

Mayor Thomas Semaan called the Community Development Block Grant Fund public hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Russell, Dittrich, Duffy, Hayman, Harvey
Absent: None

Also, present were Tom Tomlinson, City Attorney, Ron Trombly, Administrative Assistant, Jeanne Bade, City Treasurer, Randy Blackburn, Chief of Police, Jeff Stellman, Fire Chief, John Klimaszewski, DPS Superintendent, Jerry Hicks, Building Official, Chris Hiltunen, Water Plant Superintendent, Adam Abraham, Parks & Recreation Director and Scott Duffin Project Control Engineering.

The mayor opened the floor for public comments. A representative from Turning Point addressed the Council regarding their program and requested \$2,500.00 and a representative from Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers addressed the Council requesting \$1,125.00 of non-profit public service funds.

This purpose of this public hearing is to obtain the views of citizens concerning community development and housing needs, as requested by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The City of New Baltimore will be submitting two applications for the competition-based bricks and mortar projects from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for fiscal year 2026-2027 from the Macomb "Urban County" Program, Phase 7 and Phase 8 ADA sidewalk ramp projects.

The City will also consider allocating \$6,100.00 in funds for multiple Non-Profit public service agency requests and/or will facilitate the funds for Senior Programming in the City of New Baltimore.

Federal guidelines require that maximum priority be given to activities, which will benefit low or moderate-income families, or aid in the prevention of slums or blight. A variety of projects are eligible for community development funding, these include the following:

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| ➤ Property Acquisition | ➤ Housing Rehabilitation |
| ➤ Code Enforcement | ➤ Public Facilities |
| ➤ Planning & Administration | ➤ Public Infrastructure |
| ➤ Handicapped Barrier Removal | ➤ Public Services |
| ➤ Rehabilitation of Buildings | |

Citizens residing in blighted areas or lower income person(s) are also encouraged to participate.

Motion by Eason, second by Dittrich to close the public hearing at 7:14 PM.

Mayor Thomas Semaan called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

Present: Hayman, Harvey, Russell, Dittrich, Duffy, Eason
Absent: None

Also present were Tom Tomlinson, City Attorney, Ron Trombly, Administrative Assistant, Jeanne Bade, City Treasurer, Randy Balckburn, Chief of Police, Jeff Stellman, Fire Chief, John Klimaszewski, DPS Superintendent, Jerry Hicks, Building Official, Chris Hiltunen, Water Plant Superintendent, Adam Abraham, Parks & Recreation Director and Scott Duffin Project Control Engineering.

Vountary Opening Prayer was offered by Coy Blanken Ship.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Harvey to approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2026.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Hayman, second by Duffy to approve the monthly department reports.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Harvey to add CA-N Kent Communications to the consent agenda item.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Duffy to approve the amended consent agenda.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Hayman, second by Harvey to receive and file the following communications and petitions:

C-1 Arts & Culture Commission regular meeting minutes of January 7, 2026 (approved)

C-2 Planning Commission regular meeting minutes of November 25, 2025 (approved)

All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, second by Harvey to approve the Special Order of Business as presented.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Hayman, second by Eason to approve and adopt the budget amendments as presented.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, second by Eason to approve the quote from Electrosonics quote #7608, for migration to Microsoft 365 exchange online, one (1) year subscription to Microsoft Exchange Online and Barracuda email protection for current users in the amount of \$26,100.00 plus labor with an estimated minimum of 25 hours in the amount of \$3,750.00, and a maximum of 75 hours labor of \$11,250.00 and annual re-occurring cost of \$300.00 per user, per year (cost charged to all Departments).
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Eason to approve the quotes from Electrosonics for the
 A. BS&A Server update quote, \$10,564.00 and the BS&A remote desktop server upgrade quote \$15,780.00 (cost charged to all departments).
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Hayman, second by Eason to approve the quote from Electrosonics to upgrade Laserfiche Server \$2,676.00 (cost to charged to all departments).
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Harvey, second by Duffy to approve a six (6) month extension for Cypress Grove Preliminary site Plan. Applicant to give Council an update on the project at the September 14, 2026, Council meeting.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Eason, second by Dittrich to approve the Special Event application from Adam Abraham, Parks & Recreation Director, for a Scavenger Hunt involving downtown businesses and organizations on Friday, May 29, 2026 from 4 PM to 6 PM at the Walter & Mary Burke Park.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Eason, second by Duffy to approve the Special Event application from Adam Abraham, Parks & Recreation Director, to hold the annual Triathlon event, swim/bike/run on July 11, 2026, starting in Walter & Mary Burke Park.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Hayman, second by Eason to approve the Special Event application from Adam Abraham, Parks & Recreation Director, to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2026, from 10 AM – 11 AM.
 All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Hayman, second by Duffy to approve the Special Event application from Adam Abraham, Parks & Recreation Director, to hold the annual Overnight Campout at Maynard "Red" Aurand Memorial Park, June 5, 2026, and June 6, 2026.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, second by Eason to approve the Special Event application from Adam Abraham, Parks & Recreation Director, to hold the Donation Soggy Doggy - Dog swimming event at the Walter & Mary Burke Park, May 9, 2026, from 9 AM to 11 AM.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Harvey to approve the request from Carl Weinreich for approval of the special event application for Farmers Market, Sundays starting May 3rd through October 25, 2026, with extended market space the second Sundays of each month on Washington Street from Main Street to Alfred Street with the addition of three portable handicapped signs for additional ADA parking during the market, and contingent to the department heads comments/concerns being addressed.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Hayman to approve the request from Carl Weinreich for approval of the special event application for Weekly Free Concerts in the Walter & Mary Burke Park, Wednesday nights from 7 PM to 10 PM starting June 3, 2026, through September 9, 2026, except for June 24th, (Bay-Rama (Wednesday))
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Eason to approve the request from Carl Weinreich for approval of the special event application for the Weekend Country Music Festival, September 18, and 19, 2026 in the Walter & Mary Burke Park.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

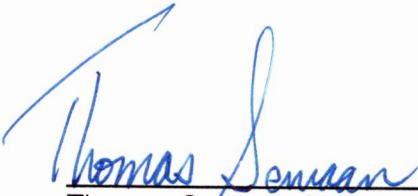
Motion by Hayman, second by Duffy to approve and authorize the City to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) for Phase 7 & Phase 8, ADA sidewalk ramp projects in the amount of \$150,00.00 for each Phase for a total of \$300,000.00, and allocate public service CDBG dollars in the amount \$6,100.00 to facilitate the funds towards the City's Senior programming.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Harvey to go into closed session regarding consideration of lease of real property 15.268 (1) (d).
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:23 PM.

Motion by Dittrich, second by Hayman to approve and authorize the mayor to sign the lease agreement between the City of New Baltimore and the Anchor Bay School District for the Aquatic Center lease.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Duffy, second by Harvey to adjourn at 8:24 PM.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.



Thomas Semaan, Mayor



Marcia Shinska, City Clerk