



# City Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

Date: **10/16/2023**

Item: **G.16.**

**TO:** Mayor Anderson, Vice Mayor Cooney, and City Commissioners

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**DATE:** October 16, 2023

**SUBJECT:** M-89 Utility Easements for Water Services - Parcel ID numbers: 03-24-201-012, 03-24-201-015, and 03-24-201-019

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve and accept three easements for water services that extend beyond the eastern end of the water main on M-89 in Richland Township with 1) Kenneth and Julia Kammeraad and George Ludwig, and 2) Character Group, LLC; and authorize the City Manager to sign all related and necessary documents regarding the acquisition of the easements.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The three easements are necessary to provide water to these three parcels due to groundwater in the area being contaminated with PFAS. Parcel ID numbers include: 03-24-201-012, 03-24-201-015, and 03-24-201-019. As all public water mains and sanitary sewer are required to be in a dedicated easement or public right of way, the Grantors in collaboration with the City of Kalamazoo Attorney has drafted these easements for approval.

## **STRATEGIC VISION ALIGNMENT:**

### Strategic Goal Impact:

**Safe Community-** Creating a safe environment for living, working, and playing

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

### Appropriate Depth of Engagement

**Inform (one-way conversation)** – no feasible alternatives available due to legal/regulatory restrictions, standards and best practices, or resource limitations; the community will be made aware of the project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The funds required for this easement are \$3.00 (\$1.00 per easement). The funding available and estimated costs are detailed below. The City of Kalamazoo will incur the cost of recording the easements with the Clerk-Register and \$1.00 for consideration for the grant of each of these easements. We are requesting the approval of this purchase using the funds below.

Description	Account	Project #	Dollar Amount
Water Fund	591-562-03.000-801.000		\$3.00