



Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission

Meeting Date: October 20, 2015- 7:00 PM
Location: Commission Chambers City Hall
Chair: Deborah G. Owens, Mayor
Title: Prepared by Michelle Kay Redman

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Deb Owens	Rebecca Fleury, City Manager
Vice Mayor Lynn Gray	Susan Bedsole, Assistant City Manager
Commissioner Susan Baldwin	Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager
Commissioner Jeff Domenico	Jill Steele, City Attorney
Commissioner Andy Helmboldt	Victoria Houser, City Clerk
Commissioner Dean Newsome	Jim Blocker, Police Chief
Commissioner Mike Sherzer	Steve Hudson, City Assessor
Commissioner Dave Walters	Chris Dopp, DPW Director/City Engineer
Absent:	Alicia Sackett, Deputy City Clerk
Commissioner Mark Behnke	Linda Morrison, Finance Director
	Tracy Hovarter, Budget Officer

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Matthew Domenico.

PROCLAMATIONS AWARDS

A proclamation proclaiming October 22, 2015 as "Lights on After School Day"

Mayor Owens proclaimed October 22, 2015 as "Lights on After School Day."

Larry Manly Jr. spoke on behalf of "Lights on After School Day," advocating for after school programs with Battle Creek Public Schools.

Jessica Ramos and Johnny Mosley, Battle Creek Public School students, gave brief presentations on the 21st Century after school program and how it has benefitted them and area youth.

Beautiful Battle Creek Awards

Mayor Owens presented the Beautiful Battle Creek Awards.

PRESENTATIONS

Special Recognition for Assistant City Manager Operations Susan E. Bedsole

Mayor Owens recognized Susan Bedsole, expressing appreciation for over 10 years of dedicated service, presenting her a key to the City.

CHAIR NOTES ADDED OR DELETED RESOLUTIONS

There were no added or deleted resolutions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CONSENT AGENDA

There were no public comments.

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

COMMISSION COMMENT REGARDING MEETING BUSINESS

There were no Commission comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve

Moved By: MIKE SHERZER

Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, OWENS, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, SHERZER, WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE

MOTION PASSED

Minutes:

City Commission Minutes for Workshop on October 6, 2015

City Commission Minutes for Regular Meeting on October 6, 2015

Petitions, Communications, Reports:

City Manager's Report for October 20, 2015

Linda Morrison, Finance Director- overview of Revenue Services Group.

Tracy Hovarter, Finance Services Manager-outlined the annual calendar for the Finance Dept.

Steve Hudson, Assessor- outlined the Assessing Dept. responsibilities.

City Attorney's Evaluation Report

Ambulance Report for July 2015

Ambulance Report for August 2015

Ambulance Report for September 2015

Resolutions:

- 232 A Resolution authorizing the City to purchase property at 175 East Goodale Avenue and authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documentation to effectuate the purchase.

Motion to Approve

Moved By: MIKE SHERZER

Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, OWENS, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, SHERZER, WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE

MOTION PASSED

- 234 A Resolution accepting the highest scoring, responsible bid for the rehabilitation of 140 N. McKinley from Abatement Specialists in a not-to-exceed amount of \$147,500.00.

Motion to Approve

Moved By: MIKE SHERZER

Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, OWENS, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, SHERZER, WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE

MOTION PASSED

- 235 A Resolution appointing and reappointing members to the Special Assessment Review Board.

Motion to Approve

Moved By: MIKE SHERZER

Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, OWENS, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, SHERZER, WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE

MOTION PASSED

- 233 A Resolution authorizing an amendment to contract 2016-013C for Phase II construction management services for the Airport Fence Replacement Project from Schweitzer Incorporated, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$74,526.00, plus reimburseables.

Motion to Approve
Moved By: MIKE SHERZER
Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, OWENS, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, SHERZER,
WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE
MOTION PASSED

236 A Resolution appointing new members to the Urbandale Neighborhood Planning
Council (NPC #5)

Motion to Approve
Moved By: MIKE SHERZER
Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, OWENS, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, SHERZER,
WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE
MOTION PASSED

PETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS

Staff Report Finance Director Linda Morrison, Finance Services Manager Tracy
Hovarter, and City Assessor Steve Hudson.

Linda Morrison, Finance Director, along with Tracy Hovarter, Budget Officer and Steve Hudson, City
Assessor, presented a report on the Finance Department, including the Revenue Services Group.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

237 A Resolution adopting Ordinance 08-2015 approving a conditional rezoning
request for 166 E. Goodale Avenue.

Motion to Approve
Moved By: MIKE SHERZER
Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, OWENS, SHERZER,
WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE
MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS

Ed Blanchard, Rich Stanley and Larry Gordon, all of Denso Manufacturing, Michigan, Inc., thanked the Commission for their consideration of the OPRA transfer request.

John Kenefick spoke on the City Manager's pay increase.

Autumn Smith spoke on the City Manager's pay increase.

John Compton commented on the City Manager's pay increase.

Mary Lawson commented on the City Manager's pay increase.

(Limited to five minutes per individual)

RESOLUTIONS

- 238 A Resolution Transferring Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA)
Exemption Certificate 3-12-0010 to DENSO Manufacturing Michigan, Inc. From
Behnke Logistics LLC.

Motion to Approve

Moved By: MIKE SHERZER

Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, OWENS, SHERZER,
WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE

MOTION PASSED

- 239 A Resolution accepting the lowest responsive, responsible bid for sanitary sewer
interceptor rehabilitation project from Lanzo Lining Services, Inc. - Michigan in an
estimated amount of \$1,170,300.00, with unit prices prevailing.

Motion to Approve

Moved By: MIKE SHERZER

Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, OWENS, SHERZER,
WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE

MOTION PASSED

- 240 A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the attached Mutual Aid Fire
Protection and Hazardous Incident Response Agreement which provides for mutual
aid between the Battle Creek City Fire Department and the Michigan Air National
Guard.

Motion to Approve

Moved By: MIKE SHERZER

Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, OWENS, SHERZER, WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE
MOTION PASSED

- 241 A Resolution authorizing a contract amendment to contract 09001R for animal shelter services with Calhoun County Animal Shelter, Inc., in a not-to-exceed two-year amount of \$455,231.52.

Motion to Approve
Moved By: MIKE SHERZER
Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, OWENS, SHERZER, WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE
MOTION PASSED

- 242 A Resolution recognizing the City Manager's overall performance rating of Exceeds Expectations, pursuant to the terms of Section 4 of the Employment Agreement between the City Manager and the City Commission.

Motion to Approve
Moved By: MIKE SHERZER
Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Comm. Baldwin clarified the resolution was for a bonus, not a pay increase, to the City Manager, as she Exceeded Expectations on her annual review, thanking Comm. Newsome for managing the review process so well. Comm. Baldwin also stated she was pleased and excited with Ms. Fleury's work with the City of Battle Creek.

Comm. Domenico stated Ms. Fleury has worked on several issues that were not addressed in the past, stating Ms. Fleury could make an impact on the City as long as she stays persistent.

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, OWENS, SHERZER, WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE
MOTION PASSED

- 243 A Resolution identifying annual specific goal-related projects for City Manager Rebecca Fleury's evaluation criteria and authorizing the Mayor's execution of the agreement.

Motion to Approve
Moved By: MIKE SHERZER
Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Comm. Domenico recognized Comm. Newsome's efforts to efficiently manage the City Manager review process, stating it was thorough and complete. Comm. Domenico recommended the City Manager goals include expectations for increasing business along the Columbia Avenue corridor.

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, OWENS, SHERZER, WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE
MOTION PASSED

244 A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew various healthcare plans under a self-funded plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Motion to Approve
Moved By: MIKE SHERZER
Supported By: DAVE WALTERS

Ayes: BALDWIN, DOMENICO, GRAY, HELMBOLDT, NEWSOME, OWENS, SHERZER, WALTERS

Absent: BEHNKE
MOTION PASSED

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

John Compton requested the specific City Manager goals.

Mary Lawson commented that Ms. Fleury has brought trust back.

John Kenefick commented on the City's finances.

Joe Hooper, NPC 2 Chair, presented new signs promoting the NPC2 neighborhood.

Jeanine Deal commented on smart meters.

Robert Ashley spoke on eliminating the City income tax.

Sam Gray expressed appreciation to Ms. Bedsole, BCPD and NIBC.

Autumn Smith recognized Comm. Domenico's service as a City Commissioner. .

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Comm. Domenico read a farewell statement thanking his campaign manager, supporters, citizens, City employees, parents, his wife and son.

Vice Mayor Gray encouraged residents to get out and vote on November 3, 2015.

Comm. Walters read a visitor's comments on their positive experience while visiting Battle Creek.

Comm. Helmboldt noted attachments are included on the agenda electronically to provide additional information for the resolutions. Comm. Helmboldt expressed appreciation to Ms. Bedsole for her dedication to the City and its residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Owens adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

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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