

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 4:01 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell  
Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney  
David Anderson  
Don Cooney\*  
Terry Kuseske  
Barbara Miller  
Stephanie Moore

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Virginia Vander Roest.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Kuseske, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.

City Manager Collard distributed the 2010 Budget Presentation.

\*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 4:12 p.m.

Programmatic Review Presentations

City Manager Collard introduced City staff members who provided programmatic reviews of the following areas:

Sustainable Community – Community Planning & Development  
Director Jeff Chamberlain

Environmental Stewardship & Infrastructure – Public Services  
Director Bruce Merchant

Community Building - Parks and Recreation  
Director Frances Jewell

Neighborhood Development – Public Safety  
Chief Jeff Hadley

Director Merchant, in response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, stated the Community Planning and Development Department is scheduled to move to the Stockbridge Street facility during the third quarter of 2010.

Director Chamberlain stated there were two categories of building demolitions, destruction and deconstruction, in response to a question from Commission Kuseske. Deconstruction is a category still being researched and refined.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor McKinney, Director Merchant stated Public Services was composting leaves, but food waste was an area being explored and discussed with Western Michigan University.

Programmatic  
Review  
Presentations  
(cont'd)

Commissioner Kuseske and Commissioner Cooney encouraged communication with the community to increase awareness of City environmental programs as well as citizen opportunities to contribute.

Vice Mayor McKinney questioned whether encouraging window replacement with the weatherization program and the historic window replacement policy were policies that conflicted with each other too much and if they should be reviewed to see if there could be a better balance.

Director Jewell, in response to a question from Commissioner Moore, stated school principals generally referred students that participate in the suspension program.

Commissioner Kuseske promoted communication to citizens regarding the youth opportunities that are available with the Parks and Recreation Department and throughout the city.

Commissioner Cooney expressed concerns regarding the lack of programming for 18-24 year olds.

Mayor Hopewell suggested there could be an opportunity for Parks and Recreation and Metro Transit to partner to encourage youth participation in various programs with bus rides or tokens. The Mayor further stated that there should be a focus in the youth employment program on giving the participants a skill or talent they can use after the program is finished.

Commissioner Moore suggested the city provide ideas of job duties to the summer youth employment employers to encourage providing more job opportunities in the program.

Chief Hadley, in response to a question regarding the Public Safety professional development budget from Commissioner Miller, explained that Crisis Intervention Training would be conducted in the City and would partner with the mental health community. In addition, Chief Hadley stated that one officer would be going to the FBI Academy which is a fully funded training opportunity.

Commissioner Kuseske recommended to Chief Hadley that the Public Safety Department reach out to those neighborhoods without an active association.

Chief Hadley explained to the Commission in reply to a question from Commissioner Kuseske that the Citizens Public Safety Review & Appeal Board is partnering with Gryphon Place to provide assistance to citizens developing an appeal case and that the Board is also working on a process for investigations relating to Ordinance 1856.

Commissioner Moore asked Chief Hadley for an update on the status of various topics, including: truancy, petty thief sentences, gun buy back programs, a program for those with outstanding warrants to turn themselves in, Transit Center crime, and the hiring and promotion of minorities.

Programmatic Review Presentations (cont'd)

Mayor Hopewell commended the Public Safety Department for its Broken Windows program and encouraged the Department to communicate their project areas in advance to facilitate community involvement. Mayor Hopewell also encouraged the Administration to strengthen the use of Information Technology for communication efforts.

Commissioner Anderson commended City Manager Collard for his presentation and ability to share the spotlight with the bright Department Heads he surrounds himself with that are working so well together during this time of change.

Mayor Hopewell recessed the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Hopewell reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Fiscal Stewardship & FY 2010 Budget Overview Presentation

Management Services/Finance Director Tom Skrobola gave a presentation on Fiscal Stewardship and an overview of the 2010 Budget.

City Manager Collard presented the FY2010 Proposed Budget for the General Fund.

City Manager Collard stated that there were no reserves for salary increases in FY2010 and that contract negotiations would take place during that time, in response to a question from Commissioner Kuseske.

Mayor Hopewell stressed customer service and the importance of citizens having multiple portals to the organization.

General Fund FY2010 Proposed Budget Presented and Tentatively Approved

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to tentatively approve the FY2010 Proposed General Fund Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

YEAS: Commissioners Anderson, Kuseske, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Capital Improvement FY2010 Proposed Budget Presented and Tentatively Approved

City Engineer Frank Szopo presented the FY2010 Proposed Budget for Capital Improvements including major and local streets.

Commissioner Cooney inquired if the Eastside Community Center project was on the Capital Improvement list. City Manager Collard stated that it was not but if the Commission desired to give funds to the project that the Capital Improvement budget would be the correct fund for the project.

Vice Mayor McKinney expressed her concerns regarding life bonding.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Kuseske, moved to tentatively approve the FY2010 Proposed Budget for Capital Improvements including major and local streets.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

Enterprise Fund  
FY2010 Proposed  
Budget Presented  
and Tentatively  
Approved

YEAS: Commissioners Anderson, Kuseske, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

The following staff members presented the FY2010 Proposed Budget for the Enterprise Funds:

Farmer's Market – Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell

Transportation – Executive Director William Schomisch

Wastewater Fund & Water Fund – Public Services Director Bruce Merchant

Director Merchant, in response to an inquiry from Commissioner Miller, stated there is no ability to control sprinkling outside of the City limits.

Director Merchant explained the water main replacement schedule to the Commission when Commissioner Anderson requested the information.

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Kuseske, moved to tentatively approve the FY2010 Proposed Budget for the Enterprise Funds including Farmer's Market, Transportation, Wastewater and Water.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

YEAS: Commissioners Anderson, Kuseske, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Special Revenue  
Funds FY2010  
Proposed Budget  
Presented and  
Tentatively  
Approved

Director Merchant presented the FY2010 Proposed Budget for the Special Revenue Funds including Major & Local Street, Cemeteries, and Solid Waste.

Commissioner Kuseske, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to tentatively approve the FY2010 Proposed Budget for the Special Revenue Funds including Major & Local Street, Cemeteries, and Solid Waste.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

YEAS: Commissioners Anderson, Kuseske, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Component Units  
FY2010 Proposed  
Budget Presented  
and Tentatively  
Approved

Executive Director Kisscorni presented the FY2010 Proposed Budget for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA), Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA). Director Skrobola presented the FY2010 Proposed Budget for Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association (KMGA).

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to tentatively approve the FY2010 Proposed Budget for the Component Units including the BRA, EDC, LDFA and KMGA.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

YEAS: Commissioners Anderson, Kuseske, Miller, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

An opportunity was given for citizen comments, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns from Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest  
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 19, 2010

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: January 19, 2010