A regular business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Vice Mayor Drew Duncan Jeanne Hess Chris Praedel Jacqueline Slaby Alonzo Wilson
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	Mayor David Anderson Stephanie Hoffman

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

Commissioners Excused

Commissioner Slaby, seconded by Commissioner Hess, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioner Hoffman and Mayor Anderson. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Opening Ceremony

Invocation/Pledge

The invocation, given by Chaplain Michael Kemple from Missional Chaplains, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2026-24-01
Metro Transit Update Presentation

Sean McBride, Chief Executive Officer for Kalamazoo Metro, and Curt Aardema, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority and Central County Transportation Authority, delivered a presentation entitled *Metro, Summer 2026*. A copy of the slides from the presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Formal Adoption of the Agenda

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By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Communications

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City Manager Hankins announced non-essential City offices would be closed on Friday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

2026-24-02

Vice Mayor Duncan read the following statement regarding data centers:

> The City of Kalamazoo has not received a formal development proposal to establish a data center development, nor has a data center project been approved. We are aware of concerns regarding data centers among residents in communities throughout the nation, including several communities here in southwest Michigan. If a proposal to build a data center moves forward, it will be reviewed through the City of Kalamazoo's established planning, zoning, environmental, utility, and public engagement processes.

This statement and additional information were included in a document entitled *Data Centers in Kalamazoo: Issues and Concerns*, a copy of which was filed with the papers for this meeting.

<u>Public Comments</u>

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

Ray Sweany, City resident, regarding City forestry crews, challenges finding the livestream of City meetings, and traffic issues around Kalamazoo College.

The following people expressed opposition to a proposed data center in the Milwood Neighborhood:

Dan Proczko, City resident
Amanda, City resident
K, non-resident
David Newton, non-resident
Tina McClinton
Maya, City resident
Justin Wood, City resident
Delaney, City resident
William Perkins, City resident

Jeffrey Fry and Thelma, City residents, regarding surveillance cameras near houses in the Northside Neighborhood.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident, regarding the need for surveillance cameras in the Northside Neighborhood.

Tina McClinton, City resident, regarding flooding and the elimination of green space in her neighborhood, fireworks in Upjohn Park, and call-in public comments.

Charlae Davis, City resident, regarding the "It's a TRAP" event, Gun Violence Awareness Month, the Democracy Defenders Roadshow on July 1st, and the proposed data center.

Shona Espinoza, City resident, regarding the unhoused and the equality of all people.

<u>Consent Agenda</u>

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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:

2026-24-03

- approval of a Contract Extension with Fishbeck for Brownfield Redevelopment Consulting Services.

2026-24-04

- approval of a contract supplemental/change order with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Stadium Drive project for final accounting in the amount of $112,396.10.

2026-24-05

- approval of a contract with Davey Resource Group, Inc. for 2026 tree planting in the amount of $112,759.70.

2026-24-06	- approval of a contract supplemental and change order with RW LaPine for the galvanized water pipe project at City Hall in the amount of $150,322.
2026-24-07	- approval of a sole source agreement with MJM America Inc. for professional and technical engineering services in the amount of $168,042.24.
2026-24-08	- approval of a one-year license renewal for DarkTrace cybersecurity software from SHI International through the MiDeal Cooperative Purchase Program in the amount of $169,169.75.
2026-24-09	- approval of a contract supplemental and change order with Tetra Tech Inc. for the Water Treatment Plant No. 39 Chlorine Upgrades Project in the amount of $71,500 for a total contract amount of $193,500.
2026-24-10	- approval of a contract with Division 7 Building Contractors for the roof replacement of Section 4 of the administration facility at 415 East Stockbridge Avenue in the amount of $216,390.
2026-24-11	- approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Elite Companies for construction management services of Phase 1, 1A, and Phase 2 renovation of Arcadia Creek Festival Place in the amount of $562,500.
2026-24-12 Resolution 26-33	- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving amendments to the FY 2026 Budget.
2026-24-13 Resolution 26-34	- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Community Development Manager as the City's official representative and certifying officer for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant documentation through June 30, 2027, the remainder of the 2026 HUD Program year.
2026-24-14 Resolution 26-35	- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** establishing the Zone 32 NEZ District at 825 Porter Street and 810 N Pitcher Street in the Northside Neighborhood.
2026-24-15 Resolution 26-36	- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the Act 381 Brownfield Plan for the Zone 32 Phase 2 Project located at 825 Porter and 810 N Pitcher Street.
2026-24-16	- approval of a Housing Development Fund loan in the amount of $350,000 to Zone 32 Phase Two, LLC for gap financing to construct affordable housing units as part of Phase II of the Zone 32 apartment project.
2026-24-17	- approval of the 3rd Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation for rental rehabilitation to extend the timeframe for project completion.
2026-24-18	- approval of the Mayor's appointments and reappointments to the following boards and commissions: - the reappointment of Lucas Middleton to the Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term expiring on March 31, 2032. - the reappointment of Michael Gurnee to the Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term expiring on March 31, 2032.

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(cont'd)

- the appointment of Mark Dunham to the Historic District Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2029.

- the appointment of Elijah Isch to the Historic District Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2028.

- the reappointment of James Johnson to the Historic District Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2029.

- the reappointment of Kristi Breisach to the Historic District Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2029.

Commissioner Slaby, seconded by Commissioner Hess, 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 5-0.

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

NAYS: None

<u>Regular Agenda</u>

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2026-24-19
Contract for Replacement of Non-Copper Water Service Lines

City Manager Hankins introduced for consideration a contract with SWT Excavating, Inc. for the FY 2026 non-copper service line replacements.

Commissioner Questions: none

Public Comments: none

Commissioner Slaby, seconded by Commissioner Praedel, moved to approve a contract with SWT Excavating, Inc. for the FY 2026 Non-Copper Service Line Replacements in the amount of $4,135,936.10; and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5-0.

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

NAYS: None

2026-24-20
Contract Extension for Biosolids Disposal

City Manager Hankins introduced for consideration an 18-month contract extension with Waste Management for the loading, transport, and disposal of biosolids.

Commissioner Questions:

Public Services Director James Baker responded to Commissioner questions regarding the reasons for recent cost increases, the intersection of this contract with implementation of the sustainable biosolids processing alternative, concerns about further price increases, and the length of the proposed contract extension.

2026-24-20
Contract Extension for Biosolids Disposal (cont'd)

Public Comments: none

Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, moved to approve an 18-month contract extension with Waste Management for the loading, transport, and disposal of biosolids in the amount of in the amount of $20,892,000; and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5-0.

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

NAYS: None

2026-24-21
Resolution 26-37 re: Notice of Intent to Issue CIP Bonds

City Manager Hankins introduced for consideration a Notice of Intent Resolution for the issuance of 2026 Capital Improvement Bonds.

Management Services Director and Chief Operating Officer Steve Vicenzi reviewed the proposed issuance of Capital Improvement and Water Supply System Revenue bonds.

Commissioner Questions: none

Public Comments: none

Commissioner Slaby, seconded by Commissioner Praedel, moved to adopt a Notice of Intent **RESOLUTION** for the issuance of 2026 Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed nine million four hundred thousand ($9,400,000).

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5-0.

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

NAYS: None

2026-24-22
Resolution 26-38 re: Notice of Intent to Issue Water Revenue Bonds

City Manager Hankins introduced for consideration a Notice of Intent Resolution for the issuance of 2026 Water Supply System Revenue Bonds.

Commissioner Questions: none

Public Comments: none

Commissioner Slaby, seconded by Commissioner Praedel, moved to adopt a Notice of Intent **RESOLUTION** for the issuance of 2026 Water Supply System Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed twenty-one million two hundred thousand ($21,200,000).

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5-0.

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

NAYS: None

Reports and Legislation

2026-24-23
City Manager's Report

City Manager Hankins reviewed items in the written *June 15, 2026 City Manager's Report*.

Commissioner Comments

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Commissioner Slaby offered remarks on Pride Fest, the Red Alert Rally in Bronson Park, the 75th anniversary of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, and the fencing around the Arcadia Creek Festival Site.

Commissioner Hess offered comments on a proclamation presented to Dr. Cathy Kothari from Cradle Kalamazoo, the Jumpstart Weekend events, the screening of *Nothing to See Here: Watts* at the Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership, the City's efforts to reduce gun violence, the opening of the new Boys and Girls Club facility, the opening of Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services houses on Ada Street and the Kalamazoo Community Courtyard apartments, and the free dental clinic at Wings Event Center on Friday and Saturday.

Commissioner Praedel commented on the opening of Kik Pool and Woods Lake Beach, the start of Lunchtime Live and Movies in the Park, and the new bicycle pump track in Verburg Park.

Vice Mayor Duncan spoke about the upcoming democracy event on July 1st at the Douglass Community Association, the Women's Veterans Conference, the Black and Brown Mixer event sponsored by Southwest Michigan First, and the death of community activist Betsy Rice.

Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

Approved by the City Commission on: ___________________________