

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
<p>Roll Call</p>	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Don Cooney Terry Kuseske Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
<p>Invocation/Pledge</p>	<p>The invocation, given by Elder Osmond Pearson, Galilee Baptist Church, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
<p>Introduction of Guests 78692</p>	<p>Mayor Hopewell introduced Jeff Fink, Kalamazoo County Prosecutor, and Richard Fuller, Kalamazoo County Sherriff, who presented information about the Local Law Enforcement Millage question on the May 4th ballot. Information distributed by Mr. Fink and Sherriff Fuller was filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>
<p>Proclamation re: College Awareness Week 78693</p>	<p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed April 26-30, 2010 "College Awareness Week." Pam Kingery, Executive Director of Kalamazoo Communities in Schools (KCIS), Cindy Spiess-Malmstrom, President of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and Dr. Zaheerah Shakir-Khan, Director of Elementary Education for Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS), received the proclamation. Dr. Shakir-Khan read a letter from Dr. Michael Rice, KPS Superintendent, a copy of which was filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>
<p>Proclamation re: Arbor Day 78694</p>	<p>Commissioner Bell proclaimed April 30, 2010 "Arbor Day." No one was present to receive the proclamation.</p>
<p>Adoption of the Agenda</p>	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson requested Item F-3, a PILOT for Gladshire Limited Dividend Housing Association, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p>
<p>Communications</p>	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda 78695</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one year contract extension with Lakeshore Energy for natural gas to be used to heat selected City facilities in the amount of \$520,000.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the purchase of an Automated Employee Scheduling System from IntelliTime Systems Corporation in the amount of \$192,155. | <p>78696</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION recognizing the Kalamazoo-Numazu Sister City Committee as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. | <p>Resolution 10-23
78697</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION recognizing the The Greg Jennings Foundation as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. | <p>Resolution 10-24
78698</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION declaring Edwards Street between South and East Michigan to be closed on May 21-22 and September 10-11, 2010 and a special event area permitted for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. | <p>Resolution 10-25
78699</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one-year service agreement with EDR Western Michigan, LP, d/b/a The Pointe at Western, to provide bus service to The Pointe at Western apartment complex for the contracted annual amount of \$94,608. | <p>78700</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the re-appointment of Amy Rochelle Warren to the Dangerous Buildings Board as the Architect/Engineer for a term expiring on March 31, 2013. - the appointment of Joan Dombrowski to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term expiring on March 31, 2011. - the re-appointment of Michael Collins to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term expiring on March 31, 2013. | <p>78701</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 26, 2010; the Neighborhood Meeting on March 15, 2010; and the Business Meetings on March 15 and April 5, 2010. | <p>78702</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a motion to hold until May 3, 2010 the adoption of a RESOLUTION approving the redevelopment and purchase agreement to convey property at 1302 North Westnedge Avenue to Galilee Baptist Church for \$1.00 and due consideration for additional church parking, and authorization for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. | <p>78703</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a motion to hold until May 3, 2010 the approval of quit claim deeds conveying the City's interest in the following properties as a result of payment of foreclosed taxes: | <p>78704</p> |

Consent Agenda
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78704

- 1336 Portage St., to Devon Title of Kalamazoo, LLC, whose address is 800 East Milham, Portage, MI in consideration of \$941.82 in payment of 1988 foreclosed tax and special assessments.
- 923 Princeton Ave., to Mr. Faye Jackson, whose address is 915 Princeton Ave., Kalamazoo, MI, in consideration of \$124.33 in payment of 1989 foreclosed taxes.

Commissioner Kuseske, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cooney, Kuseske, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

The Repeal of
Resolution 92-147
and Adoption of
Resolution 10-26
re: a PILOT for
Gladshire Housing
Association

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Next, Regular Agenda items were considered.

Commissioner Anderson noted the City Commission was making the choice to forego regular property taxes and accept a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) instead. Commissioner Anderson explained that lenders required the owners of low-income housing projects to obtain PILOTs, and the withholding of PILOTs by local governments created a barrier to low income housing in those jurisdictions. Commissioner Anderson remarked the City of Kalamazoo was the only jurisdiction in Kalamazoo County with a standing PILOT ordinance, which made the development of low-income housing easy in the City and more difficult in other jurisdictions. In light of this, Commissioner Anderson noted, the concentration of low-income housing in the City and the City's high poverty rate made perfect sense. Commissioner Anderson stated some neighboring jurisdictions were not interested in granting PILOTs and attracting low-income housing developments because such developments created "problems" like more police calls. Commissioner Anderson acknowledged some City neighborhoods had also expressed concern that low-income housing was being concentrated in their neighborhoods. Commissioner Anderson stated civilized societies needed to decide how they would provide housing for those with low incomes or who otherwise could not afford market-rate housing. Commissioner Anderson noted the City of Kalamazoo was very generous in its support of affordable housing.

An opportunity was given for citizens to address the City Commission on this item, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Kuseske, moved to repeal RESOLUTION No. 92-147 and adopt a **RESOLUTION** granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to Kalamazoo Gladshire Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership for 40-units of affordable rental housing to be developed at 1801 North Westnedge, also known as 1801 Shire Lane, (06-09-443-001), pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney thanked Commissioner Anderson for his comments, recognized there were tradeoffs when the City granted a PILOT, and discussed the need for affordable housing.

Commissioner Moore agreed with Commissioner Anderson that the City needed decent, affordable housing.

Commissioner Kuseske noted the City did not have many vacant properties for development, and many people did not want low-income housing developments in their backyards. Commissioner Kuseske stated the City needed to educate citizens on the need for low-income housing, safety issues, and on the plans for long term maintenance of these properties.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cooney, Kuseske, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- The CITYLink Newsletter dated February/March 2010
- March 2010 Purchases

City Manager Collard introduced Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley and indicated the City was beating the statistical odds with regard to violent crimes and youth violence. City Manager Collard attributed this success to the civic infrastructure as well as the efforts of the Public Safety Department.

Chief Hadley reported he and his staff had worked hard to accomplish the main objectives of the 2007 Public Safety Work Plan: keep residents safe, make them feel safe, and treat all residents fairly and with respect. Chief Hadley outlined the following six focus areas designed to support the main objectives of the Work Plan:

Enforcement

- identify hot spots through crime trend analysis and put cops on dots to address crime concerns in specific neighborhoods
- make KVET more neighborhood oriented
- continue the Criminal Investigation Division's success at solving crimes
- get violent, career criminals off the streets
- continue the Broken Windows Initiative

Training

- use of force training with a new simulator
- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) – dealing mental illness
- Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement

The Repeal of Resolution 92-147 and Adoption of Resolution 10-26 re: a PILOT for Gladshire Housing Association (cont'd)

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City Manager's Report

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Report on Public Safety's Strategy for Addressing Youth Issues

Report on Public Safety's Strategy for Addressing Youth Issues (cont'd)

Programs, Outreach and Mentoring

- Youth Academies (2 academies, 60-70 young people each summer)
- Youth Fishing Program
- Junior Fire Academy
- Youth Town Hall Meeting on May 22nd at Western Michigan University
- Baseball Clinic
- Attendance at monthly neighborhood meetings
- Citizens' Leadership Academy
- Mandatory daily foot patrols (20 minutes per day, per officer)

Internal Processes

- a review of all departmental policies
- inclusion of the Citizens' Public Safety Review and Appeal Board in the review of employment applications
- a recruiting day for Kalamazoo residents on May 22nd at Station 4/5
- creation of new Public Safety website by July

Partnerships

- Parks and Recreation
- Public Services
- Community Planning and Development

Chief Hadley reviewed crime statistics for 2009 and 2010 and remarked on the Department's success at building relationships and trust in the community, which could not be quantified but were essential to the overall goal of maintaining a safe community.

City Manager Collard commended Chief Hadley for his leadership and noted the Chief had not received much benefit from a recent conference he attended because Kalamazoo was already employing the best practices that were presented.

Commissioner Cooney stated there was a noticeable difference in the relationship between the Public Safety Department and young people in the community, as exemplified by a recent dialogue between Public Safety Officers and young people in the Edison Neighborhood, which was honest and respectful.

Commissioner Moore thanked Chief Hadley for his report and remarked that in a recent meeting with Eastside Neighborhood residents, Public Safety Officers provided solutions to problems, were very hands-on, and helped equip citizens to address issues themselves. Commissioner Bell asked Chief Hadley how Public Safety recruited volunteers for the Broken Windows Initiative and suggested this as an opportunity for offenders to render restitution and community service. Commissioner Bell commended Chief Hadley for the effectiveness of the weekly Public Safety radio program. Commissioner Bell asked whether Public Safety staff had ever talked with young people who had been incarcerated or who had been through the juvenile justice system to get their perspective.

In response to Commissioner Moore, Chief Hadley indicated Public Safety staff struggled with how to reach the kids who really needed help. Chief Hadley stated the Reach and Teach initiative accomplished this in 2009, and he expressed hope the upcoming Youth Town Hall Meeting would attract these young people. Regarding the volunteer opportunities at Public Safety, Chief Hadley said it would be the courts' prerogative to direct people into the Broken Windows program to fulfill community service and restitution requirements.

Commissioner Moore remarked that nonresidents frequently visited certain City neighborhoods, caused problems, and lowered the quality of life in those neighborhoods. Commissioner Bell wondered what could be done to address this problem. Commissioner Bell noted the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion would take place on August 7th at Spring Valley Park.

Commissioner Anderson stated credit for the reduction in crime belonged to the Public Safety Officers who were doing the work from day to day – people who typically did not receive public recognition.

Mayor Hopewell stated Chief Hadley was leading the organization in the direction it needed to head. Mayor Hopewell recognized both the good work that had been done and the work that remained to be done.

City Manager Collard acknowledged and applauded the City Commission's role in reducing crime and improving the relationship between citizens and the Public Safety Department. City Manager Collard stated these improvements were the result of a City Commission that said, "We can do better."

Next, the following citizens addressed the City Commission regarding non-agenda items:

Gary Wager, non-resident, spoke on behalf of the Kalamazoo River Clean-up Coalition invited Commissioners to the *Your River, Your Future* event on April 21st at 8:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel.

Sarah Hill, City resident, described her recent experience with the criminal justice system and asked the City to consider changing ordinance violations from criminal infractions to civil infractions.

Gene Bowman, City resident and Midwest Director for New Venture Promotions, spoke regarding his request to use Mayors' Riverfront Park for a soul/blues festival. Mr. Bowman asked Commissioners and staff to facilitate approval of his request.

Alphonso Harris, City resident, stated he had completed the Road Construction Readiness Apprenticeship Training and noted he had obtained a part-time job as a result of going through the training.

Report on Public Safety's Strategy for Addressing Youth Issues (cont'd)

Citizen Comments

Commissioner
Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners.

Commissioner Kuseske thanked citizens for their letters, cards, and support during his battle with cancer.

Commissioner Bell congratulated Alphonso Harris on completing the Road Construction Readiness Apprenticeship Training and on his new job. Commissioner Bell stated she was grateful to be part of the great work the City of Kalamazoo was doing.

Commissioner Miller urged citizens to complete and submit their 2010 Census forms.

Commissioner Cooney noted Gilmore International Keyboard Festival was taking place, spoke about the former Allied Paper Mill site, and encouraged citizens to attend the *Your River, Your Future* event.

Mayor Hopewell stated he would be sending a letter to the U.S. Justice Department expressing the City's position on the pending judgment in the bankruptcy case regarding the Kalamazoo River clean-up. Mayor Hopewell noted he had presented letters of recognition to the ACT-SO contestants. Mayor Hopewell offered remarks on efforts by Kalamazoo Central High School students to win the Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge, and he encouraged citizens to support K-Central when given the opportunity to vote online.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 2, 2010

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: August 2, 2010

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