



## **Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission**

Meeting Date: January 19, 2016- 7:00 PM  
Location: Commission Chambers City Hall  
Chair: David A. Walters, Mayor  
Title: Prepared by Shawna Allen

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### **ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Dave Walters	Rebecca Fleury, City Manager
Vice Mayor Susan Baldwin	Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager
Commissioner Mark Behnke	Jill Steele, City Attorney
Commissioner Kaytee Faris	Victoria Houser, City Clerk
Commissioner Kate Flores	Jim Blocker, Police Chief
Commissioner Lynn Ward Gray	Dave Schmaltz, Fire Chief
Commissioner Andy Helmboldt	Kurt Tribbett, Engineering Administrator
Commissioner Deb Owens	Linda Morrison, Finance Director
Commissioner Mike Sherzer	Nancy Mullett, Labor Attorney

### **INVOCATION**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Comm. Helmboldt.

### **PROCLAMATIONS AWARDS**

Beautiful Battle Creek Awards

Mayor Walters presented the Beautiful Battle Creek Awards.

A Proclamation naming Friday, January 29, 2016 "Great Day To Be A Bearcat Day"

Mayor Walters proclaimed Friday, January 29, 2016 as "Great Day to Be a Bearcat Day."

### **CHAIR NOTES ADDED OR DELETED RESOLUTIONS**

There were no added or deleted resolutions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CONSENT AGENDA**

Jeanne Deal, 3508 Capital Ave. SW, commented on the minutes from the prior Commission meeting regarding smart meters.

Comm. Helmboldt expressed concern the public should be allowed to comment on the meeting minutes prior to the general public comment period.

Mayor Walters stated they would allow the comments regarding the prior meeting minutes at this meeting, but would have the Meeting Rules and Ethics Policy Review Committee review the rules for procedure.

John Kenefick, 234 South Avenue, commented on prior Commission minutes.

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

### **COMMISSION COMMENT REGARDING MEETING BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to Approve

Moved By: KATE FLORES

Supported By: KAYTEE FARIS

Ayes: BALDWIN, BEHNKE, FARIS, FLORES, WALTERS, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, OWENS, SHERZER

MOTION PASSED

### *Minutes:*

City Commission Meeting Minutes for Regular on January 5, 2016

City Commission Meeting Minutes for Workshop on January 5, 2016

### *Petitions, Communications, Reports:*

City Manager's Report for 01/19/2016 Commission Meeting

### *Resolutions:*

- 49            A Resolution authorizing the sale of vacant, tax-reverted property.
- 51            A Resolution authorizing a contract for fire and carbon monoxide alarm system installation, at all the City's Fire Stations, in a not-to-exceed of amount of \$80,963.
- 50            A Resolution appointing an Authorized Representative of the Battle Creek Township Group Pension.
- 52            A Resolution authorizing a contract for implicit bias study and training for the Police Department with Barbara J. Lawrence Consulting and Training, in a not to exceed amount of \$55,590.00, plus pre-authorized travel expenses.
- 53            A Resolution renewing memberships for Post/Franklin Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC#1).

- 54 A Resolution appointing a new member to the North Central Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC #2).
- 56 A Resolution renewing memberships for Rural Southwest Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC#9).
- 55 A Resolution appointing a new member to the Urbandale Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC #5)
- 57 A Resolution renewing memberships for the Sustainable BC Committee and adjusting term expiration dates
- 58 A Resolution reappointing a member to the Battle Creek Housing Commission.
- 59 A Resolution setting a public hearing for February 2, 2016, regarding the vacation of portions of East Fountain Street, South Division Street and Spencer Street.

#### **PETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS**

There were no petitions or communications.

Staff Report by City Clerk Victoria Houser

Clerk Houser presented a 2015 review and 2016 update of the Clerk's office.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS**

John Kenefic, 234 South Avenue, commented on Resolution 60.

(Limited to five minutes per individual)

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 60 A Resolution authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016.

Motion to Approve

Moved By: KATE FLORES

Supported By: KAYTEE FARIS

Ayes: BALDWIN, BEHNKE, FARIS, FLORES, WALTERS, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, OWENS, SHERZER

MOTION PASSED

- 61 A Resolution accepting the lowest responsive, responsible bids from four contractors for sludge cake loading project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,206,450.

Motion to Approve

Moved By: KATE FLORES

Supported By: KAYTEE FARIS

Ayes: BALDWIN, BEHNKE, FARIS, FLORES, WALTERS, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, OWENS,  
SHERZER

MOTION PASSED

62            A Resolution setting a Closed Session on a Labor Matter immediately following  
the Regular Commission meeting on January 19, 2016.

Motion to Approve

Moved By: KATE FLORES

Supported By: KAYTEE FARIS

Ayes: BALDWIN, BEHNKE, FARIS, FLORES, WALTERS, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, OWENS,  
SHERZER

MOTION PASSED

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeanine Deal, 3508 Capital Ave. SW, spoke on wireless meters.

John Kenefick, 234 South Avenue, also spoke on wireless meters.

Bobby Holley, 160 Waubasca Rd, spoke of an upcoming domestic violence prevention forum at the  
Burnham Brook Center the following day.

Reece Adkins, 58 Jericho, commented on a property on Cherry Street.

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Comm. Sherzer informed residents he received information on smart meters and was currently  
reviewing it.

Comm. Helmboldt read a letter from Lt. Anthony Geigle, Emmett Township Public Safety, to Chief  
Schmaltz, Battle Creek Fire Department. Comm. Helmboldt further read of Emmett Township's  
appreciation to the Battle Creek Fire Department for their assistance on a local fire. Comm.  
Helmboldt expressed his appreciation to Chief Schmaltz.

Mayor Walters noted the recent passing of three retired Battle Creek Police Officers, stating it was  
an honor to work with them. Mayor Walters expressed his appreciation to Chief Blocker and his staff  
for attending their funerals and honoring them by having the Fire Department raise an American flag  
over the Police Department to commemorate their service to the City and the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Walters adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Citizens who wish to address a specific issue on the floor may do so at any time after being recognized by the Mayor or presiding Commission. At the time for public comments, after being properly recognized, citizens may address the commission on any subject. Citizens will be subject to the following limitations:

1. Citizen comments on any Resolution before the Commission may be made either before or after the Commissioners have had an opportunity to discuss the Resolution, at the discretion of the Chair;
2. Citizens wishing to speak to a particular Resolution should raise their hands and wait to be recognized before speaking;
3. Citizens will confine their remarks to matters currently pending on the floor, and be brief and concise in making their remarks;
4. If a citizen becomes repetitive or, in the opinion of the Chair, takes an inordinate amount of time in making comments, that citizen will be ruled out of order and the Commission will continue with its business;
5. Citizens should address all remarks to the Commission as a whole, and not to individual Commissioners.

These Rules will apply to comments by citizens during the Public Comment section of the Agenda. The City of Battle Creek will provide necessary, reasonable, auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, and audiotapes of printed materials being considered in the meeting, upon seven days' notice to the City of Battle Creek. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services, should contact the City of Battle Creek by writing or calling the following:

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