

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Don Cooney Terry Kuseske Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Kuseske, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote, the motion passed.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Dr. Mushtaq Lugmani, Kalamazoo Islamic Center, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Vice Mayor McKinney noted the presence of former City Commissioner Ed Gordon and his guests Dr. and Mrs. Yoshiko Ono from Numazu, Japan.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Next, the City Commission issued the following proclamations:</p>
National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day 78707	<p>Commissioner Kuseske proclaimed May 6, 2010 "National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day." Kathy Howard, Co-project Director for Kalamazoo Wraps, received the proclamation. Materials distributed by Ms. Howard were filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>
National Train Day 78708	<p>Commissioner Moore proclaimed May 8, 2010 "National Train Day." Burt Tenbrink and Kay Chase received the proclamation on behalf of the Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers. Materials distributed by Ms. Chase were filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>
Optimist Internet Safety Month 78709	<p>Commissioner Miller proclaimed May 2010 "Optimist Internet Safety Month." Elaine Catlin, Breakfast Optimist Club/Intranet Safety Committee Member, received the proclamation.</p>
Peace Education Month 78710	<p>Commissioner Anderson proclaimed May 2010 "Peace Education Month." Peace Pizzaz Committee Members Janice Lakers, Luana VanDam, Peg Bozarth, John Kinch, and Kathy Murphy received the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>Commissioner Bell requested Item F-6, sale of property to Galilee Baptist Church, be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.</p>

City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.

Communications

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:

Consent Agenda

- approval of the purchase of five 35- foot hybrid buses from the Gillig Corporation in an estimated amount of \$2,783,495.

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- approval of a contract with Midwest Transit Equipment for the purchase of five 2010 HD Senator lift-equipped buses for the Metro County Connect program in the amount of \$542,885.

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- approval of the purchase for the replacement of up to 70 bus passenger shelters for the Metro Transit System with Brasco International, Inc. in the amount of \$256,250.

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- first reading of an ORDINANCE to amend Section 33-23 of the Code of Ordinances regarding city parks/public spaces.

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- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** accepting MDOT Grant Contract #2010-0166 in the amount of \$39,400 for the Local Ridesharing Program for FY2010.

Resolution 10-27

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- approval of the allocation of three grant-funded positions within the Community Development & Planning Department to assist in the implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2: Senior Rehabilitation Specialist, Community Development Secretary, and Compliance Specialist I.

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- authorization for the City Manager to sign a proposed Temporary Access Agreement granting Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC temporary access to perform environmental testing on the city's right-of-way.

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- approval of quit claim deeds conveying the City's interest in the following properties as a result of payment of foreclosed taxes:

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- 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.

- acceptance of a \$900 grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation/Robert D. and Ruth A. VanderRoest Endowment Fund for the Developmentally Disabled to fund quality of life experiences/opportunities to developmentally disabled adults and authorize the City Manager to sign all appropriate documents.

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<p>78720</p>	<p>- acceptance of a \$1,000 grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation/Dr. and Mrs. Harley Sears Memorial Fund to fund an overnight camping experience for youth and authorize the City Manager to sign all appropriate documents.</p>
<p>Regular Agenda</p>	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.</p>
<p>Resolution 10-28 Approving a Re-Development and Purchase Agreement for 1302 North Westnedge</p>	<p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p> <p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cooney, Kuseske, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>
<p>78721</p>	<p>Next, Regular Agenda items were considered.</p> <p>When given an opportunity for citizens to offer comments on a recommendation to convey property at 1302 North Westnedge Avenue to Galilee Baptist Church, the following citizen addressed the City Commission:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Glenn Charles, non-resident and representative of Galilee Baptist Church, expressed support for the resolution.</p>
<p>City Clerk's Report</p>	<p>Commissioner Moore expressed support for the resolution and commended the ministry of Galilee Baptist Church.</p> <p>Commissioner Kuseske, seconded by Commissioner Cooney moved to adopt 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 authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.</p> <p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p> <p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cooney, Kuseske, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>
<p>Citizen Comments</p>	<p>City Clerk Borling encouraged citizens to vote in the election on May 4th and reminded absentee voters their ballots were due in the City Clerk's Office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.</p> <p>Next, the following citizens addressed the City Commission regarding non-agenda items:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Glenn Charles, non-resident, thanked the City Commission for approving the sale of property to Galilee Baptist Church.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Frank Warren, City resident, offered remarks on how General Motors lied to the American public.</p>

Denver White, City resident, spoke about profiling by local law enforcement officers and the problem of young people getting felonies on their records.

Citizen Comments
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Catherine Miller, City resident, spoke regarding a sewage back-up into her home and the problems she had experienced with J and S Claims Service.

Desmund Wells, City resident and youth activities coordinator for Open Door Ministries, spoke about the lack of activities and facilities for young people in the Eastside Neighborhood and requested support for the creation of a youth center.

Phillip Wells, City resident and member of Open Door Church, spoke regarding the need for activities for young people and a youth center in the Eastside Neighborhood.

Khadijah Lipsey, City resident, spoke regarding the need for a youth center in the Eastside Neighborhood.

Devon Sullivan, City resident, asked the City to support the creation of a youth center in the Eastside Neighborhood.

Alan Lee, City resident, asked the City to support the creation of a Youth Center on the Eastside.

April Lee, City resident, stated the Eastside Neighborhood needed a youth development center that would provide activities for young people.

Dominique Bynum, City resident, requested funds to build a youth center in the Eastside Neighborhood.

Shay Cobb, City resident, spoke regarding the lack of activities and positive outlets for young people in the Eastside Neighborhood.

Jomil Wells, City resident, stated Open Door Ministries was the most visible program for young people in the Eastside Neighborhood, and she asked the City for funding to build a youth development center.

Asha Khazad, City resident, stated the City needed to quickly address the issue of a youth center on the Eastside.

Terrance Cole McGavin, City resident, offered remarks on how he had been mistreated by staff at the adult foster care home located at 135 Woodward Avenue.

Beth Lewis, City resident, described a recent burglary at her apartment and noted she had been asked to move because of her pet mice and the volume of her personal belongings.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Kuseske expressed appreciation for citizens' comments and stated the City Commission would do what it could about a youth center in the Eastside Neighborhood. Commissioner Kuseske offered remarks on the problem of internet bullying, and he urged citizens to vote on May 4th.

Commissioner Bell thanked the Eastside representatives for being involved in the lives of young people and for offering their ideas and support to solve the community's problems. Commissioner Bell expressed a commitment to make a youth center in the Eastside Neighborhood a top priority. Commissioner Bell urged parents to participate in the Youth Academy and Fishing Program sponsored by the Public Safety Department. Commissioner Bell highlighted the importance of job creation, especially for young adults between 16 and 18 years of age. Commissioner Bell reminded citizens about the following upcoming events: the Healthy Babies, Healthy Start Breakfast on May 4th, the National Day of Prayer on May 6th, and the Annual Mental Health Awareness Breakfast on May 11th. Commissioner Moore congratulated graduates of local colleges and universities and thanked people for voting for Kalamazoo Central High School in the White's House's 2010 Commencement Challenge. Commissioner Moore urged citizens to vote on May 4th.

Commissioner Miller encouraged people who spoke about the need for a youth center in the Eastside Neighborhood to raise their concerns with the Kalamazoo Public School Board. Commissioner Miller expressed support for the Public Safety Department and urged citizens to support the Department as well. Commissioner Miller encouraged citizens to vote on May 4th.

Commissioner Cooney thanked citizens from the Eastside Neighborhood for addressing the Commission, and he thanked Pastor Wells and Open Door Ministries for working tirelessly to address needs in the Eastside Neighborhood. Commissioner Cooney urged citizens to support both the KPS and Local Law Enforcement millage requests on May 4th.

Vice Mayor McKinney stated she hated that Kalamazoo was a relatively poor, urban core city where the funding choices were hard. Vice Mayor McKinney reported a recently completed youth center in Indianapolis had required a 10-year fundraising campaign and noted the primary challenge was funding the ongoing operating costs once the youth center was built.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 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