

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Commission was present.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Andrew Bare, Sonia Gibson, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, and Michelle Pitts.
Absent: Danny Wernick.

2026-0222 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Wernick.

Mayor Mapes led those present in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

2026-0223 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve minutes of the September 8, 2026, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Wernick.

Resolutions

2026-0224 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase to Rite-Way Asphalt Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$123,407.72, for street patching on local and major streets.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Wernick.
Resolution declared adopted.

2026-0225 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Gibson, to adopt a resolution to approve a request from the Alma Action Association to close N State Street from Superior Street to Center Street on October 29, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm for the Trunk or Treat, as part of the Fall Festival activities taking place downtown that evening.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Wernick.
Resolution declared adopted.

Agreements

**2026-0226 MASTER AGREEMENT and PROJECT AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION
Blanket Signature Resolution for Master Agreement No. 2027-0031**

The following preamble and resolution were moved by Vice-Mayor Harrington and seconded by Commissioner Allman.

Whereas, the *City of Alma* has the authority to contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for State and/or Federal funds for passenger transportation related services; and,

Whereas, the *City of Alma* does hereby approve Master Agreement No. 2027-0031,

Whereas, this resolution shall also approve execution of Project Authorizations for any programs designated by the *City of Alma* and/or Project Authorizations for any amount determined by the *City of Alma* with the Michigan Department of Transportation which are issued under Master Agreement Number 2027-0031,

Therefore, be it resolved that the *Mayor and City Clerk* of the *City of Alma* be authorized and directed to execute said Master Agreement No. 2027-0031 for and on behalf of the *City of Alma*;

Now, therefore, be it further resolved that the *Mayor and City Clerk* of the *City of Alma* are authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the *City of Alma* all such project Authorizations with the Michigan Department of Transportation for passenger transportation related services for the Agreement period.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Wernick.
Resolution declared adopted.

2026-0227 Motion by Commissioner Bare, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to approve a Lease Agreement between the City of Alma and Gratiot County regarding the property lease, installation, and maintenance of a splash pad in Wright Park.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Wernick.
Resolution declared adopted.

Reports

2026-0228 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to receive the following reports: Alma Police Department August 2026 Report, Alma Transit August 2026 Report, Planning Commission September 14, 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes, Alma Fire Department Quarterly Report, and the Greater Gratiot Development Annual 2026 Report. **Motion carried.**

Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Wernick.

2026-0229 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive the City Manager's Newsletter and a verbal report regarding a Gratiot Area Water Authority meeting.

City Manager Ripley asked for feedback on repair of a Liberty Street watermain and Washington Street reconstruction. The Commission asked Ripley to move forward with both projects as discussed. Vice-Mayor Harrington provided a verbal report on a recent Water Authority meeting.

Motion to receive both reports carried.
Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Wernick.

Appropriations

2026-0230 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 27-06 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Wernick.
Resolution declared adopted.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioners spoke briefly about the new splashpad coming to Wright Park.

Invitation to Public

No comments were received.

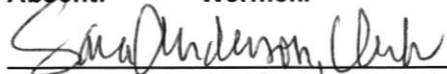
Adjournment

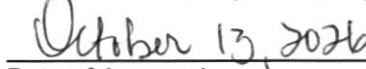
**Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
Motion carried.**

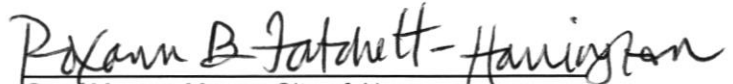
Yes: Allman, Bare, Gibson, Harrington, Mapes, and Pitts.

No: none.

Absent: Wernick.


Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma


Date of Approval


Greg Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma
Roxann Fatchett-Harrington,
Vice Mayor