



## **Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission**

Meeting Date: July 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**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Comm. O'Donnell.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **City Commission**

Mayor Mark Behnke	Commissioner Paige Katsarsky-Smith
Commissioner Jessica LaCosse	Commissioner Jim Lance (7:11)
Commissioner Jenasia Morris	Commissioner Carla Reynolds
Commissioner Patrick O'Donnell	Vice Mayor Sherry Sofia
Commissioner Christopher Simmons, attending remotely (7:24)	

#### **City Staff**

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager	William Kim, City Attorney
Marcie Gillette, Assistant City Manager	Victoria Houser, City Clerk
Shannon Bagley, Police Chief	Darcy Schmitt, Planning Manager

### **PROCLAMATIONS AWARDS**

Proclamation for LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Proclamation for National Day of Summer Learning 2026

### **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**

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

#14-2026 - A Proposed Ordinance, 14-2026, to amend Chapter 1240 Zoning Districts and Map, Chapter 1241 Schedule of Regulations, and Chapter 1250, Section 1250.04 Form-based development standards for T-3, T-4, and T-5 of the zoning code to add a T-6 zoning district that will encompass part of the Lakeview District; specifically, those properties that are currently zoned B-2 and make minor corrections to each Chapter. The new district will include regulations that reflect the recommendations of the Lakeview District Subplan to create a mixed-use walkable district.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Sherry Sofia

Supported By: Jessica Lacosse

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

#15-2026 - A Proposed Ordinance, 15-2026 to rezone 84 parcels located along the Beckley Road Corridor from B-2 Regional Commercial District to T-6 Lakeview Business District.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Sherry Sofia

Supported By: Jessica Lacosse

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

**COMMISSION COMMENT REGARDING MEETING BUSINESS**

There were no Commission comments regarding agenda items.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve  
Moved By: Sherry Sofia  
Supported By: Jessica Lacosse

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Patrick O'Donnell, Carla Reynolds,  
Sherry Sofia, James Lance  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

### Minutes

Minutes for the June 16, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting

Minutes for the June 16, 2026 City Commission Closed Session

Minutes for the June 25, 2026 City Commission Goal Setting Workshop

### Petitions, Communications, Reports

City Manager's Report for July 7, 2026

### Resolutions

421 - A Resolution seeking authorization for the sale of city-owned vacant, tax-reverted properties, Parcels #3870-00-245-0 and 9070-00-012-0.

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

Ayes: Paige Katsarky-Smith, Jessica Lacosse, Jenasia Morris, Mark Behnke, Patrick O'Donnell, Carla Reynolds, Sherry Sofia, James Lance  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

422 - A Resolution authorizing the Sale of Parcel #54-080-049-21.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Sherry Sofia

Supported By: Jessica Lacosse

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

423 - A Resolution seeking authorization for the City Manager to enter into two 2027 Emergency Commercial and Industrial Demand Response Renewal Agreements for use of the generators at City Hall, 10 N. Division Street, and ten City-owned lift stations, both with Consumers Energy.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Sherry Sofia

Supported By: Jessica Lacosse

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

424 - A Resolution accepting the proposal of best value for a Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) Solution with Professional Services from SHI International Corp., in an estimated first year amount of \$60,497.99 with unit prices prevailing.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Sherry Sofia

Supported By: Jessica Lacosse

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

425 - A Resolution seeking authorization of a contract with Azteca Systems, LLC for an Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) for Cityworks Asset Management System (AMS) in a not-to-exceed one year amount of \$54,348.00.

Motion/Vote 1

Motion to Approve

Moved By: Sherry Sofia

Supported By: Jessica Lacosse

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MOTION Passed

## **RESOLUTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Limited to three minutes per individual)

Mr. Guy commented on a recent incident involving the Battle Creek Police Department and a local youth.

Mary Fields expressed appreciation for the new water lines in her neighborhood, also thanking the city for the location of the new Fire Station 3.

Autumn Smith also commented on the interaction of the BCPD and a local youth, and potential federal investigations.

Christena Smith requested the Commission consider a resolution proposed by the League of Women Voters.

Joe Harris shared an example of a resolution for consideration, also commenting on water billing inserts, a potential FBI investigation, and repairs needed for the basketball and tennis courts at McCrea Park.

Reece Adkins invited everyone to Family Alter Church, 14884 6 1/2 Mile Road, for free coffee and community on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, from 6:30 to 9:00 am.

Kathy Antaya invited everyone to the Share Center's 35th anniversary party on August 6th, 4:30 - 7:30, for snacks and tours of the center. Ms. Antaya encouraged everyone to continue donations, including lip balm and travel sizes of body lotion and shaving cream, and Icy Pops to help alleviate the heat.

Nadine Adkins expressed concern of an e-coli contamination at Eagle Lake, a Michigan State park in Kalamazoo County, stating she did not know until the day after she visited the lake.

Steve Koch commented on sidewalk repairs and a fallen tree on Goodale Ave, also commenting on Flock cameras used by BCPD and MDOT.

John Kenefick reminded the city of the sacrifices made by the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Comm. O'Donnell encouraged residents to find something that can bring the community together, instead of the division currently in our community. Comm. O'Donnell recognized Fire Lieutenant LaMarr Mingle's 30 years of service, congratulating him on his retirement.

Comm. LaCosse commented on the success of the Field of Flight Air Show and Carnival, also stating the Commission will comply with any requests for an FBI investigation. Comm. LaCosse expressed regret for voting affirmatively for the increased water and sewer rates, stating she was seeking cohesiveness among the commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Behnke adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.