



Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission

Meeting Date: August 11, 2026 - 7:00 PM
Location: City Commission Chambers
Chair: Mayor Mark A. Behnke
Title: Battle Creek City Hall - City Commission Chambers - 3rd Floor

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Sofia.

ROLL CALL

City Commission

Mayor Mark Behnke	Commissioner Paige Katsarsky-Smith
Commissioner Jessica LaCosse	Commissioner Jim Lance
Commissioner Patrick O'Donnell	Commissioner Carla Reynolds
Vice Mayor Sherry Sofia	Commissioner Christopher Simmons, attending remotely

Absent: Commissioner Jenasia Morris

City Staff

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager	William Kim, City Attorney
Marcie Gillette, Assistant City Manager	Victoria Houser, City Clerk
Doug Bagwell, Police Chief	Steve Skalski, Public Works Director

CHAIR NOTES ADDED OR DELETED RESOLUTIONS

There were no added or deleted resolutions.

PETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS

There were no petitions, communications or reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ANY REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Harris commented on resolution 442 regarding the Permanganate System Improvements.

COMMISSION COMMENT REGARDING MEETING BUSINESS

There were no Commission comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Carla Reynolds

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Mark Behnke, Patrick O'Donnell, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

Minutes

Minutes for the July 21, 2026 City Commission Administrative Hearings Bureau Workshop

Minutes for the July 21, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting

Petitions, Communications, Reports

City Manager's Report for August 11, 2026

Ambulance Report for June 2026

Resolutions

438 - A Resolution appointing City Manager Amanda E. Zimmerlin as the City's representative and appointing Vice-Mayor Sherry L. Sofia as the City's alternate representative to the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Carla Reynolds
Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Mark Behnke, Patrick O'Donnell, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

439 - A Resolution seeking to make permanent Temporary Traffic Control Order #1743.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Carla Reynolds

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Mark Behnke, Patrick O'Donnell, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

440 - A Resolution seeking authorization for a contract amendment to contract 2023-005B for state-mandated elevator upgrades with Elevator Service, LLC, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,500.00.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Carla Reynolds

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Mark Behnke, Patrick O'Donnell, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

441 - A Resolution seeking authorization to increase the 10% allowable contingency change order amount to 15% for Verona Valves and Electrical Improvements with John E. Green Company.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Carla Reynolds

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Mark Behnke, Patrick O'Donnell, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

RESOLUTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA

442 - A Resolution seeking acceptance of the lowest responsive, responsible bid for Sodium Permanganate System Improvements from Shouldice Industrial Manufacturers and Contractors, Inc., in a not-to-exceed amount of \$211,927.00.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Carla Reynolds

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Mark Behnke, Patrick O'Donnell, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

443 - A Resolution seeking authorization of a contract for cloud-based software services from BS&A Software, LLC in an estimated first year amount of \$128,445.00.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Carla Reynolds

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Mark Behnke, Patrick O'Donnell, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

James Smith asked why local youth were stopped by the police, expressing his belief it was an act of racial profiling, stating policing is different for black people and white people.

Autumn Smith commented on FOIA 26-1183 regarding Signal chats, stating that although the

Commission reversed the denial, she has not yet received the documents.

Reece Adkins stated he has applied to be a member of a few committees, asking why the meeting to consider potential board members was a private meeting, not open to the public.

Kathy Antaya commented on repairs needed at the railroad crossing at Dickman and Kendall, the NAACP meeting the 4th Thursday of every month at 5:30, and NAACP recruiting of members for their Youth Chapter. Ms. Antaya also thanked several City Commissioners and City staff for attending the Share Center's 35th Birthday celebration.

David Moore commented on a commissioner who continued to serve while on military duty.

Joe Harris commented on recent controversial police stops, recommending Chief Bagley attend the NPC 2 meetings to discuss positive solutions.

George Tyler stated there is a problem with speeding on East Ave, with only one stop sign between Capital Ave and Morgan Road, expressing concern for the safety of young people living on this street.

Steve Koch requested the City replace the portion of sidewalk at 63 Goodale that was removed during construction, also asking that the PVC pipe left in another lawn during the same construction be removed. Mr. Koch expressed his concerns with Flock cameras on City streets, stating they violated drivers' personal rights.

John Kenefick asked how much money the City receives from the Fire Keepers Revenue Sharing Board, and what the City does with the funds. Mr. Kenefick also shared that in the past a former Housing Board of Appeals member, John Hennick, worked with residents whose homes needed repair instead of citing them for violations.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Comm. LaCosse shared contact information for Canadian National Railroad regarding needed repairs of railroad crossings. Comm. LaCosse also stated City staff has scheduled the sidewalk repairs on Goodale Avenue.

Comm. O'Donnell agreed that speeding is a problem throughout the City, asking everyone to slow down and drive safely. Comm. O'Donnell also reminded everyone that Comm. Simmons is on Military Duty, and continues to participate in Commission meetings and work sessions, while also maintaining conversations with residents, as is allowed by State law, expressing appreciation to him for his service to our country and continued service to the residents of Battle Creek.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Behnke adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.