

Roll Call

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor David Anderson
Vice Mayor Drew Duncan
Jeanne Hess
Chris Praedel
Jacqueline Slaby
Alonzo Wilson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Hoffman

Also present were City Manager Malcolm Hankins, Assistant City Attorney Sarah Van Hyfte, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Hess, seconded by Vice Mayor Duncan, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Hoffman. 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:

Elyse Alberston, City resident, requesting that street lights be made motion sensor lights.

Edward Nickerson, City resident, regarding materials buried in peoples' yards in fill dirt. Spoke about a fungus called the Superbug.

Jodi Dozeman, City resident, regarding slaughterhouses for cattle and opportunities to learn how to build a website.

Margaret Wilson, City resident, regarding Item G-11 on the business meeting agenda and the proposed changes to the design of the Howard Street crossing at Merrill Street.

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Development Briefing
re: Peregrine Peninsula

Development Manager Jamie McCarthy delivered a presentation entitled *Committee of the Whole: Development & Housing Investments, February 16, 2026*. A copy of the slides from this presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Questions:

Following the presentation, Development Manager McCarthy responded to Commissioner questions regarding the restaurant on the ground floor of 111 Portage Street, the time period for the projected tax base growth, the development activities that would be reimbursed with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds, the relationship between the TIF and Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) incentives, the use of Brownfield TIF incentives for residential development, and opportunities for other businesses to request NEZ certificates in the same district.

2026-06-02

Community Sustainability
Plan Update

Sustainability Planner Justin Gish and Solid Waste Coordinator Chris Broadbent delivered a presentation on the City's Sustainability Plan entitled *Committee of the Whole, February 16, 2026*. A copy of the slides from this presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

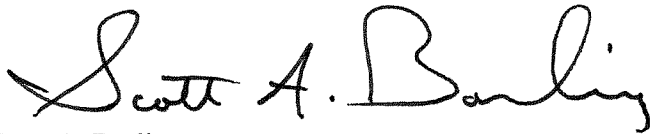
Commissioner Questions:

Following the presentation, Planner Gish and Coordinator Broadbent responded to Commissioner questions regarding targets for Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) in the Sustainability Plan, the three scopes for greenhouse gas accounting, the availability of greenhouse gas statistics for 2025, the recycling assistance program for residents with disabilities, efforts to educate residents about brush pick-up criteria, elements of the Sustainability Plan that did not have KPI's, the reason City vehicles are left running, lessons learned from the electric vehicle pilot implementation, the progress and current status of street light/traffic light LED conversion, the Active Transportation Numbers provided by Google, motion sensor controlled streetlights, energy efficiency and renovations to the Crosstown facility, opportunities for collaboration with Kalamazoo County Government for recycling events, the Environmental Concerns Committee, and the City's partnership with NextCycle.

Commissioner Hess thanked Planner Gish and Coordinator Broadbent for their work.

Commissioner Praedel remarked on the passion and expertise of City employees and thanked Planner Gish, Coordinator Broadbent, and Development Manager McCarthy.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.



Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: 3/2/2026

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Community Sustainability
Plan Update (cont'd)

Commissioner
Comments

Adjournment