

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: Andrew Bare, Roxann Harrington, Laurie Harrison, Greg Mapes, Michelle Pitts, and Daniel Wernick.

Absent: Roger Allman.

2023-0032 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Yes: Bare, Harrington, Harrison, Mapes, Pitts, and Wernick.

No: none.

Absent: Allman.

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

2023-0033 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve minutes of the January 24, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Yes: Bare, Harrington, Harrison, Mapes, Pitts, and Wernick.

No: none.

Absent: Allman.

Resolutions

2023-0034 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, Nick has faithfully served the City of Alma as a City Commissioner since April 6, 2010, and

Whereas, Nick has played a key role in the economic and community development of Alma throughout his tenure on the Commission and through such projects as the purchase and cleanup of land on the riverfront and Hoffman Road, a total of 26 neighborhood street projects, approval of a Planned Unit Development for the former Middle School property, the City Park Restroom Reconstruction/Rehabilitation project, development in the downtown area including the Wright Leppien Opera House, creation of multiple development districts that paved the way for the construction of new upper story apartments, a hotel, the rehabilitation of parking lots 4 and 8, which included the first two electric vehicle charging stations in the downtown, and supporting the investment of ARPA funds into downtown, and

Whereas, Nick has supported intergovernmental relations with the first and follow up County Wide Master Planning Document, and providing dollars for an initial feasibility study of a passenger rail line between Ann Arbor and Traverse City with a station stop in the City of Alma, and

Whereas, Nick supported the successful passage of municipal millage issues involving the renewal and expansion of the Neighborhood Street Improvement Initiative in years 2011, 2016 and 2022, and multiple grants that strengthened the Alma Public Safety, Public Works, Library, Information Technology, and Transportation departments, and

Whereas, Nick carried out his fiduciary responsibilities during COVID, one of the most trying times for our city, state, and nation, serving the community virtually to maintain transparency and the essential services to the citizens of the city, and

Whereas, Nick supported the many community events, including by not limited to the Alma Highland Festival and Games, Lucky MacDuck, the US127 Car Tour, the Back to the Bricks Tour, the Alma College and Alma High School Homecoming parades, Alma Art Walk, the Alma All

Class Reunion, Come Home to Alma for the Holidays, the newly created Alma Alive!, and the MSU Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference, bringing over 75 communities to Alma for a day and a half of learning, and

Now Therefore Be It Proclaimed that Alma City Commission, City staff, and citizens of the Alma community express their heartfelt gratitude for the contributions of Nicholas Piccolo throughout his tenure as an elected official for the City of Alma and further extend their wishes for his continued success as he once again becomes a "private citizen" following the expiration of his term on December 31, 2022, and

Be It Further Proclaimed that this resolution be presented to Commissioner Nicholas Piccolo at the February 14, 2023, City Commission Meeting and that this resolution be entered in the official minutes of the Alma City Commission.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Pitts and seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington.

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

Hearings
2023-0035

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to set a public hearing for Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows, to consider the establishment and declaration of a Plant Rehabilitation District and an Industrial Development District for Avalon & Tahoe Mfg., Inc.

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

2023-0036

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to set a public hearing for February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows, to consider three requests for PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificates for Avalon & Tahoe Manufacturing, Inc.

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

Consent Agenda
2023-0037

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for payment to Fishbeck Engineers in the amount of \$3,500 for conceptual design services for security upgrades to entrances at the wastewater treatment plant and the water treatment, also to authorize execution of the related professional services agreement.

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