

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Don Cooney Barbara Miller Stephanie Moore</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Terry Kuseske</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Kuseske. With a voice vote, the motion passed.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Ken Dykhoff, Spring Valley Wesleyan Church, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
<p>Presentation on the 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program</p> <p>78658</p>	<p>Don Edgerly and Karen Carlisle of Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) described the qualifications and necessary documentation for young people who wanted to participate in the summer youth employment program.</p> <p>Commissioner Moore urged YOU to reach out to the Hispanic community.</p> <p>Ms. Carlisle stated YOU would send out information on the summer youth employment program as soon as it received confirmation of funding, and she reported Hispanic and bi-lingual staff members would be available to assist young people and parents with the application process.</p>
<p>Proclamation re: Cesar Chavez Day</p> <p>78659</p>	<p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed March 31, 2010 "Cesar E. Chavez Day." Juan Muniz, CEO of International Media Exchange, and Cris Obrieter of Western Michigan University (WMU) accepted the proclamation.</p>
<p>Proclamation re: Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary</p> <p>78660</p>	<p>Commissioner Anderson read a proclamation entitled, "Southwest Michigan Council, Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary." Daniel Busby, Scout Executive, and a large contingent of Boy Scouts and Scout leaders were present to accept the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>City Manager Collard requested Item F-1 (resolutions regarding the 100 Block of East Michigan project) be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>

At 7:23 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding an application from Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) 2005-492.

At 7:24 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to approve the application from Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. for the transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) 2005-492.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Laura Lam, Community Development Manager, described the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, the process used to develop the proposed Plan, and the community development priorities included in the proposed Plan.

Commissioner Cooney expressed support for the proposed 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan but noted the City had been receiving less funding from the federal government to address the needs identified in the Plan.

At 7:29 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Consolidated Plan.

Annie Morgan, Home Repair Director for Senior Services, Inc., thanked the Community Development Act Advisory Committee (CDAAC) for recommending funding for the Tuesday Toolmen program and noted this program, which had been developed in Kalamazoo County, was being replicated in counties across the state.

At 7:31 Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** for the adoption of the City of Kalamazoo 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan and authorize the City Manager to sign any certifications and other documents as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer its funded programs.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Ms. Lam introduced Mildred Smith, Chair of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee (CDAAC), and thanked her for her leadership on the Committee.

Resolution 10-14
Approving the
Transfer of a Tax
Abatement
Certificate for
Rieth-Riley
Construction Co.

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Presentation and
Public Hearing on
the 2010-2014
Consolidated Plan

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Resolution 10-15
Adopting the 2010-
2014 Consolidated
Plan

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Public Hearing re:
the Proposed
PY2010 CDBG
Allocations

Public Hearing re:
the Proposed
PY2010 CDBG
Allocations (cont'd)

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Mildred Smith, Chair of CDAAC, described the process used by CDAAC to review and evaluate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding applications, and she summarized the recommended funding awards.

Commissioner Anderson thanked the CDAAC members for their work and acknowledged the difficulty of dividing a shrinking pool of funds among a growing list of applicants.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the recommendations of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee and the City Administration for funding of various local agencies to provide housing and public services through the federal Community Development Block Grant for the 2010 Program Year.

Rob Oakleaf, Executive Director of Ministry with Community, thanked the City Commission for its support.

Tahirih Ziegler, Executive Director of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), thanked CDAAC and City staff for their work and partnership. Ms. Ziegler described LISC's projects for 2010 and stated the CDBG funding would be to leverage other funding.

Jenny Shoub, Executive Director of the YWCA of Kalamazoo, thanked the City Commission for its support and noted the importance of the CDBG funding for the YWCA.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director of the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD), thanked the City Commission for its support and City staff for their assistance in the application process for the CDBG funds.

Bob Ells, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan, described the activities of the Center over the past 10 months and thanked the City Commission and CDAAC.

Ellen Kisinger Rothi, Executive Director of Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI), thanked the City for its support and described HRI's activities related to affordable housing and homelessness.

At 7:49 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Approval of the
PY2010 CDBG
Funding
Allocations

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Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the recommendations of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee and the City Administration for funding of various local agencies to provide housing and public services through the federal Community Development Block Grant for the 2010 Program Year and authorize the City Manager to sign and submit all appropriate documents required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to act as the official representative of the grantee, and to execute all contracts with sub-recipients of funding received from HUD.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to apply for two matching grant requests: 1) for the redevelopment of Woods Lake Beach Park through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of \$363,200; and, 2) for improvements to LaCrone Park through the Land Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$100,000.
- authorization for the City Manager to sign the proposed Temporary Encroachment Agreement granting the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment temporary access to perform environmental testing on the city's right-of-way on Kilgore Service Road.
- approval of a grant agreement with the Michigan Department of State for the purchase of laptop computers and accessories to support the implementation of Electronic Poll Books in the City of Kalamazoo's voting precincts, and to authorize the City Clerk to sign the agreement and all other documents related to this grant program.
- approval of a request to participate with the State of Michigan in a cooperative bid for the purchase of ice control salt for the 2010/2011 Winter Season.
- approval of the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Special Work Sessions on February 12 and 13, 2010; and the Regular Business Meeting on March 1, 2010.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

City Manager Collard requested the resolution regarding the extension of Resolutions 09-68, 09-69, and 09-70 be amended to grant a 90-day, rather than a 180-day, extension. City Manager Collard noted the Building Authority had granted a 90-day extension earlier that day.

Approval of the PY2010 CDBG Funding Allocations (cont'd)

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Consent Agenda

Resolution 10-16

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Regular Agenda

Resolution 10-17 re: Funding for the 100 Block of East Michigan Avenue Project

Resolution 10-17 re:
Funding for the 100
Block of East
Michigan Avenue
Project (cont'd)

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Vice Mayor McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** extending the effect of the previously adopted Resolution 09-68, Resolution 09-69 and Resolution 09-70 until July 1, 2010 pertaining to the proposed sale and redevelopment of 4 mostly vacant buildings in the 100 block of East Michigan Avenue.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager's
Report

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City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- February 2010 Purchases

Transportation Director Bill Schomisch reported a line-haul ridership drop of 52,931 for the month of January, compared with January 2009. Director Schomisch attributed this loss of ridership to the following factors:

- 9,500 rides lost because of one less weekday service day in 2010 compared to 2009.
- an estimated 9,000 rides lost because of the fare increases implemented on January 4th.
- 20,000 ride lost because Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Western Michigan University started classes one week later in 2009 than in 2010.
- 13,500 rides lost due to the economy.

Director Schomisch noted there had been ridership declines in November and December, which is why he attributed the loss of 13,500 rides in January to the economy in general. Director Schomisch also reported ridership for the demand-response services had increased 8% in January.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Director Schomisch stated it was too early to tell if the ridership decline would affect the Metro Transit budget. Director Schomisch stated the recommendations from the recently completed Comprehensive Operational Analysis included route and service changes, but these changes were not due to ridership levels in November, December, and January.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Director Schomisch stated income-based reduced fares were used every day by people with Bridge Cards.

Commissioner Moore thanked Director Schomisch for watching the ridership trends closely, and she suggested ridership declines may be

due to increased use of technology in the job search process, which resulted in fewer people traveling to prospective employers to apply for jobs. Commissioner Moore noted there was a lot of information available in the community about reduced fares.

Next, when given an opportunity to make public comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Dave Garcia, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, read a letter thanking the City Commission for adopting the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance. Mr. Garcia invited Commissioners to PRIDE 2010 on June 12th and noted the Boy Scouts discriminated against homosexuals. Mr. Garcia's letter was included with the papers for this meeting.

Frank Warren, City resident, described incidents of bad driving and rudeness on the part of Metro Transit drivers.

Joe Stando, City resident, thanked the City for taking the initiative to participate in the Google Fiber campaign.

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioners.

Commissioner Moore commended the parents and athletes of the Kalamazoo Central and Loy Norrix High School basketball teams for their successful seasons. Commissioner Moore stated she would not be at the next Commission meeting as she would be on her honeymoon.

Commissioner Miller remarked on the article on Chris Crowell from Gazelle Sports in the Bloomberg Business News, and she noted Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated had installed 30 bike racks in the downtown area.

Commissioner Anderson read into the record a letter from the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) urging the City to incorporate environmentally sustainable practices in its implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Commissioner Anderson congratulated Vice Mayor McKinney on receiving the Athena International Award from the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce. A copy of the letter from the ECC was included with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Cooney commended the WMU men's basketball team on a good season, both on and off the court. Commissioner Cooney noted 10 of the 21 Academic All-Americans in the Mid-American Conference over the past 10 years had been WMU players.

Mayor Hopewell commented on the Art Hop and Peace Jam events, the substantial increase in MEAP scores for Kalamazoo Public Schools, the 2010 Census, and the Google Fiber initiative. Mayor Hopewell stated the proclamation for the Boy Scouts was to honor those young people and their good work.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Citizen Comments

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Commissioner
Comments

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Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 19, 2010

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 19, 2010

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