



Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission

Meeting Date: June 16, 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

Beautiful Battle Creek Awards for May and June 2026

PRESENTATIONS

FY 2026 Water and Sewer Rate Presentation - Stantec

CHAIR NOTES ADDED OR DELETED RESOLUTIONS

PETITIONS COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Brownfield Plan for "The Fields at Battle Creek" development.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ANY REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS

COMMISSION COMMENT REGARDING MEETING BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Minutes for the June 2, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting

Petitions, Communications, Reports

City Manager's Report for June 16, 2026

Ambulance Report for May 2026

Proclamations Awards

Proclamation for Juneteenth Family Day 2026

Resolutions

408 - A Resolution appointing six members, Courtney Iobe and Terry Youmans from Community Action; Donny Williams; David Censke; Mary Simmons; and Markeia Simmons to the Post Addition Neighborhood Planning Council #1.

409 - A Resolution seeking authorization for the City Manager to execute and sign Contract 216627CON with the Michigan Department of Transportation for resurfacing along Riverside Dr and along Limit St.

410 - A Resolution requesting authorization for the City Manager to accept a proposal from Midwest Employers Casualty Company to provide Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance services for the period of 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2027 at an estimated cost of \$95,962.00.

411 - A Resolution seeking authorization for the City Manager to enter into a permanent Easement For Electric Facilities agreement to Consumers Energy Company through city-owned property at 3954 M. L. King Jr. Memorial Highway, Parcel No. 52-0608-27-512-0, for the purpose of installing and maintaining electricity power transmission infrastructure.

RESOLUTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA

412 - A Resolution authorizing Jose Segovia to purchase 2 months of generic service credit pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS).

413 - A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to (continue to) employ retiree Doug Bagwell for an interim period, not to exceed past 6/30/2027 under 296.09(c).

414 - A Resolution authorizing Water and Sewer System Rates for all customers for FY2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030.

415 - A Resolution seeking Authorization for Issuance of 2026 Refunding Bonds.

416 - A Resolution seeking approval for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 year-end budget amendments for the City's General Fund (Fund 101), Major Street Fund (Fund 202), and Michigan Justice Training Fund (Fund 266).

417 - A Resolution approving a Brownfield Plan for the proposed "The Fields at Battle Creek" development.

418 - A Resolution seeking authorization for the City Manager to enter into a Purchase Agreement and all other documents necessary to purchase a vacant portion of parcel number 52-3560-00-013-0, commonly known as 165 N. Washington Street, from Bronson Battle Creek Hospital for \$150,000.00.

419 - A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Comprehensive Transition Agreement between the City of Battle Creek and the Transportation Authority of Calhoun County.

420 - A Resolution seeking to set a Closed Session regarding a Labor Matter for June 16, 2026.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

COMMISSION COMMENTS

RECESS

CLOSED SESSION

RETURN FROM RECESS

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.