



Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission

Meeting Date: April 7, 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

ROLL CALL

PROCLAMATIONS AWARDS

Battle Creek Finest Award - Bobby Holley

Proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026

Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2026

Proclamation for Crime Victims' Rights Week 2026

PRESENTATIONS

Battle Creek Police Department Civilian Police Academy Alumni Association - Roger Ballard

CHAIR NOTES ADDED OR DELETED RESOLUTIONS

PETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A Public Hearing to receive comment on the Brownfield Plan for the proposed Allen Edwin Homes redevelopment projects, Outpost Terrace and Eldred Corner.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ANY REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

348 - A Resolution adopting Ordinance 10-2026, amending Section 296.09 of the Battle Creek Code of Ordinances, "Retirements".

349 - A Resolution adopting Ordinance 11-2026, amending Section 21 of Chapter 882 of the Battle Creek Code of Ordinances, to extend the commencement and completion deadlines for the Blue Light Development PILOT.

COMMISSION COMMENT REGARDING MEETING BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Minutes for the March 17, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting

Petitions, Communications, Reports

City Manager's Report for April 7, 2026

Ambulance Report for February 2026

Travel Synopsis, NAHRO WashCon 2026, Commissioners Simmons and LaCosse

Proclamations Awards

Proclamation for Earth Week 2026

Proclamation for National Volunteer Week 2026

Resolutions

350 - A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to grant a permanent easement to Consumers Energy Company through a portion of 119 South McCamly Street, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017, for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining power transmission infrastructure.

351 - A Resolution seeking authorization regarding a contract with W. Soule and Company in a not-to-exceed amount of \$90,795.00 for emergency replacement of the server room chiller.

352 - A Resolution seeking authorization of a contract for severe weather sirens from West Shore Services, Inc. in a not-to-exceed amount of \$61,200.00.

353 - A Resolution seeking authorization of a contract for Cisco phone system software and hardware updates from Logicalis, Inc. in a not-to-exceed amount of \$71,544.24.

354 - A Resolution authorizing the City Manager and Emergency Management Administrator to enter into an Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement (EMPG) with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Homeland Security Division.

355 - A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to adopt the City of Battle Creek Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), as developed and maintained by the Emergency Management Administrator.

356 - A Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute MDOT Bridge Repair Contract 26-5090, Job #220625CON.

RESOLUTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA

357 - A Resolution seeking acceptance of a bid for 2026 Capital Preventative Maintenance

Program project from Pavement Maintenance Systems, LLC in an estimated amount of \$618,407.95, with unit prices prevailing.

358 - A Resolution seeking acceptance of the lowest responsive, responsible bid for 2026 Rehabilitation Program project from Lakeland Asphalt Corporation in an estimated amount of \$1,056,558.90, with unit prices prevailing.

359 - A Resolution seeking acceptance of the lowest responsive, responsible bid for BTL Reconstruct Taxiway A project from Hoffman Bros. Inc., in an estimated amount of \$9,971,470.00, with unit prices prevailing.

360 - A Resolution seeking authorization for the City Manager to temporarily suspend a Park Rule prohibiting fishing to allow for two children's fishing activities: a pre-event on June 13, 2026, and the "5th Annual Johnny 'Jake' Collier - Teach a Kid to Fish Event" on August 9, 2026, to take place at the specified Goguac Lake location.

361 - A Resolution recognizing the Lakeview Band and Orchestra Boosters, Inc. as a non-profit service organization operating in the City of Battle Creek for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan Lottery Bureau's Charitable Gaming Division.

362 - A Resolution seeking approval for amendments to the "2025-2026 Fee, Bond and Insurance Schedule" for the City of Battle Creek to include the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) - Credit/Debit Card Fee.

363 - A Resolution approving a Brownfield Plan for the proposed Allen Edwin Homes redevelopment projects, Outpost Terrace and Eldred Corner.

364 - A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the Good Faith Written Offer and to execute a Warranty Deed to sell 226 square feet of city-owned vacant land at 62 Yuba Street, Parcel No. 52-0890-00-001-0, to the Michigan Department of Transportation for \$1,000.00.

365 - A Resolution seeking authorization for the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to purchase 42.05 square feet of land located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Parcel No. 52-0254-00-051-0, from Burnham Brook Community Center for \$1,051.25.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

It is the desire of the City Commission to encourage public expression in the course of its meetings. Such expression can be integral to the decision-making process of the City Commission. It is the intention of the City Commission to respect the rights of persons addressing the Commission. Public comment periods are a time for citizens to make comments; they are not intended as a forum for debate or to engage in question-answer dialogues with the Commission or staff. Commissioners are encouraged not to directly respond to speakers during public comment periods. At the conclusion of the speaker's remarks, the Mayor or individual Commissioners may refer a question to City staff, if appropriate. Also, individual

Commissioners may choose to respond to speakers during the “Commission Comment” period.

It is with these aims in mind, so as to promote decorum and civility and an orderly process for conducting its public business meetings, that the following rules concerning public comments, consistent with applicable law, are adopted by the City Commission.

(1) Persons attending a regular or special Commission Meeting shall be permitted to address the City Commission in conformity with this rule. The opportunity to address the Commission shall be limited to the following:

(a) Persons desiring to address the City Commission are encouraged, but shall not be required, to fill out and turn in to either the City Clerk, Mayor, or presiding Commissioner, prior to the meeting, a comment card disclosing the following information: The person's name, address, and telephone number; the specific issue, topic or resolution the individual wishes to address.

(b) During public hearings when scheduled, but only when the law requires a separate period of public comment, speakers may present facts and opinions on the specific matter being heard by the Commission. A three-minute time limit is imposed per speaker. In the discretion of the Mayor or presiding officer, the time limit for individual speakers may be lengthened or shortened when appropriate.

(c) During the public comment period on any specific agenda item, whether it be a public hearing, an ordinance introduction or adoption, a consent agenda item, or a resolution not on the consent agenda, each speaker may address the Commission once, regarding anything on the meeting agenda, for a total not to exceed four minutes regardless of how many agenda items the speaker is addressing, which time period may be lengthened or shortened by the Mayor or presiding officer when appropriate.

(d) During the General Public Comment portion of the meeting, speakers may address the City Commission on any matter within the control and jurisdiction of the City of Battle Creek. A speaker shall be permitted to address the City Commission once, for up to three minutes, during this portion of the meeting.

(e) Applicants or Appellants, as defined below, or an attorney retained to represent them, are not bound by the specific time limitations set out above but may have the amount of time deemed reasonably necessary by the Mayor or presiding official to present their case to the City Commission without violating the rules set out below in subsection 4(a) through (g), with which they are obligated to comply.

(i) Applicant is defined an individual or business entity seeking a City Commission final decision on a matter for which the individual has made application to the City based upon a specific provision in a City Ordinance or state statute for permission to take a specific action;

(ii) Appellant is an individual appealing a decision of a City official or an inferior body based upon a specific provision in City ordinances entitling the individual to appeal the decision to the City Commission.

(2) An individual wishing to address the City Commission shall wait to be recognized by the Mayor or presiding Commissioner before speaking. An individual who has not filled out a card requesting to address the City Commission shall raise their hand and wait to be

recognized by the Mayor or presiding Commissioner before speaking and shall identify themselves by name and address and, if appropriate, group affiliation for the record.

(3) Speakers shall address all remarks to the Mayor, or the presiding Commissioner or official, and not to individual Commissioners or staff members. Speakers shall not address their remarks to members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

(4) A speaker will be ruled out-of-order by the Mayor or presiding Commissioner and the Commission will continue with its business, and the speaker may be required to leave the meeting after having been ruled out-of-order for a breach of the peace committed at the meeting as permitted by the OMA, when the speaker violates above sub-section 3 or the following:

(a) Becomes repetitive or speaks longer than the allotted time;

(b) Attempts to yield any unused portion of time to other speakers;

(c) Engages in a personal attack upon a city employee, administrator or Commissioner only if the personal attack is totally unrelated to the manner in which the employee, administrator or Commissioner carries out their public duties or office;

(d) Uses obscene or profane language;

(e) Engages in slanderous or defamatory speech;

(f) Uses derogatory racial, sexual or ethnic slurs or epithets relating to any individual or category of persons; or

(g) Engages in conduct that interrupts or disrupts the meeting.

(5) Individuals attending City Commission meetings or workshops, excluding City staff, shall not pass the commission chambers bar upon which the podium is affixed (and which divides the audience section from the well of the chambers) without having been invited to do so by the Mayor or official presiding over the meeting, or after requesting and explicitly being granted permission to do so. Any individual violating this subsection will be ruled out-of-order by the Mayor or presiding official and the individual may be required to leave the meeting for a breach of the peace committed at the meeting as permitted by the OMA.