



WHITEHALL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Council Chambers

June 9, 2026

PRESENT Scott Brown, Tanya Cabala, Debra Hillebrand, Jeff Holmstrom, Bryan Mahan, Roger Squiers, and Tom Ziemer

ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT Brenda Bourdon, Dan Tavernier, Will Meier

Mayor Ziemer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation – Heather Stephenson, Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency

Heather Stephenson presented an overview of services provided by the Community Action Agency:

- Foreclosure Assistance
- Homebuyer Education
- Utility Assistance
- Weatherization
- Material Assistance Vouchers
- Senior Food Distribution
- Home Ramp Up

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lillian Morningstar and Kim Cry provided public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ziemer adjourned the work session at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT Brenda Bourdon, Dan Tavernier, Will Meier

Mayor Ziemer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Mahan, seconded by Cabala to approve the amended agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL PRESENTATION, Beth Dick, Chief Financial Officer of Muskegon Community College

Beth Dick presented a video regarding the millage proposal that will appear on the August 4 ballot for MCC and provided background information on the purpose of the millage and the needs it is intended to address.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the May 26, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable \$348,835.25
- C. Communications: None

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Squiers to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Messages were received from the City Manager, Council Members, and Mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Cyr, Ron Russell and Jim Rose provided public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 26-29 America's 250th Swim & Memorial

Motion by Squiers, seconded by Brown, to approve the acceptance of the Combat Veterans Memorial Sculpture Project as presented by Jim Dreyer and Event Marketing Enterprises.

Council Member Cabala indicated that she felt the project should have been reviewed at a work session before coming before council for a vote.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Squiers, Brown, Mahan, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, and Ziemer;
No – Cabala; Absent – None

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolution 26-30 Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District – Public Hearing

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Squiers to set a public hearing for the establishment of a proposed Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6 pm.

City Manager Tavernier explained that, with the expiration of the Commercial Rehabilitation District at the end of 2025, the proposed district would provide an alternative tax incentive to encourage the redevelopment and rehabilitation of older buildings. A recommendation by Mayor Pro Tem Holmstrom was made to expand the district to include the old Mud Puddle building.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Squiers, Cabala, Brown, Mahan, Hillebrand, and Ziemer;
No – None; Absent – None

MOTION CARRIED

C. Façade Improvement Grant Application – Ray Issa

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Mahan to approve the façade grant application submitted by Ray Issa for the property located at 1006 E. Colby Street.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Mahan, Hillebrand, Squiers, Cabala, Brown, and Ziemer;
No – None; Absent – None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Scott provided public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ziemer adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk