

**CITY OF KEEGO HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 17, 2026, AT 7:00 PM
2025 Beechmont St.
Keego Harbor, MI 48320**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Joel Ross, Mayor Pro Tem Cristina Elsen, Council Member John Fletcher, Council Member Corine Streng, and Council Member Sue Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Manager Joe Gacioch, Interim City Clerk Stacy Goodall, Chief Robert Barnes, and City Attorney Tony Chubb.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Elsen; supported by Council Member Streng to approve the agenda

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Carries

PRESENTATIONS

- Call to Council- Board & Commission Liaison Reports
 - Mayor
 - Planning Commission
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Police Chief
 - City Attorney
 - City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT: (non-agenda items only)

David Emerling -Water testing on Cass Lake

Joel Yoder- Blight issues

Kyana Smith- West Bloomfield School Board candidate

Amir Daiza- Sound judgement of City Manager

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Stormwater Management Ordinance

Motion by Council Member Williams; supported by Council Member Streng to open the public hearing for the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Ayes: 5 Nays:0

Motion Carries

Public Hearing opens at 7:32pm

Interim City Manager Joe Gacioch presented background information on the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Oakland County issued the city a critical infrastructure grant to be used in technical nature and for water quality. HRC presented the first reading in July and then the second reading in August. The Planning Commission also reviewed the ordinance and gave their feedback. Through this ordinance there are not any new processes or costs for developers.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Elsen; supported by Council Member Fletcher to close the public hearing

Ayes: 5 Nays:0

Motion Carries

Public Hearing closes at 7:46pm

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Elsen; Council Member Streng to approve the proposed amendments to chapter 16; articles 3 and 4, chapter 24; article 3, section 24 through 58, and zoning ordinance article XVI section 16.06 as presented.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion Carries

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Streng; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Elsen to approve the consent agenda.

Ayes: 5 Nays:0

Motion Carries

REGULAR AGENDA:

Zoning Ordinance 4.05; Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles on Vacant Residentially Zone Lots

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Elsen; supported by Council Member Fletcher to adopt the zoning ordinance update regarding the storage of recreational

vehicles on vacant residentially zoned lots.

Ayes:5

Nays:0

Motion Carries

Kayak Launch Location Proposal

Fran Leaf was developed with State Funds therefore the kayak launch will not be restricted to Keego residents at this time. Signage at the kayak launch may be needed and will be discussed. Dollar lake is not ready and needs work.

Motion by Council Member Williams; supported by Council Member Fletcher to confirm the location of the kayak launch site to be at the Fran Leaf Park.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Carries

Draft Strategic Plan Presentation

Interim City Manager Gacioch presented the vision statement and the four pillars it stands on. The strategic plan will bring the city and the community into alignment.

Motion by Council Member Fletcher; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Elsen to approve the strategic plan as presented by the interim city manager.

Ayes: 5

Nays:0

Motion Carries

Cass Lake Road Implementation Plan Bid Recommendation

Interim City Manager presented the Cass Lake Road Implantation plan update. An RFP was posted and Fleis and Vandenbrink's proposal was recommended. TIFA's capital budget has funds to put towards costs. An engineering and a shovel-ready plan is required for a federal funding application along with the coordination with RCOC.

Resolution by Council Member Streng; supported by Mayor Pro Tem Elsen to authorize the city manager to negotiate the professional services agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink for the Cass Lake Corridor Redevelopment Implementation Plan through the 30% local scope milestone not to exceed \$127,900 with the priced option to extend into RCOC 70% final design coordination with final contract execution and funding contingent upon and subject to approval by the TIFA board.

Roll Call: Ross yes, Elsen yes, Fletcher no, Streng yes, Williams no

Resolution Carries

Review and Consideration of City Manager Contract with Joseph Gacioch

City Attorney Tony Chubb presented the terms of the contract with Joseph

Gacioch for the city manager position.

Resolution by Council Member Fletcher; supported by Mayor Ross authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with the city manager based on the presented contract for a 2-year contract.

Roll Call: Ross yes, Elsen yes, Fletcher yes, Streng yes, Williams yes.

Resolution Carries

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ross adjourned the meeting at 9:54 pm.



Joel Ross (Oct 21, 2026 17:42:29 EDT)

Joel Ross

City of Keego Harbor, its Mayor



Stacy Goodall

City of Keego Harbor, its Interim
City Clerk

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