



Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission

Meeting Date: May 5, 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 Comm. Lance.

ROLL CALL

City Commission

Mayor Mark Behnke	Commissioner Paige Katsarsky-Smith
Commissioner Jessica LaCosse	Commissioner Jim Lance
Commissioner Jenasia Morris	Commissioner Carla Reynolds
Vice Mayor Sherry Sofia	Commissioner Christopher Simmons, attending remotely

Absent: Commissioner Patrick O'Donnell

City Staff

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager	William Kim, City Attorney
Marcie Gillette, Assistant City Manager	Victoria Houser, City Clerk
Shannon Bagley, Police Chief	Bush McCarthy, Fire Chief
Steve Skalski, Public Works Director	

PROCLAMATIONS AWARDS

Proclamation for Professional Municipal Clerks Week 2026

Proclamation for Childcare Provider Appreciation Day 2026

Proclamation for Police Officer Memorial Week and Police Officer Memorial Day 2026

CHAIR NOTES ADDED OR DELETED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 376 was pulled from the agenda.

PETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS

There were no petitions, communications or reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ANY REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

#12-2026 - A Proposed Ordinance, 12-2026, to amend Chapter 1281 of Title Six — Zoning of the Code of Ordinances to make text corrections, clarify requirements, correct formatting and make changes substantive in nature to Sections 1281.01(k)(8)B., 1281.01(k)(10), 1281.04(c)(1)A&B and 1280.01(g)A.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Jessica Lacosse

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

#13-2026 - A Proposed Ordinance, 13-2026 to rezone the properties located at 14 Yuba St. (Parcel #8040-00-147-0), 175 Main St. (Parcel #0890-00-075-0), and 169 Main St. (Parcel #0890-00-075-0) from MFR High-Density Multiple Family District to T-3 Neighborhood Commercial District for the purpose of converting an existing vacant single-family residence on the site into an office building to support organization operations. It should be noted that 175 Main St. and 169 Main St. share a common parcel but are separate in their addresses.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Jessica Lacosse

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher

Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance
Nays: None
Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

COMMISSION COMMENT REGARDING MEETING BUSINESS

There were no Commission comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Jessica Lacosse

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

Minutes

Minutes for the April 21, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting

Petitions, Communications, Reports

City Manager's Report for May 5, 2026

Planning and Zoning Division 2025 Annual Report

Proclamations Awards

Proclamation for Mental Health Month 2026

Resolutions

374 - A Resolution authorizing a change order to purchase order 20260268 with Stantec Consulting Group, Inc. for additional work on the City's utility rate study in a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,375.00.

Motion/Vote 1
Motion to Approve
Moved By: Jessica Lacosse
Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance
Nays: None
Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

375 - A Resolution seeking acceptance of the lowest responsive, responsible bid for Verona Equipment and Painting project from Miller-Davis Company in a not-to-exceed amount of \$91,400.00.

Motion/Vote 1
Motion to Approve
Moved By: Jessica Lacosse
Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance
Nays: None
Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

PULLED - 376 - A Resolution appointing Assistant City Manager Marcie Gillette as an alternate representative for the City of Battle Creek on the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board.

This resolution was pulled from the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA

377 - A Resolution seeking authorization for legal signatures in the absence of the City Manager.

Motion/Vote 1
Motion to Approve
Moved By: Jessica Lacosse
Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

378 - A Resolution approving Retention of Outside Counsel for Fire Truck Antitrust Litigation.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Jessica Lacosse

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

379 - A Resolution seeking authorization for the City Manager to sign a contract for the purchase of information technology infrastructure hardware from People Driven Technology, Inc. in an estimated amount of \$1,789,364.00, with unit prices prevailing.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Jessica Lacosse

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

380 - A Resolution seeking acceptance of the lowest responsive, responsible bid for Verona Pumping Station Reroof project from Royalty Roofing USA LLC d/b/a Division 7 Building Contractors in a not-to-exceed amount of \$297,950.00.

Responding to Comm. La Cosse, Ms. Zimmerlin stated the contract terms included 15% for change orders, which is determined by the Purchasing Manager.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Jessica Lacosse

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

381 - A Resolution to approve Petition PSUP26-0001, a special use permit for the expansion of the Sunset Gardens cemetery located at 15769 S Helmer Rd. onto the unaddressed Parcel #0066-00-110-0. The cemetery expansion will include the opening of a new natural burial garden on the cemetery property on Parcel #0066-00-110-0. No new parking will be included with the expansion, as the existing road at Sunset Gardens will provide parking for the expansion with widened cutouts in select areas.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Jessica Lacosse

Supported By: Sherry Sofia

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Carla Reynolds, Christopher Simmons, Sherry Sofia, James Lance

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

Mary Fields expressed appreciation for the Commissioners' work, also thanking the City Manager for taking the time to listen to her concerns, addressing the buildable lots which could be sold for new homes, while also disagreeing with the City's current policy regarding the selling of side lots.

Joe Harris expressed understanding of the challenges the Commissioners face, stating citizens also have a right to express disagreement with the Commission's decisions.

Jerry Steiner also expressed appreciation for the Commissioners' work, but felt residents should have confidence their opinions mattered.

John Kennefick expressed disagreement with the fees the city charges for services, also commenting on the federal debt.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Comm. Reynolds welcomed Marcie Gillette as the new Assistant City Manager, stating she looked forward to working with her.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Behnke adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.