

Alma City Commission
Alma, Michigan
January 12, 2021

Mayor Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. The virtual meeting was held via Zoom.com and livestreamed through the City of Alma's YouTube channel. A quorum of the Commission was present via Zoom for the meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, Nick Piccolo, Michelle Pitts, Audra Stahl, and Danny Wernick (all in Alma appearing via Zoom).

Absent: none.

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

Commissioner Allman called for a point of order, noting the agenda amendment needed to be addressed before moving to approval of minutes. Mayor Mapes agreed.

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve amendment of the agenda with the following addition:

L. Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion of voluntarily extending paid leave sick time under the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act until March 31, 2021 as provided for in December 27, 2020 stimulus bill. **Discuss**

(Subject: Under the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act, the requirement to provide paid leave to employees expired on December 31, 2020. The newly enacted stimulus bill, signed into law on December 27, 2020, does not extend the requirement that employers provide paid leave beyond that date. Rather, employers subject to the FFCRA may **voluntarily** extend the paid leave option until March 31, 2021. If a FFCRA-eligible employer chooses to extend the leave period, the time period during which its employees may take FFCRA leave is extended.

The voluntary extension of the FFCRA does not increase the amount of leave available to employees. The new stimulus bill simply extends the date for leave from December 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021.)

Motion to amend the agenda carried with a voice vote.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, Stahl, and Wernick.

No: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2020 and December 22, 2020, as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, Stahl, and Wernick.

No: none.

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2021-0001

FY 2022 RESOLUTION OF INTENT

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Allman, and seconded by Commissioner Pitts:

Whereas, pursuant to Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended (Act 51), it is necessary for the City of Alma (hereby known as THE APPLICANT) established under Act 279 to provide a local transportation program for the state fiscal year of 2022 and, therefore, apply for state financial assistance under provision of Act 51; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the governing body, to name an official representative for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51; and

Whereas, it is necessary to certify that no changes in eligibility documentation have occurred during the past state fiscal year; and

Whereas, the performance indicators have been reviewed and approved by the governing body.

Whereas, the application, has reviewed and approved the proposed balance (surplus) budget, and funding sources of estimated federal funds \$231,736, estimated state funds \$483,234, estimated local funds \$594,313, with total estimated expenses of \$1,287,377.

(Note: local funds include fare box and any other local revenue)

Now Therefore, be it resolved, that the Applicant hereby makes its intentions known to provide public transportation services and to apply for state financial assistance with this annual plan, in accordance with Act 51; and

Hereby, appoints Brett Baublitz as the Transportation Coordinator, for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51 for 2022.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, Stahl, and Wernick.

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0002

Resolution to Set the Maximum Asset Standards to be Eligible for a Poverty Exemption

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Vice-Mayor Harrington, and seconded by Commissioner Piccolo:

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Maximum Asset Standards is required of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994 the City of Alma, Gratiot County states that the poverty exemption guidelines established by the governing body of the local assessing unit shall include an asset level test; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alma adopts the following Maximum Asset Standards for a household to be eligible for a **POVERTY EXEMPTION**. The below asset levels **DO NOT** include the value of your homestead. (Per Tribunal ruling 08-13-97, Docket #236230, and the equity of the homestead should not be included within the asset test to be valid).

Combined assets to the total household may not exceed \$5,000.00