically low voter turnout in municipal elections and thanked the people who paid attention and voted on November 4th. Mayor Anderson spoke about the decline of local media coverage and the importance of local politics.

Closed Session

Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Slaby, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss an attorney-client privileged communication.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Anderson stated the City Commission would not return to open session following the closed session.

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

AYES: Commissioners Hess, Hoffman, Praedel, Slaby, Wilson, Vice Mayor Duncan, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: _____

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