

Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Don Cooney Barbara Miller</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>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Miller seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Kuseske. With a voice vote, the motion passed.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Sean Niestrath, East Main Church of Christ, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Anderson read a proclamation congratulating the Kalamazoo Community Foundation (KCF) on its 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Juan Olivarez, KCF President and CEO, received the proclamation.</p> <p>Commissioner Cooney read a proclamation recognizing the League of Women Voters on the occasion of its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Connie Ferguson, Sue Nelmes, Kay Perry, and Terry Hluchyj 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 Moore requested Item F-3, (donation of bikes to non-profit organizations) be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<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"> <li>- approval of two items to allow for the construction of a new water pressure reducing station, Station #36, in the Township of Oshtemo: a) a construction contract with Balkema Construction, Inc. of Kalamazoo in the amount of \$ 169,000; and, b) a budget increase of \$240,000 for the project in the City's 2010 Water CIP Budget funded entirely by contractor.</li> </ul>

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** extending the effect of the previously adopted Resolution No. 09-68, Resolution No. 09-69 and Resolution No. 09-70 until December 31, 2010 for property located in the 100 block of East Michigan Avenue.
- approval of the appointment of Jason Meddaugh the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2011.

Resolution 10-55

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Commissioner Bell stated the theme of the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion on August 7<sup>th</sup> was health, wellness and fitness, and she reported 319 kids participated in bike safety workshops held during the event. Commissioner Bell indicated these young people received free bike helmets and pledged they would wear their helmets. Commissioner Bell stated these young people would be the recipients of the bikes donated by the City.

Donation of Bikes to Non-Profit Organizations

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on this agenda item, but no comments were offered.

City Attorney Robinson noted Commissioner Bell would need to abstain from voting on this item due to her position on the Mothers of Hope board.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller moved to approve the donation of unclaimed bicycles to non-profit organizations within the City of Kalamazoo.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Bell

City Clerk Borling reported the following:

City Clerk's Report

- the City received AT&T's *Third Annual Video Report* that was submitted to the Michigan Public Services Commission.

City Clerk's Report  
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- on Monday, August 9, 2010 the City Clerk's Office received an *Initiatory Petition to Amend the City Charter by Adding a New Section 198*. The petition contains 419 pages and an estimated 4,776 signatures. For the petition to be valid, it must contain the signatures of 2,752 people who are registered to vote in the City of Kalamazoo.
- The City Commission has received as informational minutes of the following advisory boards and commissions:
  - Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees
    - Wednesday, May 26, 2010
  - Environmental Concerns Committee
    - Wednesday, May 19, 2010
  - Friends of Recreation Board
    - Wednesday, June 02, 2010
  - Investment Committee of the Retirement System
    - Wednesday, May 19, 2010
  - Kalamazoo Historic District Commission
    - Tuesday, July 20, 2010
  - Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association
    - Tuesday, June 15, 2010
  - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
    - Tuesday, June 01, 2010
  - Perpetual Care Investment Committee
    - Wednesday, May 19, 2010
  - Planning Commission
    - Thursday, July 01, 2010
  - Zoning Board of Appeals
    - Thursday, June 10, 2010

City Manager's  
Report

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- CITYLink Newsletter, August 2010 Edition
- Employment Activity Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010
- July 2010 Purchases

## Citizen Comments

Next, when an opportunity was given for citizen comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Ron Kramer, City resident, presented a proposal from the Kalamazoo Non-Violent Opponents of War (KNOW) regarding the placement of a "Peace Pole" in Bronson Park. Mr. Kramer's written proposal was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Raelyn Joyce, City resident, spoke on behalf of the Kalamazoo Friends Meeting and expressed support for the placement of a Peace Pole in Bronson Park. Ms. Joyce stated the following community organizations also supported this proposal:

Citizen Comments  
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Ineka Way, City resident, expressed support for the placement of a Peace Pole in Bronson Park. Ms. Way stated KNOW would pay for the pole and its planting, and she asked that the City Commission consider this request at an upcoming meeting.

George Theodoru, non-resident, spoke in support of the proposal to place a Peace Pole in Bronson Park.

Larry Provancher, non-resident, requested the City Commission adopt an anti-wage theft ordinance.

Maria Gomez, City resident, asked the City Commission to take a stand on the issue of wage theft by passing an anti-wage theft ordinance.

Ivan Gomez, non-resident, expressed support for an anti-wage theft ordinance.

Dilawar Malik, City resident, submitted a petition supporting his son's application for a Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) License from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the South Westnedge Market. The petition was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Phillip Cruz, City resident, spoke on behalf of the Hispanic American Council and expressed support for an anti-wage theft ordinance.

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

Commissioner  
Comments

Commissioner Bell offered comments on Rocket Football sign-ups, school fund raisers, the start of school, the upcoming yard sale fundraiser for KNOW, and the Ultimate Family Reunion event on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Bell expressed support for the Peace Pole proposal and an anti-wage theft ordinance.

Commissioner Miller expressed support for the Peace Pole proposal and suggested the KNOW representatives present this proposal to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Anderson acknowledged the passing of Commissioner Miller's mother and expressed condolences. Commissioner Anderson offered remarks on the following topics: opportunities for citizens to participate in the work of the City through the advisory boards and commissions; Public Safety Officers who were proactive in addressing neighborhood concerns; the availability of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report; and the efforts of City staff worked through the night to repair a water main break at the offices of Kalamazoo Community Mental Health.

Commissioner  
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney expressed support for placement of a Peace Pole in Bronson Park and for the adoption of an anti-wage theft ordinance. Commissioner Cooney congratulated Commissioner Bell for the success of the Ultimate Family Reunion. Commissioner Cooney expressed condolences to Commissioner Miller on the passing of her mother and remarked on the recent passing of local activist Art Hilgart and jazz artist Abbey Lincoln.

Mayor Hopewell expressed condolences to Commissioner Miller on the passing of her mother, welcomed students to the meeting, congratulated the K-Central graduating class of 1950 on its 60<sup>th</sup> reunion; and congratulated Commissioner Bell on the success of the Ultimate Family Reunion. Mayor Hopewell thanked City Manager Collard, Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, Public Services Director Bruce Merchant, and Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller for their work on the Kalamazoo River oil spill.

Closed Session

At 8:08 p.m. Vice Mayor McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell indicated the City Commission would not be taking action following the closed session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling  
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on September 7, 2010

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: September 7, 2010