

City of Kalamazoo

Minutes of the City Commission

2006

46th City Commission

Mayor Hannah J. McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

City Commission Appointees

Kenneth P. Collard, City Manager
Scott A. Borling, City Clerk
Lee Kirk, City Attorney
Constance Darling, City Assessor
Ann Videtich, Internal Auditor

Kalamazoo City Commission

2006 Meeting Schedule

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All regular meetings are held in the City Commission Chamber at 7:00 p.m.

All Committee of the Whole meetings are held in the Community Room at 7:30 a.m.

All special meetings/work sessions will be held in the Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

Dates marked with an asterisk (*) indicate meetings scheduled for the day following a holiday.

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were Acting City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Bruce Rhodes, Kalamazoo Free Methodist Church was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted the meeting agenda without changes.

Public Announcements

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

Public hearing re PA 198 IFT Certificate for Soil & Materials Engineers, Inc.

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a RESOLUTION to approve the application from Soil & Materials Engineers, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$1,000,000 and six years for new personal property valued at \$25,000 in existing Industrial Development District No. 117 located at 3301 Tech Circle, just off Campus Drive in the Western Michigan University Business Technology & Research (BTR) Park.

At 7:08 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-01

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to approve the application of Soil & Materials Engineers, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$1,000,000 and six years for new personal property valued at \$25,000 in existing Industrial Development District No. 117 located at 3301 Tech Circle, just off Campus Drive in the Western Michigan University Business Technology & Research (BTR) Park.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

Prior to a vote on this motion, Commissioner Cooney noted the City currently abated taxes on approximately \$49,000,000 in real and personal property, and he requested that the City Commission examine its tax abatement policies. Commissioner Cooney stated the issues of accountability and reciprocity were two important considerations with respect to tax abatement policies, and he stated companies that received tax abatements needed to work with the City to improve the quality of life for citizens.

Commissioner Balkema expressed support for a review of the City Commission's tax abatement policies, especially in light of the City's fiscal challenges.

Commissioner Anderson stated Soil and Materials Engineers would create good jobs with benefits and indicated he would support the motion.

Public Hearing re:
Industrial
Development
District No. 118

At 7:11 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to regarding a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION designating Kalamazoo Industrial Development District No. 118, around the perimeter of the properties located at 1811 and 1901 Factory Street. The proposed district covers approximately 1.03 acres of land, all owned by the same individuals.

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-02

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** designating Kalamazoo Industrial Development District No. 118, around the perimeter of the properties located at 1811 and 1901 Factory Street. The proposed district covers approximately 1.03 acres of land, all owned by the same individuals.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

Public Hearing re:
Industrial
Development
District No. 119

At 7:14 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing regarding a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION to establish PA 198 Industrial Development District No. 119 around the combined perimeter of 659 Sheldon Street, 907 Sheldon Court and 910 Sheldon Court.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-03

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to establish PA 198 Industrial Development District No. 119 around the combined perimeter of 659 Sheldon Street, 907 Sheldon Court and 910 Sheldon Court.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

	AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.
	NAYS: None
Public Hearing re: Industrial Development District No. 120	At 7:16 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing regarding a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION to establish PA 198 Industrial Development District No. 120 around four parcels of land whose collective address is 507 Mills Street. At 7:17 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.
Resolution 06-04	Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to adopt a RESOLUTION to establish PA 198 Industrial Development District No. 120 around four parcels of land whose collective address is 507 Mills Street. With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously. AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney. NAYS: None
Citizen Comments	Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items, but no comments were received.
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city: - a recommendation to approve a one-year contract with Etna Supply Company to supply copper tubing in the amount of \$195,570. - a recommendation to approve a contract with AIS Construction Equipment Company for the purchase of a front-end loader to be used by Field Services staff performing street maintenance and repair activities in the amount of \$109,500.
Resolution 06-05	- a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION scheduling a public hearing to consider the proposed fiscal year 2006 budget for the City of Kalamazoo. - a recommendation to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, to receive public comments on the proposed across-the-board fare increase for the Kalamazoo Metro Transit System scheduled for implementation on March 1, 2006. - a recommendation to accept a \$500 grant from the Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies for planning activities associated with the CPAIR Program.

City Manager's
Report

- a recommendation to convey, by quit claim deed, the City's interest in 305 and 307 Edwin, to Sheila C. Conant in consideration of \$6,518.07 in payment of foreclosed 1991 through 1999 taxes.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Public Safety Chief Dan Weston announced a partnership between the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety and the Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency (KRESA) whereby Kalamazoo Public Safety Officers would teach two classes in the Education for Employment (EFE) Law Enforcement Program.

Nick Westra, Coordinator of Offsite Programs for KRESA, explained the EFE program provided vocational training to high school students and stated the EFE Law Enforcement Program had been in existence since 1991. Mr. Westra noted the Law Enforcement Program would be the first in the country to engage sworn Public Safety Officers in the training of high school students.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mr. Westra stated the EFE Law Enforcement Program had averaged close to 60 participants in previous years, and the current enrollment for 2006 was 24 students.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Chief Weston explained there would be some links between the Public Safety Explorers program and the EFE law enforcement program but noted the EFE program was an academic program which offered participants both high school and college credit. Chief Weston stated the EFE program would provide an excellent opportunity for the Public Safety Department to recruit future officers at an early age.

Commissioner Miller stated the EFE program was effective because it connected young people with career choices prior to high school graduation.

Commissioner Cooney stated any positive interaction between Public Safety Officers and young people was desirable and should be encouraged.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Chief Weston explained students in 11th and 12th grades would be eligible for the EFE law enforcement program.

Mayor McKinney thanked Chief Weston for his work on this initiative and noted EFE was an innovative program

Citizen Comments

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

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann stated note cards bearing pictures of downtown Kalamazoo were available for purchase at Petals and Postings located on the Kalamazoo Mall.

Commissioner Miller commended employees in the Wastewater Division for providing excellent service to a citizen with a sewer backup on New Year's Eve.

Commissioner Cooney wished everyone "Happy New Year" and stated 2006 would be a challenging year as the City Commission developed with a long-range budget plan and discussed ways to support the Kalamazoo Promise.

Vice Mayor Hopewell thanked Chief Weston for meeting with him and Commissioner Balkema to answer questions related to the FY2006 Public Safety Budget.

Mayor McKinney commended the Public Safety Department for developing a 3-shift schedule and thanked the unions and management for cooperating to develop an efficient service delivery model. Mayor McKinney noted she performed her first wedding on Friday, December 30, 2005. Mayor McKinney suggested the City Commission examine its tax abatement policy when it begins discussing the five year fiscal plan in February.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 6, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: February 6, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Saturday, January 7, 2006 at 8:03 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney**
Sean McCann*
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were Acting City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Cooney and McCann. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but none were offered.

Review of the FY2006 Budget

Acting City Manager Ken Collard made introductory remarks regarding the FY2006 Budget and provided an overview of the Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds.

*Commissioner McCann arrived at 8:07 a.m.

FY2006 Proposed Farmers Market Budget

Parks & Recreation Director Frances Jewell reported the FY2006 proposed budget for the Farmers Market was \$46,000 and stated this budget included fee increases.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Parks and Recreation Director Jewell stated City staff would seek grants to fund capital improvement projects (CIP) at the market such as a new roof over the stalls.

**Commissioner Cooney arrived at 8:11 a.m.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed budget for the Farmers' Market. With a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

FY2006 Proposed Water Division Operations Budget

Acting Assistant City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore reported the FY2006 proposed budget for Water Division Operations was \$20,138,106.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore indicated the FY2006 proposed budget included funds to study options for removing iron from the water supply that serviced the southwest section of the City. Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore stated the Administration hoped to bring a proposed solution to the City Commission in 2006, but preliminary

estimates indicated the approximate cost of such a project would be \$25 million.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore and Acting City Manager Collard discussed issues related to the construction of water service lines to areas outside the City.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore explained water mains within the City were replaced according to a schedule.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed Water Department Operations budget. With a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

FY2006 Proposed
Wastewater
Division
Operations Budget

Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore reported the FY2006 proposed budget for Wastewater Division Operations was \$26,363,314. Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore noted the Wastewater Division had recently received the Platinum Award from the National Pollution Discharge System for receiving no violations over a five-year period.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, Acting City Manager Collard stated there were very few privately owned water reclamation facilities servicing public sewers.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed Wastewater Division Operations budget. With a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

FY2006 Proposed
Water Division CIP
Budget

City Engineer Frank Szopo reported the FY2006 proposed Water Division CIP budget was \$7,061,870, and he reviewed the projects to be completed under this program.

City Engineer Szopo answered Commissioners' questions regarding the replacement of water tanks and towers.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Engineer Szopo reported there were 6,000 known lead water service lines in the City.

Environmental Services Superintendent Mike Wetzel reported the City tested 50-100 lead water service lines every year, and levels of lead in the water supply were far below the action levels established by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Environmental Services Superintendent Wetzel stated the City did not receive incident reports when high levels of lead were found in children.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed Water Division CIP budget. With a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

FY2006 Proposed
Wastewater
Division CIP
Budget

City Engineer Szopo reported the FY2006 proposed Wastewater Division CIP budget was \$3,201,884, and he reviewed continuing projects from 2005 and new projects for 2006.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Engineer Szopo and Environmental Services Superintendent Wetzel described the City's wellhead protection program and the process for treating contaminated ground water.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, City Engineer Szopo reviewed the history of contamination at Schippers Crossing and indicated a consultant had been hired to evaluate the site for possible environmental remediation.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed Wastewater Division CIP budget. With a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:36 a.m.

FY2006 Proposed
Major and Local
Streets Operations
Budget

Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore reported the FY2006 proposed Major and Local Streets Operating budget was \$6,340,913.

In response to questions from City Commissioners, City Engineer Szopo stated approximately 60-70% of City streets were in need of repair. City Engineer Szopo reported that a study performed in 1994 revealed 36% of City streets were in need of repair, and an estimate at that time indicated the City would need to invest \$7-8 million per year to place all City streets on a 25-year repaving cycle.

Commissioner Balkema stated the City needed to increase its infrastructure investment.

Vice Mayor Hopewell stated infrastructure was one of many pressing needs, and he noted the inevitability of painful decisions in light of competing needs.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed Major and Local Streets Operations budget. With a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

FY2006 Proposed
Major Streets CIP
Budget

City Engineer Szopo reported the FY2006 proposed Major Streets CIP budget was \$3,090,000, and he reviewed the projects scheduled for completion in 2006.

City Engineer Szopo answered questions from City Commissioners regarding specific projects.

Commissioner Balkema noted the lack of funding for Major and Local Streets in the out-years.

City Commissioners discussed the City's lack of resources and the need for five-year fiscal plan.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Mark Stuhldreher stated any excess revenue was transferred to the CIP Fund once the General Fund fund balance reached 15% of expenditures.

Acting City Manager Collard suggested the development of a five-year fiscal plan include an evaluation of tax abatements and tax increment financing (TIF) districts.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed Major Streets CIP budget. With a voice vote the motion passed. Commissioner Balkema cast a dissenting vote.

FY2006 Proposed
Local Streets CIP
Budget

City Engineer Szopo reported the FY2006 propose Local Streets CIP budget was \$1,000,000, and he reviewed the projects to be completed under this program.

City Commissioners discussed the budget deliberation process, the lack of available resources, and the options for increasing funding to the Major and Local Streets budgets.

Mayor McKinney stated the best budgeting practice was to develop a multi-year outcome based budget that balanced spending between operations, capital improvements, and initiatives.

Vice Mayor Hopewell identified the tax installment plan and the collection of delinquent taxes as topics the City Commission needed to address as part of the five-year fiscal plan.

Mayor McKinney suggested the City Commission approve the FY2006 budget with relatively few changes and then being work on budget priorities and the five-year fiscal plan in February.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed Local Streets CIP budget. With a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

FY2006 Proposed
Solid Waste
Budget

Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore reported the FY2006 proposed Solid Waste budget was \$2,365,051 and noted the solid waste millage rate would decrease in 2006 due to the repayment bonds in 2005.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed Solid Waste budget. With a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

FY2006 Proposed
Cemeteries
Budget

Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore reported the FY2006 proposed Cemeteries budget was \$356,098.

*Commissioner McCann left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore stated fees for lots and burial services would

FY2006 Proposed
Transportation
Department
Budget

increase 5% in 2006, and the fee structure was the same for both City residents and non-residents.

Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore noted the Perpetual Care Fund was the funding source for infrastructure improvements to the cemeteries.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 proposed Cemeteries budget. With a voice vote the motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 11:07 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:14 p.m. (When the meeting resumed, Commissioner McCann was present.)

Transportation Director William Schomisch reported the FY2006 proposed Transportation Department budget was \$26,469,117, and he reviewed the proposed service levels provided under this budget. Transportation Director Schomisch described the following keys to the FY2006 budget:

- no service reductions
- a fund balance reduction to 12% of expenditures
- fare increases
- an increased reliance on federal funds to sustain operations.

Transportation Director Schomisch reported on the status of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority Board and indicated the board would begin planning for a countywide transportation millage on the November 2006 General Election ballot. Transportation Director Schomisch explained the Metro Transit and Metro Van services would be able to continue operations through 2007 if voters did not approve the countywide millage, but the Care-A-Van service would be greatly reduced or eliminated, as neither the City nor the County had the resources to continue operating this service at current service levels. Transportation Director Schomisch provided an update regarding the return of Indian Trails and Greyhound interurban bus service to the Downtown Transfer Center. Transportation Director Schomisch stated historically the Metro Transit capital improvement program had received 80% of its funding from the federal government with a 20% funding match from the state, but in 2006 the state was only matching 13% of the federal funds, which required the City to provide the additional 7% match.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Transportation Director Schomisch stated Metro transit would not realize any savings from the use of bio-diesel fuel but, instead, would incur an expense for converting the coach engines to run on bio-diesel. Transportation Director Schomisch reported busses would be required to use low-sulfur diesel fuel beginning in 2007, and this fuel cost approximately \$0.10 per gallon more than regular diesel fuel.

Richard Atwell, outgoing Transit Authority Board (TAB) Chair, expressed concern about the fund balance reduction and noted TAB had suggested the implementation of regular fare increases.

Carol Fricke, TAB Chair, reported the board unanimously approved the Transportation Department's budget on December 16, 2005.

In response to questions from Commissioner McCann, Transportation Director Schomisch reviewed the proposed fare increases.

Commissioner McCann thanked TAB for spending down the fund balance but expressed concern about the proposed fare increases.

Mr. Atwell stated the targeted fare increase schedule recommended by TAB several years ago had been derailed almost immediately when the City Commission did not approve the full increase proposed for 2003.

Commissioner Miller expressed support for the proposed fare increases.

Commissioner McCann requested information regarding the relationship between fare increases and the resulting decrease in ridership.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Transportation Director Schomisch explained a notice had been published in the Kalamazoo Gazette notifying citizens of the proposed fare increase and inviting them to send written comments. Transportation Director Schomisch reported the receipt of 79 comments and noted TAB membership included two individuals who depended on Metro Transit and Metro Van services for transportation.

Commissioner Cooney suggested transferring General Fund dollars to the Transportation Department to allow only a minimal fare increase.

Transportation Director Schomisch stated budget shortfalls were expected for the next several years, and fare increases would be recommended on a regular basis.

Mayor McKinney stated a countywide transportation millage would be more difficult for voters to accept if they perceived the users of the system were not paying their fair share of the total cost.

City Commissioners discussed the proposed fare increases and funding alternatives that would reduce the increases.

FY2006 Proposed
Transportation
Department
Budget Tentatively
Approved

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to tentatively approve the proposed FY2006 Transportation Department budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5-2.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: Commissioners Cooney and McCann

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

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

Vice Mayor Hopewell distributed copies of notes from a recent meeting of the Kalamazoo Promise Sub-committee.

Mayor McKinney stated she would send Commissioners a list of discussion topics for the January 9th joint meeting with the Kalamazoo Public School Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A special joint meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission and Kalamazoo Public School Board was held on Monday, January 9, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Dr. Tim Bartik, President, called to order the meeting of the Kalamazoo Public School Board.

Mayor Hannah McKinney called to order the meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were Acting City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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.

Introductory Remarks

President Bartik explained the purpose of this joint meeting was to inform the City Commission of recent developments regarding The Kalamazoo Promise (The Promise).

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 4:32 p.m.

Presentation re: Kalamazoo Communities in Schools

Pam Kingery, Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Communities in Schools Foundation (KCISF), distributed information regarding KCISF and invited City Commissioners and KPS Board Members to a meeting on February 8, 2006 entitled "Fulfilling the Kalamazoo Promise Together: A Discussion Among Community Partners." Ms. Kingery reported the KCISF Volunteer Board, in response to the Kalamazoo Promise, had set an aggressive goal of expanding its services into all KPS buildings by Fall 2006. Ms. Kingery explained the achievement of this goal would mean the doubling of current KCISF service levels. Ms. Kingery stated there would be another fund raising campaign in 2006 to solicit grants and contributions from public agencies, private foundations, and businesses. Copies of the information Ms. Kingery provided were included with the papers for this meeting.

City Commissioners asked questions about KCISF services, especially mentoring, and recommended community partners who would be able assist with mentoring programs.

Discussion of 2006
Proposed KPS
Bond Issue

KPS Board Member Eric Breisach noted many students needed assistance regarding the entrance and application requirements for colleges and universities.

President Bartik suggested KCISF develop a budget for all of its services and pursue larger grants rather than seeking smaller grants to fund specific community partners and their activities.

KPS Superintendent Janice Brown stated the 2001 bond issue and corresponding millage would expire in 2006, and a steering committee had been developing recommendations regarding a bond renewal even before The Promise was announced. Superintendent Brown noted the school board would rely heavily on a community survey to determine the bond amount as the surveys had been accurate predictors of voters' tolerance for millage increases in the past.

Gary Start, Assistant Superintendent for KPS, distributed and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed bond issue and a survey questionnaire that would be used to gauge voters' receptivity to an increase in the bond millage rate. A copy the PowerPoint presentation and survey were included with the papers for this meeting.

President Bartik stated KPS would be asking the City Commission to support the bond issue.

City Commissioners questioned Superintendent Brown about KPS's facility needs and enrollment projections. Dr. Brown distributed a map of the KPS District that showed the locations of schools and noted Chime Elementary School was the only KPS facility west of Drake Road. A copy of this map was included with the papers for this meeting.

Discussion of the
Summer Youth
Employment
Program

Superintendent Brown and President Bartik thanked the City for its 2005 summer youth employment program and stated KPS staff in the high schools noticed students were more prepared to learn when they returned to school in the fall.

Acting City Manager Collard thanked the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for providing financial support for the summer youth employment program and noted the City's proposed FY2006 budget earmarked \$100,000 for summer youth programs in 2006.

Public Safety Chief Dan Weston stated in the summer of 2005 there was an obvious reduction in the number of crime incidents involving youth.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell explained the focus of the 2005 summer youth program was preparing young people to enter the workforce. Parks and Recreation Director Jewell stated the City had not maintained connections with participants after the conclusion of the summer youth programs.

Vice Mayor Hopewell suggested the City make a more deliberate attempt to establish and track outcomes resulting from the summer youth employment program.

Discussion of the COPS Program

President Bartik suggested links should be created between City and KPS records so that students who participated in the summer youth employment program could be tracked in the school system.

Superintendent Brown reviewed the COPS program and stated the program allowed students to interact with Public Safety Officers in a non-enforcement setting. Superintendent Brown said the KPS administration was reviewing how it wanted the Department of Public Safety to deliver services to the schools.

Discussion of the Kalamazoo Promise Subcommittee

Mayor McKinney announced the City Commission had formed a Kalamazoo Promise Subcommittee to consider what changes needed to take place within the City organization to support The Promise.

Vice Mayor Hopewell distributed draft minutes and a vision statement from the Kalamazoo Promise Subcommittee and noted the Subcommittee wanted to focus on areas within the City's control. Vice Mayor Hopewell stated a work plan would be developed once the vision was refined.

President Bartik thanked the City Commission for establishing the Kalamazoo Promise Subcommittee and stated KPS Board Members and staff would be willing to meet with the Subcommittee if needed.

KPS Board Secretary Chris Waldron suggested a joint meeting with the KPS Board, the City Commission, the County Board of Commissioners, and the Township Boards.

Superintendent Brown suggested one way for the City to assist with The Promise was to forge strong intergovernmental relationships. Superintendent Brown stated local governments and KPS needed to carefully evaluate the services they provided as public agencies.

In response to a question from KPS Board Member Liz Henderson, Superintendent Brown reported enrollment was up 155 students compared to previous years.

Board Member Henderson requested that the City communicate to KPS any information it received regarding businesses locating or expanding in the City as a result of The Promise.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Laura Moss, 2211 Rambling Road, asked if the KCISF meeting on February 8th was open to the public. Ms. Moss suggested KPS devise a business plan for the implementation of the Kalamazoo Promise so that interested parents and citizens would know how to become involved with the Promise.

Ms. Kingery stated the KCISF meeting was designed specifically for the organization's community partners, but members of the general public were welcome to attend.

Commissioner and
School Board
Member
Comments

Finally an opportunity was given for comments and concerns from City Commissioners and School Board Members.

Commissioner McCann expressed excitement about Kalamazoo's future and the possibility that more "big ideas" would be developed to improve the community.

Mayor McKinney thanked the Kalamazoo Public School Board for attending the joint meeting and encouraged KPS officials to utilize the City Commission's Kalamazoo Promise Sub-Committee.

President Bartik noted proper implementation of the Kalamazoo Promise was a large task and stated KPS officials would maintain communications with City leaders regarding the Promise.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 20, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: March 20, 2006

A work session of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were Acting City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Communications

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

Proposed FY2006
KMGA Budget
Presented

Financial Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Mark Stuhldreher and Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association (KMGA) President Orlin Loen presented the Proposed FY2006 KMGA budget, which included anticipated revenues of \$1,557,865 and anticipated expenses of \$1,471,210.

Financial Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher reported the KMGA had returned \$1.3 million to the General Fund since 1996 and stated the proposed FY2006 KMGA budget would increase the KMGA fund balance by approximately \$80,000. Financial Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher noted KMGA revenues were expected to increase by 10% in 2006 due to an increase in greens fees and the elimination of the 15% discount on greens fees for City residents.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Mr. Loen reported the KMGA Board of Governors was investigating the possibility of acquiring a beer and wine license to allow for the sale of alcohol at golf events.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Loen explained a large capital expenditure was planned in 2009 for the replacement of golf carts.

Tentative Approval
of the FY2006
KMGA Budget

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to tentatively approve the FY2006 KMGA budget as presented. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Proposed PY2006
CDBG Budget
Presented

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain and Neighborhood Development Specialist David Thomas presented the proposed PY2006-2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget, which allocated an estimated \$2,510,563 in CDBG and HOME funds. Community Planning and Development Director Chamberlain noted the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had not yet released the final CDBG funding amount for the City of Kalamazoo.

Neighborhood Development Specialist Thomas distributed a worksheet entitled *Proposed PY2006-2007 CDBG & HOME Allocations*, which described the proposed allocations. Neighborhood Development Specialist Thomas also distributed a worksheet entitled *Program Year 2006 – June 1, 2006-May 31, 2007 – CDBG Proposals: an Overview*, which summarized the CDBG grant proposals being reviewed by the Community Development Act Advisory Committee (CDAAC) at that time. Neighborhood Development Specialist Thomas explained CDAAC would meet on February 2nd to give final approval for its funding recommendations, and the recommendations would be presented to the City Commission by the end of that month. (Copies of the documents mentioned above were filed with the papers for this meeting.)

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Community Planning and Development Director Chamberlain stated CDBG funds supported 80 hours of Community Policing per week in CDBG eligible neighborhoods.

Commissioner Balkema commended the Anti-Blight Team for its work.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Neighborhood Development Specialist Thomas stated the City's CDBG application forms had been streamlined and simplified, and City staff was available to guide new applicants through the process.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Neighborhood Development Specialist Thomas stated HOME funds provided some support for homelessness intervention programs.

Tentative Approval
of the PY2006
CDBG Budget

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to tentatively approve the proposed PY2006-2007 CDBG budget as presented. With a voice vote, this motion passed.

Proposed FY2006
DDA and TIF
Budgets Presented

Acting City Manager Collard reviewed the history of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the relationship between this public body and the following private organizations, collectively known as "The D's": Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI), Downtown Tomorrow Incorporated (DTI), and Downtown Kalamazoo Association Charities (DKAC). Acting City Manager Collard highlighted successes The D's had enjoyed, including substantial investment in the downtown area by the Radisson Hotel, completion of the Arcadia Creek Project, the implementation of Project Downtown, and the negotiation of a cinema/retail/residential project at South and Portage Streets. Acting City Manager Collard stated these successes had led to new challenges and difficulties, such as recent public concerns about governance, transparency in decision-making processes, and the allocation of resources related to downtown development. Acting City Manager Collard stated the condition of the downtown area and the condition of the neighborhoods had switched places relative to one another since the DDA was formed, and discussions of a five-year fiscal plan for the City needed to include a discussion of how the City managed downtown development. Acting City Manager Collard indicated the City Commission had expressed a desire to review its tax policies, including policies on tax abatements and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts.

Presentation of
DDA and TIF
Budgets (cont'd)

Acting City Manager Collard recognized that The D's had borne the cost of capital improvements in the downtown area in recent years, and he thanked Ken Nacci, Executive Director of DKI, for working closely with him during the past few months.

Mr. Nacci presented the proposed FY2006 DDA and TIF Budgets, which included anticipated revenues of \$4,624,529 and anticipated expenditures of \$4,624,529. Mr. Nacci noted the FY2006 budget continued a movement towards greater collaboration on projects between the City and the DDA.

In response to questions from Commissioner Balkema, Mr. Nacci stated the Parking System management fee was approximately \$100,000 and that the Arcadia Festival Site did not generate any extra revenue above its expenses.

Mr. Nacci noted the FY2006 DDA budget included funds for downtown improvements such as sidewalk repair and replacement, street lighting, horse patrols at special events, and trail way signage. Mr. Nacci stated the DDA would fund one Community Police Officer (CPO) position through a third party agreement with the City. Mr. Nacci also explained funds were budgeted in the Development Plan line item to cover the cost of a global review of the DDA and TIF boundaries.

In response to questions from Commissioner Balkema, Mr. Nacci described the DDA boundaries and stated the boundaries were intentionally designed to exclude residential areas. Mr. Nacci explained there had been only two significant changes to the boundaries since the district was established, and the DDA, as a practice, did not alter the boundaries at the request of individual property owners.

Mr. Nacci stated the City did not subsidize bonds for the parking system, and the scheduled contributions from the City's General Fund to the Parking System covered on-going capital improvements for the parking ramps.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Acting City Manager Collard confirmed the City's FY2006 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget included funds for improvements to the Kalamazoo Mall, but this project would be completed using non-General Fund dollars.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Steve Deisler of DKI reported repairs to the snow melt system and bricks on the Kalamazoo Mall were scheduled to begin in late August 2006 and would take approximately 8 weeks to complete.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Nacci stated the Edison Main Street Program would continue under DTI and DKI and would be funded with private dollars. Mr. Nacci indicated the Edison Main Street area would be considered for possible inclusion in the TIF district during the global boundary review.

Presentation of
DDA and TIF
Budgets (cont'd)

Mr. Nacci reviewed a summary of the Parking System budget for FY2006 and indicated no rate increase was proposed due to heavy construction in the downtown area in 2005 and 2006.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Mr. Nacci explained the TIF agreement allowed the DDA to capture tax revenues only on increased real property values resulting from new development. Mr. Nacci stated the Pfizer buildings scheduled for demolition did not generate significant TIF revenues, and Building 300 was the only Pfizer facility whose demolition would significantly affect the TIF and Parking System budgets.

Mr. Nacci presented the DDA's CIP plan and explained the projects in the plan had been reviewed and approved by a committee whose members included representatives from the various taxing units.

In response to questions from Commissioners Cooney and Balkema, Mr. Nacci stated there was approximately \$20,000,000 in outstanding bonds for the construction of existing parking ramps. Mr. Nacci stated the Parking System budget included \$35,000 per year for maintenance on the newest parking ramp, but maintenance on the other ramps would be funded by an annual contribution from the City of approximately \$265,000.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Nacci stated the Parking System was not able to charge enough in fees to cover the debt service and maintenance on the parking ramps.

Commissioner Balkema expressed concern that the City was not taking care of its assets by failing to budget adequately for maintenance on the parking ramps.

Mayor McKinney noted the importance of the 5-Year Parking System Plan.

Vice Mayor Hopewell stated parking ramp maintenance was another topic to consider during the development of a five-year fiscal plan.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mr. Nacci stated DKI continued to negotiate an agreement for the development of the Parking Lot 9 property. Mr. Nacci indicated current negotiations centered on securing a major tenant for the new office space.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Mr. Nacci reported DKI monitored the wages and benefits of its employees to keep personnel costs at a reasonable level.

Mayor McKinney stated the relationship between the City and The D's had been good for the City, and the relationship was an excellent example of partnership between the public and private sectors. Mayor McKinney indicated, however, that the relationship between the City and The D's needed to be examined and that all parties involved needed to define the current relationship and then determine what that relationship would be in the future. Mayor McKinney stated the City needed to begin

Presentation of
DDA and TIF
Budgets (cont'd)

budgeting for outcomes and thinking in terms of available resources, not lost revenues. Mayor McKinney noted 2006 would be a time for rebalancing priorities, and part of this rebalancing would involve a review of City policies regarding taxation and the results of having these policies in place. Mayor McKinney expressed concern that many citizens did not understand the role of the D's, and she stated the DDA, the City Commission and the citizens of Kalamazoo all needed to have input regarding the future relationship between The D's and the City.

Mr. Nacci expressed support for a discussion of the relationship between the City and The D's.

Acting City Manager Collard indicated a discussion of the relationship between the City and The D's needed to happen in the near future.

Commissioner Balkema suggested the DDA move to outcome based budgeting. Commissioner Balkema thanked Mr. Nacci and his staff for their hard work and commended the DDA's Parking Committee for its efforts.

Tentative Approval
of the DDA and
TIF Budgets

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to tentatively approve the Downtown Development Authority and TIF budgets as presented. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, 902 West Paterson Street, stated urban development funds were available through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for neighborhoods that were included in a downtown development authority district.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Mayor McKinney stated the FY2006 budget process was the easiest budget process she had experienced, and she thanked Acting City Manager Collard, Acting Assistant City Manager Gerri Barnett-Moore, and Budget and Accounting Director Patsy Moore for meeting with City Commissioners prior to the budget workshops.

Acting City Manager Collard indicated there would be another City Commission Meeting scheduled sometime after January 17th to discuss the allocation of additional positive budget variances.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, January 13, 2006 at 7:31 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Sean McCann

Also present were Acting Assistant City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioners Cooney and McCann. With a voice vote the motion carried.

Review of the January 17th Regular Meeting Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:34 a.m.

The following changes were made regarding items on the January 17th Regular Meeting Agenda:

Item G-5

Commissioner Cooney requested that Item G-5, authorization for the City Manager to sign an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Southwest Michigan First regarding the legal review of a proposed regional water and wastewater authority, be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.

Commissioner Balkema indicated the townships in Kalamazoo County would not make separate contributions to the cost of the legal review under the revised MOU but would be represented by the Regional Water and Wastewater Commission.

Mayor McKinney reported Kalamazoo County and the City of Portage had made changes to the MOU prior to granting approval, and these changes were incorporated into the revised MOU under consideration.

Discussion of Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Commissioner Balkema noted there would be a service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at Miller Auditorium on the campus of Western Michigan University.

Citizen Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for citizen comments, but no comments were made.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 6, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: February 6, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Mary Balkema Don Cooney Sean McCann Barbara Miller
	COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
	Also present were Acting City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Vice Mayor Excused	Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to approve the absence of Vice Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote, the motion passed.
Invocation	The invocation, given by Pastor Greg Stewart, Lake Center Bible Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Proclamation	Commissioner McCann, on behalf of Mayor McKinney proclaimed January 23-27, 2006 "National Medical Group Practice Week." Denise Crawford, Director of Strategic Initiatives, ProMed Healthcare of Borgess Health Alliance, was present to accept the proclamation.
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda without changes.
Communications	Acting City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.
Public Hearing re: the Proposed Metro Transit Fare Increase	At 7:13 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation on a proposed across-the-board fare increase for the Kalamazoo Metro Transit System. The following people spoke in opposition to the propose Metro Transit fare increase: Joanne Wellman, 537 Golden Drive Sharon DeHaan, 2601 Cimarron Drive in Kalamazoo Township Cynthia Dian, 2220 Gull Road #A-3 in Kalamazoo Township Rosalie Novara, Director of MRC Industries at 1310 Bank Street Linda MacDonald, Pastor of North Presbyterian Church at 603 North Burdick Street Beth Lewis, 440 North Church Street Lori Anne Fuller, address not available Mark Conrad, 111 Wilrad Court Jack Urban, 2125 Glenwood Drive Mike Branch, 108 North Kalamazoo Avenue in the Village of Vicksburg Barbara Vortman of South County Community Services, 101 South Main Street in the Village of Vicksburg Linda Hamilton, 1515 Race Street

Carol Sundberg, Director of the Center for Disability Services, 1000
Oakland Drive
Michael Evans, 4424 Mt. Olivet Road
Deborah Fields, 1521 Fulton Street
Michael Robertson, 2179 Lovebird Court in the City of Portage
Bob Dian, 2220 Gull Road #A-3 in Kalamazoo Township
Andy Agate, 212 Parker Avenue
Felicia Evans, 2536 Chaparral Street in Kalamazoo Township
Sabrianna, 2179 Lovebird Court
Doug Garrison, 1117 Reed Avenue
Lisa Densmore, 2111 Inverness Lane

The following person spoke in favor of the proposed Metro Transit Fare Increase:

Reuben Richardson, 2500 St. Albans Way #11

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to close the public hearing and hold approval of the proposed Metro Transit fare increase until the adoption of the FY2006 Budget on January 30, 2006.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

At 8:13 p.m. the public hearing was closed.

Prior to a vote on this motion, Commissioner Cooney requested the following information be provided prior to the final adoption of the FY2006 Budget:

- a comparison of Metro Transit, Metro Van and Care-A-Van fares to fares for similar services in other Michigan cities.
- historic data regarding federal and state funding for Metro Transit
- a comparison of Metro Transit and Metro Van ridership data prior to and after previous fare increases.

Commissioner Cooney suggested the City accept the help offered by service agencies to seek more efficient and cost effective ways of delivering transportation services.

Commissioner Balkema questioned why Metro Van fares for agencies were more expensive than low-income fares.

Commissioner Anderson informed citizens there would be many conversations about the proposed Metro Transit fare increase prior to final adoption of the budget.

Commissioner McCann expressed opposition to the proposed Metro Transit fare increase and noted that he and Commissioner Cooney had

Public Hearing re:
the FY2006
Proposed Budget

voted against tentative approval of the proposed FY2006 Budget for Metro Transit on January 7th. Commissioner McCann stated he would vote against the proposed fare increase again if it were not modified prior to final adoption of the budget.

The meeting recessed at 8:14 p.m.

When the meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m., Commissioner Balkema was absent.

Budget and Evaluation Director/City Comptroller Patsy Moore presented a very brief overview of the FY2006 Proposed Budget.

At 8:27 p.m. Commissioner Balkema arrived.

At 8:27 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the fiscal year 2006 Budget for the City of Kalamazoo.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to close the public hearing and schedule the adoption of the FY2006 Budget for January 30, 2006.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

At 8:31 p.m. the public hearing was closed.

Citizen Comments

Prior to a vote on this motion, Commissioner Anderson noted City Commissioners and City staff had worked many hours to develop the FY2006 budget and stated the small amount of thoughtful citizen input at the community forums was sad. Commissioner Anderson urged citizens to be active participants in the upcoming process to develop a fiscal plan for the City.

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Anna Burton, 12802 East L Avenue in Charleston Township, reported homeless people had taken up residence in the crawl space and attic of her home, and she requested assistance in removing them.

Mike Tarn, 7791 Ashton Woods Drive in the City of Portage, invited City Commissioners and the general public to an event on Saturday, January 28th in celebration of the 2006 Chinese New Year and the 25th anniversary of the Chinese Association of Greater Kalamazoo (CAGK). A flyer describing the event was included in the City Commission papers for this meeting.

Lisa Kelly, 2203 Mt. Olivet Road, indicated on December 19, 2005 she had requested the City Commission's assistance to correct inaccurate police reports. Ms. Kelly stated Acting City Manager had directed her to Major Ken Colby in the Department of Public Safety's Office of Professional Standards. Ms. Kelly stated she was working with Major Colby to correct the City of Kalamazoo reports and noted she also had issues to work out with the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor.

Beth Lewis, 440 North Church Street, stated Metro Transit drivers created a hardship by not allowing her to use the wheelchair lift with her walker. Ms. Lewis stated Social Security recipients had received a cost of living increase of less than 4%, and the proposed Metro Transit fare increase would consume 70% of the cost of living increase.

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a contract with Signature Ford for the purchase of 13 new Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles and one Ford Taurus in the amount of \$277,016.

- a recommendation to approve a contract with Michels Corporation to install liners in City sanitary and storm sewers in the amount of \$269,316; and, approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$157,000 for project funding.

Resolution 06-07

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to amend Resolution No. 02-101 regarding real property transactions to make resolution consistent with City Manager's Administrative Policy No. 30.7 regarding policy for leasing real estate, consistent with City Manager's Administrative Policy No. 10.6 regarding execution of documents, and consistent with authorization levels that currently exist in the City of Kalamazoo purchasing policies.

- a recommendation to accept a \$700 Good Neighbor Grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation to help defray costs related to the 2006 Martin Luther King., Jr. Community-Wide Day of Service sponsored in part by the City of Kalamazoo.

- a recommendation to authorize the Department of Public Safety to enter into a partnership with Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency in order to enhance educational opportunities for youth who are pursuing careers in the public safety field.

- a recommendation to approve the City Commission minutes from the Special Meetings of November 21, November 28, December 2, and December 12, 2005; the Regular Meetings of November 21, December 5, and December 19, 2005, and the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 2, 2005.

- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until January 30, 2006 a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign a Quit Claim deed, a Permanent Easement, an air rights Encroachment

Agreement, and a Third Amendment to Restated Contract of Sublease for the City of Kalamazoo Parking System, all of which relate to the sale of the area in question to 230 North Mall, LLC.

- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until January 30, 2006 a motion to authorize the acquisition from Dolores Van Es (Trustee of the William Shireman Trust) of two small parcels of property fronting Parkview Avenue on which a public sidewalk has been constructed.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until January 30, 2006 a motion to authorize the sale and exchange of property adjacent to Benton Ave. and Kent Ave. in the Oakwood neighborhood and authorize the City Manager to execute a warranty deed conveying the property the City is proposing to sell to Kevin L. Kline.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

City Manager
Authorized to Sign
Memorandum of
Understanding with
Southwest
Michigan First

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Southwest Michigan First that obligates the City to contribute \$15,000 toward the cost of obtaining a comprehensive written report on issues relative to the possible creation of a regional water and wastewater authority in Kalamazoo County.

With a roll call vote, this motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Miller, McCann, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: Cooney

Prior to a vote on this motion Commissioner Cooney stated he would vote against the motion because Southwest Michigan First considered the legal review of a regional water and sewer authority the first step towards implementing the Kalamazoo County Growth Plan. Commissioner Cooney expressed opposition to the Growth Plan because it was designed without input from several important sectors of the community.

City Manager's
Report

Acting City Manager Collard highlighted information sharing items which included: the Interim Financial Report for period ending November 30, 2005; the December 2005 Purchasing Report; a Brownfield Redevelopment Initiative Update; and the Year End Legislative Update.

Acting City Manager Collard noted Commissioner McCann had a scheduling conflict that would prohibit him from attending the Special City Commission Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

By consensus, the City Commission changed the time of its Special Meeting on January 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments, but no comments were made.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann noted he was adamant that the MOU with Southwest Michigan First contain a statement regarding the City's concerns with the Kalamazoo County Growth Plan, and he highlighted the fact that the City Commission was not bound to any future action as a result of the legal analysis described in the MOU.

Commissioner Balkema welcomed Dr. Tarn to his first City Commission meeting and stated the Grand Rapids Economic Club recognized the Kalamazoo Promise as one of the top ten significant economic events of 2005. Commissioner Balkema noted the many activities that took place in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Commissioner Anderson stated Vice Mayor Hopewell had given an excellent multimedia presentation on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as part of an event sponsored by Bronson Health Group and Borgess Health Alliance to honor Dr. King. Commissioner Anderson reported the Department of Housing and Urban Development had awarded a grant in the amount of \$880,000 to the Local Continuum of Care Group, a group of agencies in Kalamazoo whose focus was serving homeless people.

Commissioner Cooney commended City Parks and Recreation staff for organizing a great program for young people on Saturday, January 14th at the Radisson Hotel. Commissioner Cooney congratulated the Kalamazoo community for its remembrance of Dr. King, and he invited citizens to attend a presentation on Wednesday, January 18th by himself and Dr. Ron Cramer of Western Michigan University (WMU) on the topic "Dr. King and War."

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 6, 2006

Approved by: _____

Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor

Dated: February 6, 2006

A work session of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the FY2006 Budget.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hopewell

Also present were Acting City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Vice Mayor Excused

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Meeting Location Changed

Mayor McKinney announced the meeting was being moved to the City Commission Chambers due to the large number of people in attendance.

The meeting recessed at 7:01 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Discussion of Unanticipated Positive Budget Variances and the Proposed Metro Transit Fare Schedule

Acting City Manager Ken Collard stated the City Commission had created an ad hoc Budget Sub-Committee composed of Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney to consider various options for the allocation of unanticipated positive budget variances in the amount of \$793,000. Acting City Manager Collard explained that, historically, unanticipated positive budget variances were allocated through a mid-year budget amendment.

Commissioner Balkema reported the recommendations of the Budget Sub-Committee regarding Metro Transit fares and the allocation of \$793,000 in additional funds. Commissioner Balkema stated the Sub-Committee had reviewed thoroughly the FY2006 proposed Metro Transit budget and had met with local service agencies who provided transportation services for their clients through the Metro Transit system. Commissioner Balkema stated Transportation Director Bill Schomisch would present a revised and balanced Metro Transit budget that incorporated the reduced fare increases. A copy of the sub-committee's recommendations was included in the papers for this meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Transportation Director William Schomisch stated certain Metro Transit budget line items would be reduced in order to accommodate the amended fare rates but noted the possibility of mid-year service reductions if the cost for supplies such as diesel fuel increased unexpectedly.

Appropriation of
Additional Funds
and Temporary
Approval of an
Amended Metro
Transit Fee
Schedule

In response to question from Commissioner McCann, Transportation Director William Schomisch explained that cities with lower public transportation fares generally received higher state and federal subsidies, and property owners in those cities paid higher dedicated transportation millage rates.

Transportation Director William Schomisch reported the state had transferred \$100 million from the Public Transportation Fund to other funds over the past ten years. Transportation Director Schomisch noted County Road Commissions unsuccessfully sued the state over these fund transfers.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved that the City Commission's Legislative Committee be directed to meet with area legislators and work with the City's lobbyists in Washington D.C and Lansing to advocate against the use of transportation funds for other purposes. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved that the budget allocations and Metro Transit Fare Schedule recommended by the Budget Sub-Committee be tentatively approved.

With a roll call vote the motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Prior to a vote on this motion Commissioner Anderson noted the \$793,000 of unanticipated positive budget variance was not "extra" money but represented monies the City had been spending from the General Fund fund balance in recent years.

Commissioner Balkema suggested the City Commission schedule a work session to discuss tax abatements, tax increment financing (TIF) districts, General Fund contributions to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), the tax payment installment plan, and long term funding for summer youth programs, and other issues related to the City's fiscal stability.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments.

LoriAnne Fuller, no address, stated city staff lied to her about the meeting between the Budget Sub-Committee and representative from local service agencies that provided transportation services for their clients.

Tim Birch, 214 West Lovell Street, expressed support for the reduced Metro Transit fare increases and opposition to the proposed salary increases for City Commissioners.

Stephanie Stowe, 429 South Park Street, expressed opposition to the proposed Metro Transit fare increases.

Dawn Gardiner, no address, expressed opposition to the proposed Metro Transit fare increases.

Wade Allen, 448 North Burdick Street, expressed opposition to the proposed Metro Transit fare increases.

Michael Evans, 4224 Mt. Olivet Road, expressed opposition to any Metro Transit fare increase and to the proposed salary increases for City Commissioners.

Mike Kilbourne, 419 South Park Street, spoke regarding the Budget Sub-Committee's operating procedure and stated this procedure had created distrust between the homeless community and City officials. Mr. Kilbourne also spoke in opposition to the proposed salary increases for City Commissioners.

Louis Morell, 2104 Sunnyside Drive, expressed opposition to the Metro Transit fare increases.

Michele McGowen, 1312 Manor Street and Executive Director of the Disability Resource Center, thanked the City Commission for reducing the Metro Transit fare increases and urged the Legislative Committee to be diligent in its lobbying efforts on behalf of public transportation.

Michael Robertson, 2179 Lovebird Court, questioned why the original Metro Transit budget was prepared with sufficient padding to allow reductions in line items at this time. Mr. Robertson suggested the City study public transportation fares of other cities to determine why Kalamazoo's rates were some of the highest in the state.

Jack Urban, 2125 Glenwood Drive, expressed support for the City Commission's decision to lower the proposed Metro Transit fare increases and to lobby Congress and the state legislature regarding transportation funding. Mr. Urban stated property owners in Kalamazoo needed to support public transportation through an increase in the dedicated Metro Transit millage rate.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Balkema thanked the budget team for their hard work and noted the Transportation Authority Board would be taking action on the amended Metro Transit fare increases on Friday, January 21st.

Commissioner Anderson thanked the budget team, the Budget Sub-Committee, and Transportation Director Schomisch for their work regarding Metro Transit fares and the appropriation of positive budget variances.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, City Clerk Borling explained the role of the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC), the action taken by the LOCC on January 19th, and the City Commission's options regarding the proposed salary increases for elected officials.

Commissioner Cooney expressed opposition to the proposed salary increases for City Commissioners and stated he would introduce a resolution that rejected the LOCC's determination.

City Attorney Kirk indicated he would work with the City Clerk to prepare a resolution rejecting the LOCC's determination.

Mayor McKinney suggested the City Commission discuss the proposed salary increases for elected officials at the February 6th Regular City Commission Meeting. Mayor McKinney commended the City Commission and City Administration for working collaboratively on the FY2006 budget.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sean McCann

Also present were Acting City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and Deputy City Clerk Virginia Vander Roest.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Balkema moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Cooney and McCann. With a voice vote the motion carried.

Mayor McKinney noted the presence of former County Commissioner Sumney.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Commissioner Balkema, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Public Announcements

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

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Balkema requested that item G-9 be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Commissioner Cooney requested that item G-2 be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for public comment.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Billie Netterwald, 3520 Fair Oaks Drive, expressed concern over the Winchell Rezoning PUD decision. Ms. Netterwald's poem was submitted for inclusion in the City Commission documents.

Monica Westover, 2130 Stevens Avenue, voiced concerns about the Public Safety Department's handling of police reports related to past complaints.

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a two-year contract with a one-year renewal option with Republic Waste Services for monthly residential

brush collection from May through October in 2006 and 2007 in the amount of \$119,032.

- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone 4105-4127 South Westnedge Avenue from Zone Commercial, Office district to Zone Commercial, Community district, and schedule a public hearing for February 20, 2006.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a proposed Temporary Access Agreement granting Groundwater and Environmental Services, Inc., on behalf of ExxonMobil Oil Corporation, temporary access to perform environmental testing on the city right-of-way.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a Quit Claim deed, a Permanent Easement, an air rights Encroachment Agreement, and a Third Amendment to Restated Contract of Sublease for the City of Kalamazoo Parking System, all of which relate to the sale of the area in question to 230 North Mall, LLC.
- a recommendation to authorize the acquisition from Dolores Van Es (Trustee of the William Shireman Trust) of two small parcels of property fronting Parkview Avenue on which a public sidewalk has been constructed.
- a recommendation to authorize the sale and exchange of property adjacent to Benton Ave. and Kent Ave. in the Oakwood neighborhood and authorize the City Manager to execute a warranty deed conveying the property the City is proposing to sell to Kevin L. Kline.
- a recommendation to approve the employment agreement for Kenneth P. Collard, City Manager.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until February 6, 2006 a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement allowing the Oakwood Neighborhood Association to operate and maintain the Springmont Tot Lot at 2416 Springmont Ave., which contains a provision allowing the Oakwood Neighborhood Association an option to purchase the property.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until February 6, 2006 a recommendation to authorize the sale of property at 815 Douglas and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase agreement and a quit-claim deed conveying the property to Derek Stein for \$2,500.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until February 20, 2006 a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION to vacate the city's interest in the undeveloped right-of-way for Hudson Street between Sunset Lane and Inkster Avenue.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, Vice-Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Adoption of the FY2006 Budget

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Cooney moved to take the following actions regarding the FY 2006 Budget:

Resolution 06-08

- adopt a **RESOLUTION** to make the annual appropriation for FY 2006, to set forth the number of mills to be levied, to approve an interim appropriation for the year 2007 and to establish policies for the administration of the budget.
- approve the FY 2006 Proposed Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Budget.
- approve the FY 2006 Proposed Economic Development Corporation Budget.
- approve the FY 2006 Proposed Local Development Finance Authority Budget.
- approve the FY 2006 Proposed Downtown Development Authority Budget and two-mill tax levy.
- approve the FY 2006 Proposed Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission Budget.
- approve the FY 2006 Proposed Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association Budget and fees.
- approve a March 1, 2006, Kalamazoo Metro Transit System across-the-board fare increase.

Resolution 06-09

- adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set the FY 2006 Parks and Recreation Fees.

Resolution 06-10

- adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set the FY 2006 Proposed Community Planning and Development Fees.

Resolution 06-11

- adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set the FY 2006 Proposed Public Services Cemetery Fees.

Resolution 06-12

- adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set the FY 2006 Special Event Fees.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, Vice-Mayor Hopewell Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Cynthia Moore, 1415 N Park St., expressed concern over the elimination of Camp Chautauqua stating the Camp gave the City's youth additional opportunities.

Commissioner Cooney agreed Camp Chautauqua was an excellent program but stated the City Commission had to do their best with the resources at hand.

Commissioner Balkema thanked City staff for their help with the budget.

Commissioner Miller expressed support for the current FY 2006 Budget but recommended fair and equitable cuts across the board in the future.

Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell in response to a question by Vice-Mayor Hopewell, reported the number of youth served by Camp Chautauqua had decreased by 50% over the last ten years. Parks and Recreation Director Jewell highlighted the other programs and resources what would benefit the children affected by closing Camp Chautauqua.

Commissioner Cooney pointed out the need to seek discretionary funds again this year to benefit the City's youth.

Board & Commission
Appointments

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hopewell, moved to approve the following appointments and re-appointments to advisory boards and commissions:

- the appointment of Nancy Engemann to the Board of Review for Assessments for a partial term expiring on January 31, 2008.
- the appointment of James Jackson III to the Board of Review for Assessments for a partial term expiring on January 31, 2007.
- the re-appointment of Jay Bonsignore to the Construction Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Thomas Balkema to the Construction Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Meegan Czop to the Dangerous Buildings Board for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Robert Lakey to the Dangerous Buildings Board for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Wendy Denning to the Dangerous Buildings Board for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.

Board & Commission
Appointments (cont'd)

- the re-appointment of Linda DeYoung to the Historic District Commission for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of James Tribu to the Historic District Commission for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Linda Gentry-Bennett to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the appointment of Erin Seaverson to the Historic Preservation Commission for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2008.
- the re-appointment of Dr. Randy Eberts to the Perpetual Care Investment Committee and the Retirement System Investment Committee for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the appointment of Dan DeMent to the Perpetual Care Investment Committee and the Retirement System Investment Committee for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Frank Cody to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Sonja Dean to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Carolyn Fricke to the Transit Authority Board for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2008.
- the re-appointment of Reuben Richardson to the Transit Authority Board for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2008.
- the re-appointment of David Artley to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Rachel Hughes-Nilsson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the re-appointment of Thomas Stolz to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.

In addition, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Commission extend the term of Marcia Miller to July 1, 2006, or until a replacement candidate is appointed, whichever occurs first.

It is also recommended that the City Commission accept the following results of the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association election held on November 15, 2005:

- the re-election of Vic Callahan for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2008.

Board & Commission
Appointments (cont'd)

- the re-election of David Ballingall for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2008.
- the re-election of Quincy Franklin for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2008.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema*, Cooney, Miller, Vice-Mayor Hopewell Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

*Commissioner Balkema abstained from voting on the appointment of Thomas Balkema to the Construction Board of Appeals due to a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Miller conveyed thanks to all board members for their service to the City.

City Clerk's Report

Deputy City Clerk Vander Roest reported on the *Report of Determination* from the Local Officers Compensation Commission regarding salaries for elected officials in the City of Kalamazoo.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Monica Westover, 2130 Stevens Avenue, voiced concerns about the Public Safety Department's handling of police reports related to past complaints.

Carol Fricke, 2834 Bronson Boulevard and Chair of the Transit Authority Board (TAB), described the challenge TAB faced as it tried to balance funding sources to support current levels of service at Metro Transit. Ms. Fricke expressed concern with the approved fare structure stating Metro Transit would not be able to recover the loss without service reductions.

In response to a question from Vice-Mayor Hopewell, Transportation Director Bill Schomisch stated Metro Transit was conducting a cash-flow analysis and reducing expenses wherever possible. Transportation Director Schomisch stated it was too soon to say if services would need to be reduced in conjunction with the reduced fare increase.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Miller reported Kalamazoo Community and Schools would be meeting on February 8, 2006 from 8:15 a.m. to noon, with citizens interested in helping within the school system.

Commissioner Anderson reported Mayor McKinney would be giving the State of the City address at the Rotary Club meeting on February 6, 2006. Commissioner Cooney acknowledged concern over budget reductions and the difficulty the Commission had making the cuts.

Vice-Mayor Hopewell apologized for his recent absence and congratulated City Staff on completion of the budget process. Vice-Mayor Hopewell indicated the need to look strategically at future budget options. Vice-Mayor Hopewell requested the budget approval be placed on the regular agenda in the future and that individual board and commission appointments be designated by sub-headings.

Mayor McKinney congratulated Ken Collard on the approval of his employment agreement. Mayor McKinney requested a Special City Commission meeting on February 25th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to discuss a 5-year fiscal plan and strategic plan. Mayor McKinney also indicated appointee evaluation forms would be forthcoming and asked that the forms be completed in a timely manner.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 20, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: March 20, 2006

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, FEBRUARY 3, 2006 Page 1

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, February 3, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners
Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners McCann and Miller. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Review of
February 6th
meeting agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2006.

Item H-1

Regarding Item H-1, a resolution rejecting proposed salary increases for City Commissioners, the Committee of the Whole discussed the proposed salary increases, the timing of the Local Officers Compensation Commission's (LOCC) determination, and potential changes to the LOCC process.

Mayor McKinney stated the City Manager controlled the City Commission meeting agendas and suggested the City Commission should have taken a vote to place this item on the agenda.

The Committee of the Whole discussed the pending release of an alternative countywide growth plan and the appropriate process for the presentation of this plan to the City Commission.

Commissioner Cooney stated the Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Growth would hold a press conference at City Hall prior to the February 6th Regular City Commission Meeting, and five representatives from the group would speak in turn and present the growth plan during the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested that City Manager Collard report on the status of the City Commission's actions regarding the Parking Lot 9 development project in light of a recent announcement that the project would not be undertaken.

City Commissioners discussed the use of Blackberry communications devices.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested that City staff provide answers at City Commission meetings to questions from Commissioners if the answer was known. Discussion followed.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Transportation Director William Schomisch explained that some state and federal funds could be used by local transit systems for either operations or capital improvements.

Commissioner Cooney reported that he, Commissioner Anderson, City Manager Collard, and City Attorney Kirk had met with representatives from the Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN) regarding a local human rights ordinance.

City Attorney Kirk reported that KHAN had asked him to draft a local human rights ordinance. City Attorney Kirk recommended that the City Commission not adopt such an ordinance and requested direction from the City Commission on this issue. Discussion followed.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Pastor Loranel Breyley, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations

Commissioner Miller read a proclamation supporting the 13th Annual Kalamazoo County Walk for Warmth on Saturday, February 18, 2006. Brian Johnson, Kalamazoo County Commissioner and Chair of the Walk for Warmth, was present to accept the proclamation.

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda without changes.

Communications

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

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Roger Ulrich, 7943 S. 25th Street in Pavillion Township, discussed how Kalamazoo was moving from being a “producing” community to a “thinking” community. Mr. Ulrich expressed support for broad community representation in the development of a countywide growth plan. A copy of Mr. Ulrich’s written remarks was filed with the papers for this meeting.

The following citizens representing the Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Development discussed the main sections of a proposed countywide growth plan and presented a document entitled *Growth Plan Overview*:

- Tim Birch, 614 West Lovell Street
- Millie Lambert, 3392 Croyden Avenue
- Michael Seals, 2408 Sonora Street in Kalamazoo Township
- Paul Scott, 1339 West Maple Street
- Martin Burch, 513 Axtell Street
- Lewis Whalen, 1336 North Hillandale Drive

Lori Ann Fuller, no address, spoke in opposition to discrimination against poor and homeless individuals and stated governments must be held accountable their actions.

The following citizens spoke in favor of a local human rights ordinance and read portions of the proposed ordinance in turn:

Reverend Brenda Clark, 4224 Mt. Olivet Road,
Vernon Sharp, no address,
Lisa Ann Mary Kelly, 2203 Mt. Olivet Road,
Mike Kadar, no address
Dawn Gardiner, no address,
Wade Allen, 448 North Burdick Street,

Monica Westover, 2130 Stevens Avenue, submitted a portion of a Public Safety Offense Report 01-55660 and stated the civil rights of all citizens must be protected.

Matt Barnes, 805 South Park Street, thanked the Public Safety Department for addressing the issue of loud cars on City streets and requested that the City's snow plow drivers receive additional training.

Phil Bassett, 1301 Blakeslee Street, discussed issues related to the McDonalds restaurant on Kalamazoo Avenue and expressed support for the local human rights ordinance. Mr. Bassett stated the ordinance would communicate that Kalamazoo was a non-discriminatory city.

Consent Agenda

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

Resolution 06-13

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** supporting Pfizer Inc.'s request to conduct operations in a Foreign Trade Subzone.

Resolution 06-14

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** of Intent to apply for annual financial assistance to the State of Michigan Department of Transportation, for FY2007.

- a recommendation to authorize the City Attorney to accept or reject the mediation award in the lawsuit filed by Stephanie Prevo.

- a recommendation to accept a grant, totaling \$850, from the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy, to be used to design, print and insert methamphetamine awareness materials into residential water bills.

- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement allowing the Oakwood Neighborhood Association to operate and maintain the Springmont Tot Lot at 2416 Springmont Ave., which contains a provision allowing the Oakwood Neighborhood Association an option to purchase the property.

- a recommendation to authorize the sale of property at 815 Douglas and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase agreement and a quit-claim deed conveying the property to Derek Stein for \$2,500.

- a recommendation to approve the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meetings of December 16, 2005 and January 13, 2006; the Special City Commission Meeting of December 19, 2005; and the Regular City Commission Meetings of January 3 and January 17, 2006.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Resolution 06-15
Setting a Public
Hearing for the
PY2006 CDBG
Budget

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** setting the Program Year 2006 Community Development Block Grant and HOME fund public hearing for February 20, 2006.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Resolution 06-16
Rejecting the
LOCC Salary
Determination

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** rejecting the proposed salary increases for elected officials in the City of Kalamazoo.

With a roll call vote this motion failed by a vote of 3 to 4.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, and Miller

NAYS: Commissioners Balkema, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

Prior to a vote on this motion, the City Commission received the following citizen comments:

Ed Gordon, 4339 Lakeside Drive and representing the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC), explained the LOCC's reasons for increasing City Commissioners' salaries. Mr. Gordon noted there was no good time to increase the salaries of elected officials, but the deferment of salary increases would make the percentage of cost-of-living increases higher in future years and therefore even less palatable for City Commissioners and citizens to accept. Mr. Gordon noted Kalamazoo was an urban core city that did not face the same problems and issues as many communities of similar size in Michigan.

Dawn Gardiner, no address, expressed support for an increase in the minimum wage in conjunction with the City Commission salary increases.

Tim Birch, 614 West Lovell Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed salary increases for City Commissioners due to the recent Metro Transit fare increases.

Phil Bassett, 1301 Blakeslee, spoke in favor of the proposed salary increases for City Commissioners but asked Commissioners to consider how the City would help homeless individuals.

Commissioner Miller thanked the LOCC for their work but indicated she would not give herself a pay increase after only three months as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Cooney stated there were valid reasons for increasing City Commissioners' salaries, but he expressed opposition to the salary increases because there were too many hurting people in the community. Commissioner Cooney stated it was not appropriate for elected officials to make decisions that would increase their pay in mid-term. Commissioner Cooney stated he was in favor of salary increases that would be effective for the next City Commission.

Vice Mayor Hopewell stated there was never a good time to increase salaries for elected officials. Vice Mayor Hopewell noted the LOCC did its work appropriately and stated City Commission salary levels indicated how the community valued its elected officials. Vice Mayor Hopewell expressed the preference that the pay increases be effective for the next City Commission.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, City Attorney Kirk stated the option before the City Commission was whether to reject the pay increase already scheduled to go into effect. City Attorney Kirk stated that by the end of the year he would provide the City Commission with options for changing the LOCC process and the effective date of future City Commission salary increases.

Following the vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney requested that his salary increase directed to the City's summer youth programs.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested that the City Administration communicate to City Commissioners whether there was an internal process by which Commissioners were able to direct their salaries or portions of their salaries to specific City programs or initiatives.

By consensus the City Commission directed the City Attorney to review the LOCC process with regard to the effective date of Commissioner salary increases.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported the following items:

The City Commission receives as informational the 2005 Annual Reports from the following Boards and Commissions:

- The Friends of Recreation Board
- The Historic District Commission
- The Historic Preservation Commission
- The Housing Board of Appeals
- The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- The Transit Authority Board

The lawsuit Corey W. Talcott v City of Kalamazoo has been referred to the City Attorney's Office.

The City Commission receives as informational minutes of the following advisory boards and commissions:

- Community Development Act Advisory Committee
 - December 8, 2005
- Dangerous Buildings Board
 - December 8, 2005
- Environmental Concerns Committee
 - November 16, 2005
 - December 21, 2005
- Friends of Recreation Board
 - November 15, 2005
 - December 13, 2005
 - January 24, 2006
- Historic District Commission
 - November 15, 2005
 - December 20, 2005
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - December 6, 2005
 - January 3, 2006
- Planning Commission
 - December 1, 2005
- Transit Authority Board
 - December 16, 2005
- Zoning Board of Appeals
 - December 8, 2005

The City Commission receives as informational the *Board and Commission Membership Report* dated February 1, 2006.

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard read into the record a statement regarding the status of Parking Lot #9. A copy of this statement was included with the papers for this meeting.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Creed Stegall, 411 Elm Street, expressed appreciation for the hard work and courage of the City Commission and noted Commissioners lived in and cared about the community.

In response to a question posed by Commissioner Miller at the January 30th Regular Meeting, City Attorney Kirk explained the City Commission was able to place reasonable time and manner restrictions on citizens who addressed the Commission. City Attorney Kirk indicated court opinions had granted public bodies the authority to stop citizens from speaking whose comments were personally abusive or profane, but citizens who criticized City Commissioners or City employees for their job performance were exercising their constitutional rights.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann noted the recent death of Coretta Scott King, wife of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. Commissioner McCann congratulated Mayor McKinney on a successful State of the City Address and wished the Mayor “happy birthday.”

Commissioner Miller announced a meeting regarding opportunities for citizen involvement in the Kalamazoo Promise would take place on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Commissioner Balkema congratulated Mayor McKinney on the State of the City Address and asked City Commissioners to actively recruit candidates for positions on the City’s advisory boards and commissions. Commissioner Balkema noted author and speaker Ann Coulter would be speaking at Western Michigan University on February 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center.

Commissioner Anderson announced that Jeff Patton, Executive Director of Kalamazoo Community Mental Health had arranged for funding increases to local agencies that provided transportation services for their clients through the Metro Transit system.

Commissioner Cooney thanked Commissioner Anderson for his efforts to gain additional funding for local agencies in light of the Metro Transit fare increases. Commissioner Cooney commended the Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Development for presenting their growth plan and asked the City Commission to consider this plan.

Vice Mayor Hopewell congratulated Mayor McKinney on the state of the City Address and wished her, “happy birthday.” Vice Mayor Hopewell suggested City Commission candidates would make good advisory board members.

Mayor McKinney commended Public Safety Officers and dispatchers for going above and beyond the call of duty to assist a woman who had experienced a home invasion in the Stuart Neighborhood.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 20, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: March 20, 2006

A special joint meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission and the Kalamazoo Gazette Editorial Board was held on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Van Deusen Room at the Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 South Rose Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Communications

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

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Introductory Remarks

Due to the library's fixed closing time, Mayor McKinney asked citizens to register their names on a sign-in sheet if they wanted to address the City Commission during the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting. Mayor McKinney noted the presence of Peter Strazdas, Mayor of the City of Portage, and Claudette Reid, Portage City Councilwoman.

The following members of the Kalamazoo Gazette Editorial Board introduced themselves:

James Stephanak, Publisher
Rebecca Pierce, Editor
Jim Borden, Managing Editor
Mary Oudsema, Director of Marketing and Public Relations
Charlotte Channing, Opinion Editor
Kris Kinkade, Graphics Design Manager

Mr. Stephanak made introductory remarks and stated the meeting would be conducted like a Kalamazoo Gazette Editorial Board meeting. Mr. Stephanak explained the City Commission had been given a list of potential discussion topics but not the questions themselves.

Discussion of the Parking Lot #9 Development

City Manager Collard provided an update on the development of Parking Lot #9.

Members of the Kalamazoo Gazette Editorial Board questioned City Manager Collard and City Commissioners regarding the proposed development project for Parking Lot #9, the relationship between the public process and private negotiations for this project, and the City

Discussion of the Relationship Between the City and "The D's"

Commission's decision-making process regarding the sale of Parking Lot #9 to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

City Manager Collard reviewed the structure and relationships between the City of Kalamazoo, the DDA, Downtown Tomorrow, Inc. (DTI), Downtown Kalamazoo Association Charities (DKAC), and Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI). City Manager Collard stated these relationships had successfully fostered downtown development. City Manager Collard stated the City wanted to examine its relationship with these organizations in light of the City's changing needs and fiscal challenges.

In response to questions from the Kalamazoo Gazette Editorial Board, City Commissioners indicated the key to public/private partnerships was having balance in key areas, including: balancing the public's right to have transparent processes with the need for private development projects to ripen prior to public disclosure; and balancing the needs and priorities of the downtown and the neighborhoods.

Discussion of the City's Fiscal Challenges

In response to a question from Mr. Borden regarding structural revenue problems, City Manager Collard and City Commissioners stated opportunities to increase revenue were few, and the City of Kalamazoo needed to control expenses through determining which services were most important to citizens and eliminating other services. Commissioners noted the adverse effect of state and federal funding reductions on the City's budget and indicated many other cities in Michigan and throughout the country were experiencing the same difficulties.

Discussion followed regarding the development of a Five-Year Fiscal Plan for the City.

Mayor McKinney asked the Kalamazoo Gazette to assist the City Commission by providing a forum for citizens to express their opinions regarding City services and priorities.

Discussion of Intergovernmental Cooperation

City Manager Collard discussed several issues related to the creation of a regional water and wastewater authority, and he enumerated other potential areas for intergovernmental cooperation, including joint purchasing, an integrated public safety dispatch system, and a countywide public transportation system.

Vice Mayor Hopewell expressed support for consolidated dispatch services and consolidated police and fire services.

Discussion of the Relationship Between the Gazette and the City Officials

In response to a question from Mayor McKinney, Mr. Stephanak stated the Kalamazoo Gazette would not be anyone's public relations firm and noted it was natural for tension to exist in the relationship between the press and government officials due to the press' role as watchdog.

City Commissioners and the Kalamazoo Gazette Editorial Board discussed the issue of trust in the relationship between the Kalamazoo Gazette and City officials.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Borden pointed out the Kalamazoo Gazette played two distinct roles: being unbiased, accurate reporters of the news; and being publishers of opinions intended to prompt discussion and debate on community issues.

City Manager Collard commended former City Hall reporter Ed Finnerty and current City Hall reporter Kathy Jessup for their work.

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Don Biscomb, 3306 Huron Avenue, enquired about the timetable for the Public Safety Superstation project.

Jim Hearn, 1233 Cambridge Drive, expressed support for the adoption of a living wage standard in Kalamazoo and suggested the City Commission study the effectiveness of tax abatements. Mr. Hearn recommended the City Commission utilize surveys and neighborhood meetings to gain input from citizens regarding future budget decision.

Michael Evans, 4224 Mount Olivet Road, noted the disparate impact of policies and rules at public and private institutions regarding discrimination against homeless and poor people, and he suggested the City Commission conduct a public hearing to receive testimony from legal experts regarding a local human rights ordinance.

LoriAnne Fuller, no address, stated government had violated the public trust through deception and failure to enforce laws equitably.

Lance Ferraro, 1218 Oak Street, stated the City of Kalamazoo increased the quality of life for residents of the entire region and recommended an equitable distribution of tax revenue across Kalamazoo County. Mr. Ferraro suggested the City facilitate the construction of houses on vacant lots in response to the Kalamazoo Promise.

Dawn Gardiner, no address, expressed opposition to the recent pay increase for City Commissioners and stated Commissioners needed to provide more assistance for the poor and homeless.

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Anderson stated the City Commission was forward focused and very positive about the future of Kalamazoo. Commissioner Anderson noted the City Commission needed a degree of freedom to express ideas and brainstorm regarding future City budgets without fear that these ideas would appear in the media in the wrong context.

Commissioner Miller commended City staff for their hard work.

Vice Mayor Hopewell expressed appreciation to the Kalamazoo Gazette for the role it played in the community.

Commissioner Cooney expressed disappointment that the issues of youth programs, affordable housing, the working poor, and the Kalamazoo Promise had not been discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 20, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: March 20, 2006

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2006 Pg. 1

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, February 17, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson*
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners
Excused

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, and McCann. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Review of
February 20th
Meeting Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its special meeting on Monday, February 20, 2006.

Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Miller indicated they would be absent from the Special City Commission Meeting on February 20th but present at the Regular City Commission Meeting.

*Commissioners Anderson and Cooney arrived at 7:32 a.m.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its regular meeting on Monday, February 20, 2006.

Item G-5

Regarding Item G-5, a resolution approving a liquor license transfer at 1336 Ravine Road, Commissioner Balkema expressed concerns regarding the liquor license transfer and requested this item be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

The Committee of the Whole discussed at length the strategic planning process, the development of a five-year fiscal plan, and the agenda for the Special City Commission Meeting on February 25th.

It was the consensus of the Committee of the Whole that City Commissioners would submit their lists of strategic priorities to the City Manager by Wednesday, February 22nd, and the City Manager would insert those individual priorities under the appropriate Strategic Focus Areas in the existing strategic plan in preparation for a discussion of this plan on Saturday February 25th.

Citizen Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Miller.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

- Northside Association for Community Development
Mattie Jordan-Woods, Vice President
- Oakland Drive/Winchell Neighborhood Association
Barbara McCrea, Co-President
Raoul Yochim, Co-President

Northside Association for Community Development

The Northside Association for Community Development (NACD) representative:

- stated there were no issues between the City and the Association and that staff from both organizations were working well together.
- expressed interest in future developments related to the proposed Public Safety station.
- indicated the Association was developing an Urban Gardening Initiative.
- reported Commissioner Balkema had been seeking donations from churches to fund weatherization improvements such as new windows and doors for homes in the Northside Neighborhood.
- expressed enthusiasm regarding the City's summer youth program and stated 18 young people would be working with the Association.

- enquired about fare limits for taxicab services within the City.
- stated representatives from the Michigan Department of Education and Department of Human Services would be holding a meeting in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 to receive public input regarding the Food Assistance Program and the Summer Food Program.
- reported the Association had arrived at an agreement with Kalamazoo County whereby the County would consider graduates of NACD's employment program for vacant positions prior to considering external candidates.
- noted neighborhood crime seemed to be centered near liquor stores.

Commissioner Cooney suggested Chris Tilly from the Peoples' Food Cooperative be invited to the meeting regarding the State's Food Assistance and Summer Food Programs.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, City Attorney Kirk explained many businesses that advertised themselves as taxi services in Kalamazoo were technically operating as limousine services, which were licensed and regulated by the state. City Attorney Kirk suggested that the City send NACD a list of taxi and limousine services authorized to operate in Kalamazoo.

Oakland Drive/
Winchell
Neighborhood

The Oakland Drive/Winchell Neighborhood Association representatives:

- reported the Shelter Point development project was proceeding well and noted the developer was working very closely with the Neighborhood.
- stated the Public Safety Department was effectively handling increased traffic in the Neighborhood as a result of development in the Business Technology and Research (BTR) Park.
- expressed opposition to the inclusion of the following properties in a list of park properties recommended for sale by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: 2700 Parkview Avenue; 2920 Brooklyn Drive; 2731 Wellington Road; and 2915 Wellington Road. Ms. McCrea indicated these properties were designated as parks in the original Parkdale Plat, and she presented a brief history of the properties through 2005. Ms. McCrea reported PRAB had agreed to remove their recommendation to sell these properties after neighborhood representatives met with the board in November and December.

City Attorney Kirk explained the properties in question were dedicated as parks on the Parkdale Plat map, not in the City's master plan. City Attorney Kirk stated the question of whether the properties could be developed was complicated due to statutory changes over the past 15 years.

City Manager Collard stated the City Administration had been evaluating undeveloped and underdeveloped City owned property for potential sale. City Manager Collard stated he would take direction from the City Commission regarding the consideration of the Parkdale properties for potential sale.

Commissioner Balkema expressed interest in seeing the entire list of City owned properties being considered for sale and how the Parkdale properties fit into that list.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell explained she had created a list of park properties for potential sale in 2005 and invited adjacent property owners to attend the October PRAB meeting for a public hearing on this issue. Parks and Recreation Director Jewell reported PRAB voted to recommend the sale or further investigation of the properties at its October meeting. Parks and Recreation Director Jewell indicated Ms. McCrea attended both the November and December PRAB meetings, and at its December meeting PRAB voted to remove the four Parkdale properties from the list of properties recommended for sale.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, City Manager Collard stated the City was investigating its options regarding restrictions on the property and evaluating fiscal costs and benefits to both selling and holding the property.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, City Manager Collard indicated within 60 days the City Administration would bring forward a recommendation regarding all surplus City owned properties.

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 20, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: March 20, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell*
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Vice Mayor
Excused

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Dr. D.M. Wright, Second Baptist Church was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the
Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda without changes.

Public
Announcements

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

Public Hearing re:
CDBG funding for
Local Service
Agencies

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to accept the recommendations of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee (CDAAC) and the City Administration for funding of various local agencies which provide housing and housing-related public service for the benefit of Kalamazoo residents.

Vita Polasek of the Kalamazoo YWCA, 353 East Michigan Avenue, thanked CDAAC for recommending funding for the YWCA's domestic violence and mentoring programs.

Mark Fricke, Community Development Act Advisory Committee Chair, presented a report on the Committee's funding recommendations. Mr. Fricke stated the Committee was not able to do everything it wanted or needed to do for the community, but it had accomplished everything it was able to do. Mr. Fricke suggested City leaders take a more active role in the recruitment of advisory board members.

Joel Cooper, President and CEO of Disability Resource Center, 517 East Crosstown Parkway, thanked CDAAC for recommending funding for the Disability Resource Center and stated the funding would pay for the installation of six ramps through the Ramp Up Program.

Suzie Suchtya-Haas, Executive Director of the Vine Neighborhood Association, 511 West Vine Street, reported CDAAC had recommend that

the Public Safety Department receive CDBG funds for crime prevention programs rather than the Vine Neighborhood Association. Ms. Suchtya-Haas described the importance of the Association's crime prevention work and expressed disappointment regarding CDAAC's decision.

Fiorella Spalvieri, Executive Director of My Own Home, 626 Reed Avenue, thanked CDAAC and the City Commission for supporting My Own Home's CDBG funding application.

*Vice Mayor Hopewell arrived at 7:23 p.m.

Roger Erikson, 607 Forest Street and Development and Construction Manager at Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services (KNHS), noted KNHS would celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2006, and he thanked CDAAC and the City Commission for supporting KNHS through CDBG funding.

City Commissioners thanked CDAAC for its hard work, noted the disparity between the needs of the community and the resources available, and expressed indignation that the federal government had reduced Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding by \$1 billion over the past five years, which resulted in a loss of over \$1 million for the City of Kalamazoo during that time period.

In response to questions and comments from several City Commissioners, Mayor McKinney stated the City Commission had delegated to the Legislative Committee the development of a strategy for lobbying federal legislators regarding CDBG funding.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, CDAAC Chair Mark Fricke suggested Community Planning and Development Department staff were in a better position to make suggestions to community organizations regarding the efficiency of their operations and duplication of services.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to accept the recommendations of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee and the City Administration for funding of various local agencies which provide housing and housing-related public service for the benefit of Kalamazoo residents.

This approval also authorized 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, to sign the Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report and other submission documents, and to execute contracts with subrecipients of funding received from HUD.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

Approval of CDBG
Funding Levels for
Local Service
Agencies through
PY 2006-2007

Public Hearing re:
Rezoning of 4105-
4127 South
Westnedge Ave.

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt an ORDINANCE to rezone 4105-4127 South Westnedge Avenue from Zone Commercial, Office district to Zone Commercial, Community district.

At 7:32 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 1797
Rezoning 4105-
4127 South
Westnedge Ave.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 4105-4127 South Westnedge Avenue from Zone Commercial, Office district to Zone Commercial, Community district.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Paul Love, 609 Elm Street, requested that the City address the blighted condition of a vacant lot located on Elmwood Court behind his home. Pictures of the blighted property were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, Director of the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD), 612 North Park Street, announced a public meeting would take place on Tuesday, February 21st from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the NACD offices located at 612 North Park Street. Ms. Jordan-Woods stated representatives from the State of Michigan would be present to receive public comments regarding the Michigan Food Assistance and Summer Food Programs.

The following people spoke regarding discrimination and violence against homeless people, the need for a local human rights ordinance, and a meeting between representatives from the Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN), City Commissioners and City staff on February 22nd:

- Mike Kilbourne, 419 South Park Street
- Jonathan David Braun, 621 Academy Street
- Dawn Gardiner, no address
- Michael Robertson, 2179 Lovebird Court
- Judy Horein, no address
- Shelly Dungey, 448 North Burdick Street
- Mike Kadar, no address
- Adriana Rosas, 2179 Lovebird Court
- Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street #3
- Lisa Mary Kelly, 2203 Mt. Olivet Road Apt. #1

Pastor David Anderson, 338 Parson Street, thanked Public Safety Officers for their timely response to recent incidents of vandalism at True Worship Church. Pastor Anderson requested the City Commission

investigate the conduct and attitude of Housing Inspector Lionel Ford regarding issues stemming from an incident in May 2003 when a tree fell on Pastor Anderson's house at 1357 North Rose Street.

David Pawloski, 405 Hutchinson Street and representing the Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Development (KCRD), distributed a document entitled *Economic Growth and Development Plan Prepared for the Kalamazoo City Commission* and discussed the need for regional cooperation and tax base sharing through a local income tax.

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve the purchase of fourteen work vehicles to be used by field services employees performing water, wastewater, and street system maintenance and repair activities from Red Holman Pontiac GM for a total expenditure of \$289,605.

- Resolution 06-17 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to Residential Opportunities, Inc. and its subsidiary, Homestead Housing Services, for the acquisition and rehabilitation of sixteen housing units located in two buildings located at 725 Duke Lane in the City of Kalamazoo, pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.

- Resolution 06-18 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to vacate the city's interest in the undeveloped right-of-way for Hudson Street between Sunset Lane and Inkster Avenue.

- Resolution 06-19 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** appointing Mark Stuhldreher, Management & Budget Services Director and Chief Financial Officer, as Hearing Officer, and authorizing the City Clerk to send hearing notices to establishments in the City of Kalamazoo holding liquor licenses who have past due real and/or personal property taxes.

- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute an "Amended and Restated Easement for Ingress and Egress" that allows BW Development Group, LLC, the right to use a portion of a drive that leads from Stadium Drive to a City-owned water tower in Oshtemo Township.

- a recommendation to approve an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Lowell Regional Transit Authority for the purchase of seven 35' coaches directly from the Gillig Corporation under the terms of the contract between the City of Kalamazoo and Gillig Corporation.

- a recommendation to approve a grant agreement with the Michigan Department of State for Qualified Voter File infrastructure upgrades.

- a recommendation to approve the following appointments and re-appointments to advisory boards and commissions:
 - the re-appointment of **Rebecca Westphal** to the Community Relations Board for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
 - the re-appointment of **Elizabeth Forest** to the Transit Authority Board for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2008.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for water service.
- a recommendation hold to March 6, 2006 a RESOLUTION to vacate the west 99 feet of West Butler Court, located east of North Park Street.
- a recommendation to hold to March 6, 2006 a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 721 and 935 Hawley to Vicki Alexander in consideration of \$9,436.86 in payment of foreclosed 1999 through 2004 taxes.
- a recommendation to hold to March 6, 2006 a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 1331 Krom to Floradel Walker in consideration of \$1,583.71 in payment of foreclosed 1991 through 1996 taxes.
 - a recommendation to hold to March 6, 2006 an ORDINANCE which amends various sections within Article X of Chapter 2, the City's Employee Retirement System.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Resolution 06-20
Setting a Public
Hearing re: an IFT
Certificate for
Sweet Mftg.

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing on March 6, 2006 to consider an application from Sweet Manufacturing, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$268,225 and \$32,553 in new personal property in existing Industrial Development District No. 89 located at 3421 South Burdick Street.

Resolution 06-21
Scheduling a
Public Hearing re:
an IFT Certificate
for Cytec Ind.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing on March 6, 2006 to consider an application from Cytec Industries, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$12,309,000 and \$5,285,000 in new personal property in existing Industrial Development District No. 6 located at 2715 Miller Road.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Resolution 06-22
Approving a Liquor
License Transfer to
a New Building at
1336 Ravine Road
(DejaVu)

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to transfer a 2006 Class C-SDM Liquor License with dance, entertainment, and topless activity permits to a new building located at the same address, 1336 Ravine Road.

With a roll call vote this motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Balkema

Prior to a vote on this motion, Commissioner Balkema expressed opposition to the resolution because the liquor license would allow the on-premise consumption of hard liquor and the purchase of beer and wine as take-out items from a location in the same building as an establishment that offered entertainment events featuring full frontal nudity. Commissioner Balkema noted the Michigan legislature was considering bills that would increase the minimum age for workers in sexually oriented businesses from 18 to 21.

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard provided information sharing items, which included the *4th Quarter 2005 Employment Activity Report*; the *January 2006 Purchases* report; and a *Brownfield Redevelopment Initiative Update* dated February 1, 2006.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Patricia Aldering, PO Box 176 in Oshtemo Township, stated she had worked with law enforcement agencies in other communities regarding animal cruelty, but Kalamazoo County Animal Control was not interested in addressing the issue or investigating reports of animal abuse. Ms.

City Commissioner
Comments

Aldering expressed concern that a police report from March 3rd regarding allegations against her would not be objective.

David Pawloski, 405 Hutchinson Street, invited City Commissioners to attend the upcoming meeting between representatives from KCRD and the "City executive committee."

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

Commissioner McCann noted the reception for government officials from neighboring jurisdictions hosted by the Oshtemo Township Board of Trustees on February 14th. Commissioner McCann wished City Manager Collard "happy birthday."

Commissioner Miller encouraged City Manager Collard to fill the open positions in the City Manager's Office and to continue seeking minority and women applicants to fill vacant positions throughout the City.

Commissioner Balkema reported the Presbyterian Health Clinic recently celebrated the grand opening of its new facility on 2918 Portage Road.

Commissioner Cooney noted the Reading Together program had commenced and urged citizens to participate in the many community events related to this program. Commissioner Cooney stated the book under discussion was *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, a work of fiction based on the author's experiences during the Vietnam War.

Vice Mayor Hopewell thanked City Commissioners for participating in the Walk for Warmth on Saturday, February 18th. Vice Mayor Hopewell noted chef Ralph Stanley would be working with the chefs at Borgess Hospital on Tuesday February 21st to create special entrees and deserts in celebration of Black History Month and Mardi Gras.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 20, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: March 20, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Miller. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Discussion of the City's Strategic Plan

City Manager Collard made introductory remarks regarding the City's strategic planning process and emphasized the following points:

- the City Commission and City Administration had already brought a great deal of energy to this process, and this energy needed to be harnessed and maintained.
- in the strategic planning process, participants needed to focus on substance and results, not labels and terminology.
- the City Commission and City Administration would need to make some very difficult decisions during the strategic planning process.

*Commissioner Miller arrived at 9:11 a.m.

City Manager Collard enumerated the following purposes for the meeting:

- to establish a dialogue regarding the City's strategic plan
- to discuss issues of fiscal stability, capacity, and collaboration
- to clarify roles and responsibilities for City Manager and City Commission in the strategic planning process.
- to discuss processes for conflict resolution

City Manager Collard reviewed a flow chart regarding the City's strategic planning process and a graph comparing the effect of an annualized budget process over the next five years to the implementation of a five-year fiscal plan. City Manager Collard suggested the City Commission adopt and follow a five year fiscal plan, as implementing such a plan would reduce by an estimated 40% the total number of necessary reductions in staff and work units over the next five years. A copy of the flowchart and graph were included with the papers for this meeting.

Discussion of the
City's Strategic
Plan (cont'd)

City Manager Collard reviewed the five strategic focus areas in *Blueprint for Action 2001-2003: A Strategic Plan for the City of Kalamazoo*. City Manager Collard reported the major accomplishments in the focus areas over the past five years and illustrated how City Commissioners' individual priorities aligned themselves under the focus areas. A copy of City Manager Collard's Powerpoint presentation was included with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioners noted several important changes had taken place since 2001, including a reduction in the size of Pfizer's workforce and campus in downtown Kalamazoo, the erosion of the City's resource base, and the announcement of the Kalamazoo Promise. Discussion followed regarding the process for molding and shaping *Blueprint for Action 2001-2003* into an up-to-date strategic plan.

City Manager Collard explained he was willing to receive suggestions for changes to *Blueprint for Action 2001-2003* immediately, but his expectation was that City Commissioners would provide feedback to him in the upcoming weeks following after being able to reflect on the presentation and read the original plan carefully. City Manager Collard noted *Blueprint for Action 2001-2003* was a strategic plan and did not take into consideration action plans, tactics, or the financial constraints facing the City.

By consensus the City Commission indicated *Blueprint for Action 2001-2003* was an acceptable framework on which to develop an up-to-date strategic plan and directed the City Manager to include Commissioners' priorities under the existing strategic focus areas as appropriate and to create new focus areas as necessary to accommodate Commissioners' priorities that did not fit under the existing categories.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested that Commissioners receive the City Manager's PowerPoint presentation in worksheet format.

City Manager Collard stated he would send City Commissioners a document containing the strategic focus areas, goals and objectives from 2001, the additions already suggested by City Commissioners, and blank lines for Commissioners to make more additions.

The meeting recess at 10:16 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:26 a.m.

Nancy Ohle from the Michigan Municipal League facilitated a discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the City Manager and City Commission, especially regarding the development and implementation of the strategic plan. Ms. Ohle indicated the CC should implement policy and set boundaries within which the City Manager worked to implement the policy. A copy of Ms. Ohle's PowerPoint presentation was included with the papers for this meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the roles of the City Manager and City Commission. Several Commissioners stated the roles and responsibilities of the City Manager and City Commission overlapped at points.

Discussion of the
City's Strategic
Plan (cont'd)

Ms. Ohle challenged both the City Commission and City Manager to maintain the boundaries between their respective roles and responsibilities.

Commissioner McCann and Vice Mayor Hopewell noted the policing of boundaries between the City Commission and City Manager was an internal process.

In response to a question from Mayor McKinney, City Manager Collard stated the relationship between the City Commission and City Manager was out of balance when efficiency and effectiveness of either party suffered because too much energy was being expended to deal with friction in the relationship.

Ms. Ohle stated the City Commission needed to establish criteria for goal setting rather than relying on what City Commissioners and stakeholders perceived to be important. Ms. Ohle reviewed conflict resolution strategies and urged the City Commission to not compromise but to balance its reaction issues according to the City's need to assert itself and its responsibility to advocate for the community. Ms. Ohle reviewed communication strategies for the strategic planning process.

The meeting recessed at 11:25 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:43 p.m.

City Manager Collard distributed a timeline and reviewed the next steps in the development of a strategic management plan. A copy of the proposed timeline was included with the papers for this meeting.

Mayor McKinney stated the City Commission would need to commit to more work sessions to meet the City Manager's timeline.

City Manager Collard expressed support for utilizing City Commission sub-committees to facilitate interaction and effective communication between the City Administration, the City Commission and the community during the strategic management process.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema and Mayor McKinney, City Manager Collard clarified the proposed timeline and stated durations for the completion of specific tasks would be defined in a work plan, which would be developed by April 15th. City Manager Collard stated he would continue to clarify the timeline as the strategic management process unfolded.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Ms. Ohle stated Commissioners needed to agree on the motivations behind their goals and objectives so that the City Commission would be able to communicate to the public a clear and unified message regarding the strategic plan.

Mayor McKinney expressed concern that there would be apparent agreement on goals and objectives among Commissioners during the development of the strategic plan, but that differing motivations for supporting those goal and objectives would lead to disagreement and

Citizen Comments

disunity as the City Commission and City Administration attempted to implement specific parts of the plan.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 20, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: March 20, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, March 3, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Cooney.

Review of the
March 6th Regular
Meeting agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2006.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:32 a.m.

Items E-1 and E-2

Regarding Items E-1 and E-2, Public Hearings for PA. 198 tax abatements, Commissioner Anderson noted the most recent issue of the Michigan Municipal Review included an article discussing tax abatements.

Commissioner Balkema suggested the City Commission invite the author of this article to participate in a discussion of tax abatements at an upcoming City Commission Work Session.

Commissioner Cooney suggested Greg LeRoy from Eastern Michigan University also be invited to discuss tax abatements with the City Commission.

Commissioner Miller suggested diversity of viewpoints be a consideration when inviting experts to discuss the tax abatement issue with the City Commission.

Resolution Added to the Regular Agenda

Commissioner Balkema requested that a resolution supporting increased wages and benefits for Home Help Program workers be included on the March 6th meeting agenda. Commissioner Balkema read the proposed resolution and indicated the state legislature would be voting on this item on March 14th.

City Manager Collard reported this resolution, along with several other requests for the City Commission to take positions on issues or legislation, had been referred to City Commission sub-committees.

Commissioner McCann questioned the scope of the City Commission's advocacy role regarding issues and legislation at the state and federal levels. Commissioner McCann noted taking positions on issues and legislation related to state and federal budgets always involved tradeoffs, and the City Commission needed to have a full understanding of the potential impact on other programs if its advocacy was successful.

City Commissioners discussed the City Commission's advocacy role and the process for bringing pending state and federal legislation to the City Commission for official support or opposition.

City Manager Collard noted the difficulty, from a capacity standpoint, of tracking budgets and legislation at both the state and national levels and suggested the City Commission develop a systematic approach to its advocacy role.

Mayor McKinney suggested the City Commission's advocacy be focused on a limited number of over-arching topics or themes such as transportation funding and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Mayor McKinney expressed support for City Manager Collard's recommendation that requests for City Commission support of issues or legislation be referred to City Commission subcommittees.

City Commissioners discussed the Home Help Program resolution and the placement of this item on the March 6th agenda. Commissioners also discussed the process by which Commissioners could place items on meeting agendas

By consensus, the City Commission placed a resolution expressing support for increased wages and health benefits for Home Help Program workers on the March 6th agenda.

In response to a request from Commissioner McCann, City Manager Collard stated he would send Commissioners information about the Home Help Program prior to the March 6th City Commission Meeting.

City Commissioners discussed the proper form and agenda location for the Home Help Program item.

In response to a question from Mayor McKinney, Deputy City Attorney Schau stated there was no essential difference between a proclamation and a resolution.

City Clerk Borling noted that historically, the City Commission had taken positions on issues and legislation through resolutions adopted by a roll call vote. City Clerk Borling stated such resolutions generally appeared on the Regular Agenda.

Mayor McKinney indicated the Home Help Program item would be in the form of a resolution would appear on the Regular Agenda for March 6th.

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Special Event Fee
Waivers

Commissioner Cooney stated the sponsors of the Ethnic Diversity Celebration had requested the City provide services for the event at no charge. Commissioner Cooney expressed support for this event and noted special events contributed to the quality of life in the City.

City Manager Collard described the difficulty in balancing the City's need for revenue with the desire to support and maintain good personal and professional relationships with community organizations. City Manager Collard requested input from the City Commission regarding the waiver of fees for special events in general and the Ethnic Diversity Celebration specifically.

Commissioner Balkema voiced support for a flexible approach to special event fee waivers.

Mayor McKinney stated the City Commission wanted to support as many events and community organizations as possible, and she suggested the Administration develop recommendations for an equitable process to consider fee waivers.

Commissioner Cooney stated the community needed a diversity celebration and suggested the City sponsor such an event if private sponsorship disappeared.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cooney stated the Legislative Committee had received a letter from Jack Urban regarding state funding levels for Metro Transit.

Citizen Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Manuel Moguel, Agape Christian Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

GFOA Awards Presented

Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Mark Stuhldreher presented the following awards to the City on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA): the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher also presented GFOA individual awards to Catherine Lawson and Patsy Moore for their preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the FY2005 Budget, respectively.

Proclamation

Mayor McKinney proclaimed March 12-18, 2006 "Girl Scout Week" in the City of Kalamazoo. Members of Girl Scout Troop 464 and Scout Leader Jonna Brigham were present to accept the proclamation.

Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Balkema requested that Item G-1, liquor license transfer to 411 North Westnedge Avenue, be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda.

Communications

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

Public Hearing re: an IFT Certificate for Sweet Manufacturing

At 7:14 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to approve the application from Sweet Manufacturing, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$268,225 and \$32,553 in new personal property in existing Industrial Development District No. 89 located at 3421 South Burdick Street.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-23
Approving an IFT
Certificate for
Sweet
Manufacturing

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the application from Sweet Manufacturing, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$268,225 and \$32,553 in new personal property in existing Industrial Development District No. 89 located at 3421 South Burdick Street.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

Public Hearing re:
an IFT Certificate
for Cytec
Industries

At 7:16 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to approve the application from Cytec Industries, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$12,309,000 and \$5,285,000 in new personal property in existing Industrial Development District No. 6 located at 2715 Miller Road.

At 7:17 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-24
Approving an IFT
Certificate for
Cytec Industries

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the application from Cytec Industries, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$12,309,000 and \$5,285,000 in new personal property in existing Industrial Development District No. 6 located at 2715 Miller Road.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

The following citizens described the challenges of being homeless, expressed frustration about the policies and rules in place at local shelters and service agencies, provided examples of discrimination against the homeless by local businesses and Public Safety Officers, and urged the City Commission to adopt a local human rights ordinance:

Michael Robertson, 2179 Lovebird Court in the City of Portage
Tracy Mathews, 1200 Academy Street
Dawn Gardiner, no address
Max Conrad, 111 Wilrad Court
Matthew Yokum, 1705 Henley in the City of Portage
Brendan Sharpe, 448 North Burdick Street,
April Shugars, 2108 Sunnyside Drive Apt. A6 in Kalamazoo Township

Jane Dudley, 10521 Cora Drive in the City of Portage
 Adriana Rosas, 2179 Lovebird Court in the City of Portage
 Wade Allen, 448 North Burdick Street
 Emily Jones, 1229 Little Drive Apt. C308
 Lisa Ann Mary Kelly, 2203 Mt. Olivet Road Apt. 1
 LoriAnne Fuller, no address
 Miles (last name unavailable), 1200 Academy Street
 Beth Lewis, 440 North Church Street

Monica Westover, 2130 Stevens Avenue, discussed problems she had experinced with the Public Safety Department.

Leonard Marcilous, 9728 West G Avenue in Alamo Township, described problems he was having with the Community Planning and Development Department and the Dangerous Buildings Board regarding his property at 1014 North Pitcher Street. Mr. Marcilous explained he did not have the funds to rehabilitate this home and and expressed concern about the prospect of losing his property. Mr. Marcilous urged the City Commission to provided assistance for property owners wanting to rehabilitate their homes.

Jordan-Woods, Director of the Northside Association for Communtiy Development (NACD) at 612 North Park Street, announced the Kalamazoo Public School District was partnering with NACD to provide assistance for residents who were studying to take the GED exam. Ms. Jordan-Woods reported three families had received new windows through the the NACD weatherization program.

Thomas Brown, 2429 Monterey Circle in Kalamazoo Township, expressed support for a local human rights oridinance and requested that the City Commission take action regarding a petition submitted in November 2005 for the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park.

The meeting recessed at 8:12 p.m.
 The meeting resumed at 8:23 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

Resolution 06-25

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** recognizing the Douglass Community Association as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

Resolution 06-26

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to vacate the west 99 feet of W. Butler Court, located east of N. Park Street.
- a recommendation to approve a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 721 and 935 Hawley, to Vicki Alexander in consideration of \$9,436.86 in payment of foreclosed 1999 through 2004 taxes.

- a recommendation to approve a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 1331 Krom, to Floradel Walker in consideration of \$1,583.71 in payment of foreclosed 1991 through 1996 taxes.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a "Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit" allowing Merit Network, Inc. to place certain fiber optic lines within the City's rights-of-way.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Resolution 06-27
Approving a Liquor
License Transfer
to 411 North
Westnedge Ave.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to transfer a 2006 Resort Class C License with an Official Food Permit from Harold R. and Mary L. Noa and James W. Boyd in Gaylord, Michigan to Nuns on Trampolines that will be located at 411 North Westnedge Kalamazoo, Michigan.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5-2.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: Commissioner Balkema, Mayor McKinney

Prior to a vote on this motion, Commissioner Balkema questioned why the liquor license applicant had applied for both a Class C and an SDM license, which permitted the sale of alcohol for consumption off-premises.

Public Safety Chief Dan Weston explained the Michigan Liquor Control Commission allowed businesses to apply for multiple licenses at a single location.

Marty Spaulding, the license applicant and proprietor of the Metro Bar-B-Que, distributed sample menus to City Commissioner and described his establishment as a diner/lunch counter/neighborhood bar. Mr. Spaulding explained he applied for an SDM license for the convenience of take-out customers and indicated he did not expect to realize much revenue from the sale of alcohol for consumption off-premises.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hopewell, Mr. Spaulding indicated the Metro Bar-B-Que was scheduled to open at the end of April.

Resolution 06-28
re: the Home Help
Program

Mattie Jordan-Woods, 902 West Paterson Street, expressed support for the Metro Bar-B-Que but opposition to the granting of a license that would permit the sale of alcohol for consumption off-premises.

Kevin Ford, 622 West Ransom Street, expressed opposition to the granting of a license that would permit Metro Bar-B-Que to sell alcohol for consumption off-premises.

Commissioner Cooney asked Mr. Spaulding to meet with neighborhood representatives to discuss their concerns related to the sale of alcohol for off-premise consumption.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** in support of the Home Help Program.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Prior to a vote on this motion, Commissioner Balkema thanked the City Commission for adding this item to the agenda at the March 3rd Committee of the Whole meeting. Commissioner Balkema noted the importance of the Home Help program and reported she had testified recently before a Michigan Senate Subcommittee on this issue.

Commissioner McCann expressed support for the resolution but stated he would have appreciated more time to review and consider the issue.

Vice Mayor Hopewell expressed support for the resolution but expressed concern about the City Commission's process for selecting advocacy issues.

Ordinance 1798
re: the Employee
Retirement System

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** which amends various sections within Article X of Chapter 2, the City's Employee Retirement System.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1799
re: Rates for Water
Service

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend certain sections of Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for water service. The ordinance amends Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for water service. The ordinance amends Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances to increase water service revenues by 4.5%, effective March 16, 2006.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported the following items:

- The City Commission received as informational the 2005 Annual Reports from the following boards and commissions:
 - Community Relations Board
 - Dangerous Buildings Board
 - Pension Board
 - Perpetual Care Investment Committee
 - Retirement System Investment Committee

- The City Commission receives as informational minutes of the following advisory boards and commissions:
 - Dangerous Buildings Board
 - January 5, 2006

 - Friends of Recreation Board
 - January 24, 2006

 - Historic Preservation Commission
 - December 13, 2005
 - January 10, 2006

 - Housing Board of Appeals
 - December 8, 2005
 - January 26, 2006

 - Investment Committee of the Retirement System
 - February 15, 2006

 - Pension Board
 - February 22, 2006

 - Perpetual Care Investment Committee
 - February 15, 2006

 - Planning Commission
 - January 5, 2006

 - Zoning Board of Appeals
 - January 12, 2006

- The following special event requests were approved in the month of February:
 - A request from Bethany Christian Services to use Spring Valley Park on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a 5K Fun Run.
 - A request from "Eagle Take Flight" Soaring Nationwide for Arts and Crafts to use Milham Park on Saturday, June 24, 2006 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the annual "Eagle Take Flight" Arts & Crafts Fair.
 - A request from Kalamazoo Institute of the Arts to use Bronson Park and city streets on Friday, June 2, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday June 3, 2006 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual KIA Art Fair. The approval includes the closure of Academy and South Streets between Park and Rose Streets.
 - A request from the Kalamazoo County Veterans Association to use city streets on Monday, May 29, 2006 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for the annual Memorial Day Parade.
 - A request from Borgess Health Alliance to use Spring Valley Park and city streets on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. for the Borgess Run for the Health of It.
 - A request from Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI) to close Edwards Street between Water Street and Kalamazoo Avenue in conjunction with the following events being held at the Arcadia Festival Site:

Dionysos Greek Festival	May 31 to June 4
Island Fest	June 22-25
Kalamazoo Blues Festival	July 6-9
Taste of Kalamazoo	July 19-23
Black Arts Festival	July 27 - 30
Ribfest	August 2-6
Irish Festival	September 22-24
 - A request from the Irish-American Club to use city streets on Saturday, March 18, 2006 beginning at 11:00 a.m. for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard distributed a letter from Congressman Fred Upton regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the FY2007 federal budget.

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Balkema encouraged citizens to attend the annual Home Expo at the Midlink Business Park from March 8-10, 2006. Commissioner Balkema described the ministry of the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission and noted the mission was funded by private donations, not public dollars. Commissioner Balkema expressed condolences to Public Safety Officers Steve Ouding and Greg Cordes on the recent deaths of their father and wife, respectively. Commissioner Balkema encouraged citizens to participate in the Recycle for Warmth Program and stated the Miller Road Transfer Station at 2606 Miller Road was accepting newspapers for the program.

Commissioner Anderson stated homelessness was an issue faced by every urban area and Kalamazoo was a regional center for services for homeless and low-income individuals. Commissioner Anderson reviewed several factors that had led to an increase in homelessness in recent years, including urban renewal efforts and changes funding for housing programs. Commissioner Anderson reported that he, Commissioner Cooney, City Manager Collard, City Attorney Kirk and Public Safety Chief Dan Weston had met with representatives from the Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN) two times and had informed them that a local human rights ordinance was not enforceable. Commissioner Anderson reported he and Commissioner Cooney were working with City staff and KHAN to develop a comprehensive package of services and an immediate response plan to supplement the array of services for homeless individuals already available in the community.

Commissioner Cooney stated the pain felt by homeless people was real, as was the discrimination they experienced because of their economic status. Commissioner Cooney noted City policy required employees to treat citizens respectfully and provide services in an equitable manner. Commissioner Cooney suggested the City explore the possibility of mediating complaints of discrimination through the Community Relations Board or a similar board or commission.

Vice Mayor Hopewell reported the Promise Subcommittee was developing immediate, intermediate, and long-term opportunities for supporting the Kalamazoo Promise. Vice Mayor Hopewell noted the City already supported the Promise in the following ways: a Community Police Officer was stationed at Loy Norrix High School; the City funded the Kalamazoo Communities in Schools Foundation; and the City funded an expanded summer youth employment program. Vice Mayor Hopewell suggested the City consider the following actions for the near future: develop ways to encourage parents of KPS students within the City organization; work with employers to help them support employees with KPS students; consider the use of CDBG funds for affordable housing; advocate for the passage of the school millage question on the May ballot; and continue discussions with surrounding jurisdictions and Southwest Michigan First regarding job creation and retention strategies.

Mayor McKinney thanked City Commissioners for reporting on their committee assignments. Mayor McKinney explained the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required all urban communities to develop a 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and stated the Kalamazoo County Continuum of Care group was developing this plan for Kalamazoo. Mayor McKinney highlighted opportunities for citizens to help reduce heating costs for low-income households, including the Recycling for Warmth Program and the weatherization program sponsored by NACD.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A work session of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney*
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hopewell

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

*At 7:01 p.m. Mayor McKinney left the meeting and did not return.

Discussion of City
Healthcare
Benefits

City Manager Collard reviewed a graph that compared an annual budgeting process to the implementation of a five-year fiscal plan. A copy of this graph was included with the papers for this meeting.

Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Mark Stuhldreher narrated a PowerPoint Presentation entitled *Health Plan Update*. Prior to beginning this presentation, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher reported the City spent \$12-13 million per year on healthcare for current and retired City employees. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher explained the City's higher-than-average per-employee cost for healthcare was a direct result of the City's lower-than-average per-employee contribution for healthcare. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was included with the papers for this meeting.

In response to questions from Commissioner Cooney and Commissioner Balkema, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher explained the City was self-insured because it was less expensive to pay the actual costs for healthcare services rather than pay insurance premiums to a company that was attempting to make a profit.

City Manager Collard pointed out the annual increases in the City's healthcare costs averaged approximately 15% per year over past four years.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, City Manager Collard stated the City was not able to increase healthcare premiums and co-payments for retirees because of contractual agreements.

Assistant Human Resources and Labor Relations Director Jerome Post compared and contrasted the City's new PPO healthcare plan with former plans and reviewed the City's strategies for containing healthcare costs. Assistant Human Resources and Labor Relations Director Post reported

Discussion of City
Healthcare
Benefits (cont'd)

the City was beginning to explore options for the development of wellness programs.

In response to question from Commissioner Balkema, Assistant Human Resources and Labor Relations Director Post stated the City's insurance plan covered procedures if they were medically necessary.

In response to questions from Commissioner McCann and Commissioner Balkema, Assistant Human Resources and Labor Relations Director Post stated the City's insurance plan covered the drug Viagra as well as contraceptives.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Assistant Human Resources and Labor Relations Director Post stated the new PPO health insurance plan offered City employees an expanded pool of in-network doctors compared to previous insurance plans.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Assistant Human Resources and Labor Relations Director Post explained the City's stop loss/catastrophic illness insurance policy became effective when an employee incurred health care expenses of more than is \$100,000 for a single incident.

Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher presented an overview of retiree health care costs and explained that changes in accounting practices would require the City to include its retiree healthcare liability on the balance sheets in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) beginning with the reports for FY2007. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher reported the City's unfunded retiree healthcare liability as of December 31, 2005 was \$146.6 million, which would require annual payments of \$14.135 million to begin funding the system according to actuarial requirements.

In response to questions from City Commissioners, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated the City's options for dealing with its unfunded retiree healthcare liability included: continuing to pay for the liability on an annual basis; making deposits to a trust fund like the City's pension fund, which would allow the City to realize investment income; and borrowing money to completely fund the retiree healthcare liability. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher noted the last option was currently available for pension systems, but changes in state law would be necessary for municipal governments to borrow funds for retiree healthcare. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher also stated it was possible to transfer a portion of the pension fund to a separate fund designated for retiree healthcare. However, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher noted the current value of the City's pension fund generated investment income that paid the pension system's annual Normal Costs.

Commissioner Miller noted the importance of having all City employees on the same insurance plan and the need to modify the City's insurance plan so that Medicare was the primary insurance for qualifying retirees.

Commissioner Cooney stated the high cost of healthcare and the large number of uninsured individuals were national problems that required a national solution.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Manager Collard stated he did not know whether an increase in the number of healthcare plan subscribers through a consolidation of benefit plans with Kalamazoo County would lead to reduced healthcare costs for either entity.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Thomas Brown, 2429 Monterey Circle in the City of Parchment, announced the American Indian Movement (AIM) was sponsoring a rally in Bronson Park on Monday, April 3rd to express support for the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park. Mr. Brown stated AIM had issued a national call for participation in the rally and noted participants would proceed to City Hall following the rally to attend the City Commission meeting. Mr. Brown requested that the Fountain of the Pioneers issue be placed on the April 3rd meeting agenda.

Commissioner Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioner Comments, but no comments were offered.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, March 17, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Sean McCann

Also present were Acting Assistant City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner
Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner McCann and Vice Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the
March 20th
Meeting Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2006.

Commissioner Miller noted she would be absent from the Special Meeting on March 20th but present at the Regular Meeting.

Mayor McKinney noted Commissioner Balkema and Vice Mayor Hopewell would be absent from both the Regular and Special Meetings on March 20th.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2006.

Item G-5

Regarding Item G-5, acceptance of a Kalamazoo Community Foundation grant for the YES! Campaign, Mayor McKinney requested that this item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

City Commissioners requested that Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell be prepared to answer questions regarding this agenda item.

Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Mark Stuhldreher announced an article would appear in the Kalamazoo Gazette on Sunday, March 19th regarding the effect of Pfizer's downtown campus restructuring on the tax revenue received for the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher reported the reduced taxable value of Pfizer's downtown properties would result in the loss of approximately \$850,000 in TIF revenues for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) beginning in FY2007. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher also reported the City would realize a revenue increase of approximately \$500,000 in FY2006 due to differences between the method for calculating the amount of taxable value subject to TIF capture as set forth in Kalamazoo's local TIF

agreement and the method for making this calculation as established in state statute.

In response to a question from Mayor McKinney, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated revenue loss to community was greater than \$850,000 as other taxing units experienced lost revenue due to the revaluation of the Pfizer properties.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated the potential for conflict between provisions of the local TIF agreement and state statute had been recognized shortly after the local agreement was approved and implemented. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher explained the conflict between the TIF agreement and state statute surfaced because, for the first time in Kalamazoo, the taxable value subject to TIF capture as calculated under the TIF agreement exceeded the taxable value subject to TIF capture as calculated under state statute.

In response to questions from Commissioner Balkema, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher reported the DDA used TIF funds for three main purposes: to make lease payments to the City's Building Authority for the properties in the parking system; to subsidize the annual operations of the parking system, and to fund discretionary programs such as downtown maintenance and façade improvement programs. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher expressed confidence that the DDA would be able to make its lease payments to the Building Authority despite the loss of TIF revenue.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated the new movie theatre/residential/retail/parking ramp project would increase the tax roll in the TIF district, but the TIF revenues collected from this development project were dedicated to the debt service on the new parking ramp.

Addition of Item K-1

Acting Assistant City Manager Barnett-Moore stated consideration of a *Draft Plan to Address Downtown Homelessness* would be added to the agenda under the Policy Items.

Commissioner Anderson reviewed the background and process for the development of the Draft Plan and noted this initiative was a small piece of larger 10-year plan to end homelessness being developed by Kalamazoo County. Commissioner Anderson stated this agenda item was a report from the ad-hoc Committee on Homelessness, and he indicated the City Commission was not being asked to take action on specific elements of the plan at this time.

Commissioner Miller expressed opposition to the Draft Plan and stated the County, not the City, needed to address issues related to homelessness. Commissioner Miller expressed concern about the

amount of financial and human resources the City would expend on this project.

Commissioner Anderson stated homelessness was a City problem. Commissioner Anderson noted street homelessness in Kalamazoo County, and the community resources that served the homeless population, were centered in downtown Kalamazoo. Commissioner Anderson stated the Draft Plan was not duplicating the work being done by the County, and he explained one of the goals of the plan was to pinpoint two or three concrete actions that could be implemented in the very near future.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues, but no issues were discussed.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Don Cooney*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Mary Balkema
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Lack of a Quorum Recognized

Mayor McKinney noted the lack of a quorum and indicated Commissioners' absences would not be excused as the lack of a quorum prevented the members present from taking official action.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Neighborhood Communications

Mayor McKinney, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Cooney received communications from the following neighborhood representatives:

- Oakwood Neighborhood Association
Gary Wager, President
Cheryl Lord, Executive Director
- Arcadia Neighborhood Association
Bob Totten, Board Director
Rex Bruedggeman, Board Director
- Parker-Duke Association
Charles Heller, President
Rosie Furr, Secretary/Treasurer

Citizen and Commissioner Comments

An opportunity was given for citizen comments and miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson*
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Balkema
Vice Mayor Hopewell

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioner Balkema, Commissioner Anderson, and Vice Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Anderson arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Jogi Singh Uppal, Representative for Sikh Religion, Southwest Michigan, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of
Guests

Mayor McKinney and Jennifer Lang of Colleagues International introduced Mr. Elio Ramondini, Deputy Prosecutor, Milan Court in Italy.

Jeff Hawkins, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council for the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, presented the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce Environmental Award to the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA). Susan Einspahr, Chair of the BRA, was present to receive the award.

Adoption of the
Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda without changes.

Communications

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

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Thomas Brown, 2429 Monterey Circle in Kalamazoo Township, expressed support for the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park and requested there be a public hearing on this issue at the Regular City Commission Meeting on Monday, April 3, 2006. Mr. Brown announced there would be a rally in Bronson Park prior to the City Commission meeting and noted the American Indian Movement (AIM) had called for a national response to the statue.

Mike Adams, 3625 Douglas Avenue and President of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local #2775, spoke regarding the retirement age and years-of-service requirements for AFSCME members employed by the City.

Ronald Webb, 4022 Jody Lane, invited City Commissioners to attend the American Humanics Student Association Nonprofit Awards Dinner on April 13, 2006. A written invitation distributed by Mr. Webb was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a three-year contract with Alexander Chemical Corporation for the purchase of fluorosilic acid in the amount of \$183,060.
- a recommendation to approve a one-year contract extension with Statler Concrete & Supply Company for ready mixed concrete to be used for roadway, sidewalk, and other construction project needs in the amount of \$106,585.

Resolution 06-29

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$370,000 for the Upjohn Park Redevelopment Project.
- a recommendation to accept \$10,867.50 of Homeland Security Grant funding for the Department of Public Safety to enhance data transfer software in the Kalamazoo Integrated Dispatch Center.
- a recommendation to approve the following appointments and re-appointments to advisory boards and commissions:
 - the reappointment of Shirley Ann Coleman as the Stuart Area Restoration Association representative on the Community Development Act Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring on March 31, 2009.
 - the reappointment of Charley Coss as a member-at-large on the Community Development Act Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring on March 31, 2009.
 - the appointment of Jennifer Clay Mills as a member-at-large on the Community Development Act Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring on March 31, 2009.
 - the reappointment of Mary Brown to the Friends of Recreation Board for a three-year term expiring on March 1, 2009.

- the appointment of Ian Robert Kennedy to the Friends of Recreation Board for a three-year term expiring on March 1, 2009.
- the reappointment of Maureen Krause to the Friends of Recreation Board for a three-year term expiring on March 1, 2009.
- the appointment of Lee Stuart to the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association Board of Governors for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2008.
- the appointment of James R. Kneen to the Planning Commission for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2008.
- a recommendation to approve minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Special Meetings of November 28, 2005, January 9, February 13, February 20, and February 25, 2006; and the Regular Meetings of January 30, February 6, and February 20, 2006.
- a recommendation to hold for consideration until April 3, 2006 the sale of 1339 Krom Street, 1716 North Rose Street, 1718 North Rose Street, and 1719 North Burdick Street by Kalamazoo Northside Nonprofit Housing Corporation to Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity.
- a recommendation to hold for consideration until April 3, 2006 the conveyance of 604 Gilbert Avenue and 913 Hawley Street to Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

YES! Campaign
Grants Accepted
and Contract with
YOU Approved

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve a recommendation to accept grants from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation (\$24,000) and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation (\$90,000) to help support the "YES! Campaign" and, approve a contract with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, a division of Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency in the amount of \$180,000 for the oversight and management of the Youth Summer Employment Program, a component of the "YES! Campaign."

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Prior to a vote on this motion, Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell described the various programs included in the YES! Campaign and noted the grants from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation would fund aspects of all three programs under this initiative.

Commissioner McCann thanked City staff and community organizations for collaborating to expand the summer youth programs in 2006.

Ordinance to Rezone 1603-1611 East Alcott Offered for First Reading and Public Hearing Scheduled

Commissioner Miller offered for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone 1603-1611 East Alcott Street from Zone M-2 (Manufacturing – General District) to Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling) district.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to schedule a public hearing for April 3, 2006 to receive citizen comments regarding an ORDINANCE to rezone 1603-1611 East Alcott Street from Zone M-2 (Manufacturing – General District) to Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling) district.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard provided information sharing items which included: a Report on the City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement System for period ending December 31, 2005; the Interim Financial Report for period ending January 31, 2006; and the February 2006 Purchasing Report.

City Manager Collard commended the Retirement System Investment Committee for the Pension Fund's excellent long-term performance.

Commissioner Miller noted the General Fund experienced tremendous savings on an annual basis because the retirement system was over-funded.

Draft Plan to Address Downtown Homelessness

Commissioner Anderson presented a Draft Plan to Address Downtown Homelessness and described the process by which the plan was developed. Commissioner Anderson stated the Homelessness Sub-Committee was recommending the City Commission take no further action regarding a local human rights ordinance. Commissioner Anderson invited the Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN) to select a representative to participate in a collaborative process to address homelessness.

Draft Plan to
Address
Downtown
Homelessness
(cont'd)

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to endorse the "Draft Plan to Address Downtown Homelessness" and authorize Commissioners Cooney and Anderson to develop a collaborative effort to address the issue of homelessness in Kalamazoo as outlined in the plan.

With a roll call vote this motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, McCann, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: Commissioner Miller

Prior to a vote on this motion, the City Commission received the following citizen comments:

Craig Jones, no address, asked the City Commission to help homeless people in Kalamazoo.

Jonathan Braun, 620 Academy Street Apt. A, read two letters to the editor regarding homelessness from the March 15, 2006 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette.

Brendan Sharpe, 448 North Burdick Street, stated homeless individuals in Kalamazoo were not requesting special rights or special status, but basic human rights. Mr. Sharpe expressed disagreement with City Attorney Kirk's opinion that the local human rights ordinance was unenforceable.

Dawn Gardiner, no address, spoke about the challenges of living as a homeless people.

LoriAnne Tennison, no address, expressed support for a local human rights ordinance and stated charity without justice created and promoted poverty. Ms. Tennison stated members of the Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN) would work with City officials to implement the Draft Plan, but this cooperation did not eliminate the need for a local human rights ordinance.

Kimberly Roberts, no address, stated homelessness was a label and explained her daughter was taken away from her because she was labeled "homeless." Ms. Roberts stated not all homeless people were drug addicts or alcoholics. Ms. Roberts stated she had not been able to get a job because of her appearance and because she lived at the Gospel Mission.

Josh Scoon, no address, stated low income and homeless people faced discrimination every day. Mr. Scoon noted citizens in Kalamazoo and around the country contributed funds to victims of Hurricane Katrina, but the citizens of Kalamazoo were not willing to raise funds to end homelessness in their own town.

Max Conrad, 111 Wilrad Court, described how Public Safety Officers (PSO) discriminated against homeless people by viewing them with unwarranted suspicion when investigating crimes.

Draft Plan to
Address
Downtown
Homelessness
(cont'd)

Mike Kilbourne, 419 South Park Street, asked that City Commissioners refrain from making inflammatory statements regarding homeless people and indicated KHAN's attorney's had stated a local human rights ordinance was enforceable. Mr. Kilbourne stated KHAN would continue to lobby for such an ordinance.

Shelly Dungey, 448 North Burdick Street, stated homeless people received moldy and spoiled food at the Gospel Mission and other agencies, and elderly and disabled individuals were required to do chores at the shelters.

Reverend Ray Harwood, stated individuals with felonies on their records faced discrimination when trying to find jobs and housing because of their criminal records. Reverend Harwood suggested allowing homeless individuals to own and rehabilitate abandoned houses.

Ronald Webb, 4022 Jody Lane, noted the largest segment of the homeless population was disabled veterans.

Alice Burris, 615 Phillips Street, noted many homeless people were not able to obtain jobs or housing because of felonies on their criminal records.

Wade Allen, 440 North Church Street, thanked Commissioners Cooney and Anderson for inviting members of KHAN to participate in the collaborative effort to address homelessness in the downtown area. Mr. Allen suggested that the City work with providers of services for homeless people.

Jane Dudley, 10521 Cora Drive, indicated Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor both had local human rights ordinances and stated the homelessness subcommittee should have discussed the Draft Plan with homeless people.

John McNaughton, 2910 Bronson Boulevard, described homelessness in various countries and the measures other countries had taken to address this issue.

Lisa Ann Mary Kelly, 2204 Mt. Olivet Road #1, spoke of social injustice in Kalamazoo and expressed support for a local human rights ordinance.

Phil Bassett, 1301 Blakeslee Avenue, stated the Draft Plan did not treat members of KHAN with respect and as equals. Mr. Bassett asked for a second legal opinion regarding the enforceability of a local human rights ordinance.

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3, stated not all homeless people used drugs, or were alcoholics. Ms. Lewis stated her apartment had been invaded several times in the past few weeks.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Anderson stated the Draft Plan complimented the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness being developed at the county level.

Commissioner Miller expressed concern about the lack of financial and human resources to develop and implement the Draft Plan and questioned whether the Draft Plan was duplicating the work being done by the County. Commissioner Miller expressed concerns about the following elements of the Draft Plan: the creation of public restrooms (item C5), the provision of an evening meal (item C9) and accommodating the need for overnight camping (item C11).

Mayor McKinney noted the complexity of problems in American cities. Mayor McKinney indicated every urban area in the United States was developing a 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness under the direction of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). However, Mayor McKinney stated, resources would not be available to meet all the needs identified in those plans.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Franklin Carl Thompson, 1205 Wayside Drive in Kalamazoo Township, commended Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Balkema for developing the Recycling for Warmth program.

Charles Reid, 528 Garneau Hall, stated it was unusual for cities to contract with private companies for the enforcement of parking regulations, and he expressed concern about the effect of aggressive parking enforcement on small businesses.

Lori Ann Tennison, no address, stated she had participated in the development of the Kalamazoo County 10-year Plan to End Homelessness but had not received a copy of the draft plan.

Michael Rader, 428 South Westnedge, announced the organization 20/20 Vision was sponsoring a conference regarding energy conservation entitled *The Power Shift*. Mr. Radar stated the conference would take place on April 1, 2006 at Western Michigan University (WMU) and noted Jim Wolsey, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), would be a keynote speaker.

Michael Robertson, 2179 Lovebird Court in the City of Portage, asked the City Commission to support the Pow Wow at WMU on April 1st and 2nd.

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3, spoke regarding her heritage.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner McCann noted the death of Oshtemo Township Trustee Ted Corakis.

Commissioner Cooney noted the 3rd anniversary of the beginning of the war in Iraq and described the financial and human costs of the war. Commissioner Cooney stated the Kalamazoo Non-violent Opponents of War (KNOW) would be presenting a petition to the City Commission for the adoption of a resolution opposing the war in Iraq. Commissioner

Cooney announced Punntatine Greenhouse would be speaking at Sangren Hall on WMU's campus at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday March 23rd regarding her experience as high-level purchasing agent for the Department of Defense.

Commissioner Anderson stated the City of Kalamazoo contributed more resources to assist low and moderate-income residents than the other governmental entities in Kalamazoo County. Commissioner Anderson announced the Kalamazoo County Continuum of Care group received a grant of \$860,000 from HUD to address issues of homelessness and transitional housing in Kalamazoo.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk
For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, March 31, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner
Excused

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

Review of the April
3rd Meeting
Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Item G-1

Regarding Item G-1, a contract with Hazelhoff Builders, Inc. for the construction of a new salt storage building, City Manager Collard distributed and reviewed a memo concerning the consolidation of the public works facilities on Hatfield Street and Stockbridge Avenue and the subsequent sale of the Hatfield Street property.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, City Manager Collard noted page three of the memo contained mathematical errors stated a revised memo would be distributed.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:34 a.m.

Item G-8

Regarding Item G-8, use agreements with the Kalamazoo Kings, Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell reviewed the City's costs related to professional baseball operations at Mayors' Riverfront Park and compared these costs to the Kalamazoo Kings' investments in the community. Parks and Recreation Director Jewell reported the ratio between the value of the Kings' investment in the community and the City's subsidy for the Kings' baseball operations was 14:1, and she recommended the City Commission approve the use, concession and lease agreements.

Items G-11 and G-12

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain explained the difference between the Kalamazoo Northside Nonprofit Housing Corporation (KNNHC) and Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services (KNHS).

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

City Manager Collard noted the next Committee of the Whole Meeting would take place on Thursday, April 13, 2006 due to the Good Friday holiday on April 14th.

City Manager Collard reported Kathy Jessup from the Kalamazoo Gazette had met with Records and Information Manager John Urschel regarding the historical background of the Fountain of the Pioneers in Bronson Park for an upcoming article.

City Manager Collard stated he had received a letter from the Summit on Racism requesting support in the amount of \$25,000 over the next 18 months. City Manager Collard indicated previous contributions had been made from the City Commission's Contingency Fund, but a determination had not been made regarding the funding source for the current request. City Manager Collard reported he was aware of other community organizations that would be submitting funding requests and expressed his intention to present all requests to the City Commission for consideration as one item.

Commissioner Balkema requested that the City Commission receive information regarding the mission statements, goals, and objectives of the organizations making funding requests.

Commissioner Cooney stated the City would be receiving funding requests for several summer youth programs and noted he would distribute a report to Commissioners providing details about these programs.

Mayor McKinney disclosed she was on the Steering Committee for the Summit on Racism and stated the Committee had also sent a request for funding to Kalamazoo County.

City Commissioners discussed the criteria and process for approving program funding requests submitted outside the City's budget adoption process.

Commissioner McCann stated the City Commission Contingency Fund was designed for emergencies and unexpected needs. Commissioner McCann expressed concern that community organizations would begin viewing the City as another "foundation" and the Contingency Fund as a source of regular funding.

Commissioner Hopewell noted the process for allocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds was very deliberate and competitive, and he suggested that community organizations submit funding requests for similar consideration during the budget development and adoption process.

Commissioner Hopewell left at 8:04 a.m.

City Manager Collard stated he was preparing a letter to area legislators regarding Community Development Block Grant funding reductions and stated he would distribute a draft of this letter to City Commissioners for review and comment.

In response to question from Commissioner Anderson, City Manager Collard reported the potential sale of parkland in the Parkdale Plat was being reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

Mayor McKinney suggested the City Commission send letters of reply to citizens who had sent correspondence regarding the Parkdale Plat issue.

City Attorney Kirk indicated the two lawsuits on the City Clerk's Report for April 3rd had been resolved.

Commissioner McCann noted City Commissioners would be receiving invitations to a dinner sponsored by the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Council on Friday April 21st.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Barbara Miller

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Balkema moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Miller. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Mark Justice, Friendship Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McKinney noted the presence of Kalamazoo County Commissioner Jeff Balkema.

Proclamation

Mayor McKinney proclaimed April 2006 Fair Housing Month. Pat Winston, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan, was present to accept the proclamation. Ms. Winston announced a Fair Housing Conference would take place on April 11th in Benton Harbor.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda without changes.

Communications

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

Public Hearing re: the Rezoning of 1603-1611 East Alcott

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt an ORDINANCE to rezone 1603-1611 East Alcott from Zone M-2 (Manufacturing – General District) to Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District).

John Brown, 3806 South Burdick Street, spoke in favor of the rezoning request.

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 1800 Rezoning 1603-1611 East Alcott

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 1603-1611 East Alcott from Zone M-2 (Manufacturing – General District) to Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District). This ordinance was effective on April 14, 2006.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Tony Kaufman, 5884 East P Avenue in Pavilion Township, spoke in opposition to the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park. Mr. Kaufman stated the fountain was a monument to the holocaust that occurred when the Native Americans were driven off their land and compared this event to the holocaust that occurred in Nazi Germany. Mr. Kaufman suggested an interpretive marker be placed near the Fountain to educate people regarding the event it represented.

Doris McClain, 504 Douglas Avenue, spoke in opposition to the City Commission's Housing Policy, claiming it discriminated against people with low income. Ms. McClain distributed written remarks and copies of the Housing Policy.

Carol Elgie, 409 Woodward Avenue, spoke in opposition to the City Commission's Housing Policy and described housing violations she had received under this policy and the City's Housing Code.

Thomas Brown, 2429 Monterey Circle in Kalamazoo Township, stated the American Indian Movement supported the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park and its placement in a museum. Mr. Brown suggested a statue honoring Native Americans be commissioned to replace the Fountain. Mr. Brown also stated the historical marker near the train station was offensive as it referred to Native American women as "squaws," which meant "whores" in the Potawatomi language. Mr. Brown submitted a petition requesting the removal of the Fountain from Bronson Park and noted 50 people had attended a rally at the Fountain prior to the City Commission Meeting.

Susan McCormick, 2429 Monterey Circle in Kalamazoo Township, suggested the meetings regarding the Fountain of the Pioneers were held in secret so that supporters of the Fountain could "divide and conquer" the opponents of the Fountain. Ms. McCormick stated the stakeholder meeting did not include all interested parties. Ms. McCormick noted the Fountain statue was historically inaccurate and expressed concern that the statue would communicate a message of white supremacy to children. Ms. McCormick distributed a picture intended to depict what victims of abuse saw when they viewed the Fountain.

Don Seaman, 740 Skinner Drive, identified himself as a Native American and spoke in favor of the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park. Mr. Seaman stated the Fountain statue was a constant reminder of the brutality his people had suffered. Mr. Seaman suggested the Fountain be replaced by a medicine wheel.

LoriAnne Tennison, no address, spoke regarding the problems of racism and classism in Kalamazoo and recommended the Fountain of the Pioneers be removed from Bronson Park.

Max Conrad, 111 Wilrad Court, requested the Fountain of the Pioneers be removed from Bronson Park.

Roger Williams, 2316 Union SE in the City of Grand Rapids, stated the Fountain of the Pioneers was harmful and recommended the Fountain statue be removed from Bronson Park and placed in a museum.

David Kinsey, 1910 Cameron Street, spoke in opposition to the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers in Bronson Park and stated the Fountain statue was a remembrance of a brutal event. Mr. Kinsey requested that a plaque honoring the Potawatomi be placed near the statue and that interpretive plaques be placed throughout the park.

Carol Hazelgrove, 2011 Oriole Trail in Long Beach Indiana, noted the *History of Kalamazoo County* published in 1890 described the removal of the Potawatomi as less violent than the removal of Native Americans from other parts of the country. Ms. Hazelgrove spoke in opposition to removal of Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park.

Jon Ballema, 2803 Wellington Road, invited the City Commission to a Oakland/Winchell Neighborhood park clean-up event on April 22nd and asked Commissioners to visit the parks in Parkdale Plat before making a decision to sell these properties. Mr. Ballema stated parkland was scarce and must be preserved.

Zach Greening 517 Davis Street, spoke regarding problems he was experiencing with his neighbors' dogs. Mr. Greening requested that the City Commission adopt an ordinance against dog waste.

Lisa Ann Mary Kelly, 2203 Mt. Olivet Road #1, spoke in support of the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park.

Terry Chiyis, 2020 1 ½ Mile Road in Fulton, suggested interpretive plaques be placed in Bronson Park to better explain the Fountain of the Pioneers. Mr. Chiyis stated the historical marker near the train station was offensive and asked that it be changed.

Larry Ross, 3125 Winchell Avenue, stated his house was located near vacant parcels that had been traversed by Native Americans as part of the Trail of Death. Mr. Ross requested that these parcels and other properties in the City of Kalamazoo be recognized for their historical significance.

Raylene Fitzell, 407 Union Street in the City of Plainwell, spoke in favor of the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park.

Phillip C. Wilson, 6338 Quail Run Drive in Oshtemo Township, discussed the history of the Fountain of the Pioneers and noted he had submitted petitions in opposition to the Fountain's removal from Bronson Park.

Pam O'Conner, 471 West South Street #508, compared the discussion about the Fountain of the Pioneers to the public discussion of the sculpture in front of the Museum of the American Indian in New York City.

John Hilliard, 2009 Sheridan Drive and Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, stated PRAB recommended the Fountain of the Pioneers not be removed from Bronson Park but that interpretive plaques be installed. Mr. Hilliard noted the educational uses of the fountain, especially with regard to the issue of diversity.

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street, stated she interpreted the Fountain of the Pioneers to be a Viking inviting a Native American to board his ship. Ms. Lewis expressed support for the removal of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park due to its deteriorated condition, and she asked that the historical marker near the train station be corrected.

Franklin Carl Thompson, 1205 Wayside Drive, requested that the Fountain of the Pioneers not be removed from Bronson Park.

The meeting recessed at 8:13 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a contract with Hazelhoff Builders Inc. for the construction of a new salt storage building to be located at the Harrison Facility, 1415 Harrison, in the amount of \$354,475.
- a recommendation to approve a three-year term contract with KSS Enterprises for the purchase of custodial supplies for city-wide maintenance in the amount of \$298,566.87.
- a recommendation to approve a contract with Aggregate Industries for the purchase of asphalt paving materials in the amount of \$290,000.
- a recommendation to approve the purchase from Great Lakes International for two 35,000 GVW cabs and chassis to be used for snow and ice control activities as well as street maintenance and repair operations for a total expenditure of \$112,496.

Resolution 06-30

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to approve a chemical storage facility contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation which allows the city to be reimbursed for 25% of the costs associated with building the new Salt Storage Facility at Harrison Facility (1415 Harrison).

Resolution 06-31

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** designating the polling facility locations for the school board candidates and bond issues election to be held May 2, 2006.

- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign, on behalf of the City, a contract to allow Public Safety officers to participate in the Center for Leadership Options for Community Kids (CLOCK) program.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Downtown Development Authority to contract and oversee specific downtown maintenance activities to a private vendor on behalf of the City which includes a payment of \$59,210 to the DDA.
- a recommendation to approve changes to actuarial assumptions utilized for pension fund valuation purposes, as recommended by the Retirement Investment Committee.
- a recommendation to approve the sale of 1339 Krom Street, 1716 North Rose Street, 1718 North Rose Street, and 1719 North Burdick Street by Kalamazoo Northside Nonprofit Housing Corporation to Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity.
- a recommendation to approve the conveyance of 604 Gilbert Avenue and 913 Hawley Street to Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular agenda items were considered next.

Use, Concession, and Lease Agreements with the Kalamazoo Kings

Commissioner Anderson seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to approve Baseball Use, Concession Services, and Building Lease Agreements with Team Kalamazoo, L.L.C. (Kalamazoo Kings).

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Prior to a vote on this motion, Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell summarized the revenue the City would realize from these agreements and highlighted the many contributions the Kalamazoo Kings made to the community.

City Clerk's Report

John Hilliard, 2009 Sheridan Drive, expressed appreciation for the Kalamazoo Kings but recommended the City protect its own interests when entering into agreements with professional sports teams.

City Clerk Borling reported the following items:

- The following lawsuits were received and referred to the City Attorney's Office:
 - Barry G. Marasco v City of Kalamazoo
 - Lawrence Lawson as Purchaser of 832 Hays Park, Kalamazoo v City of Kalamazoo, Community Planning and Development Department

(City Clerk Borling noted the above lawsuits had been resolved.)

- A petition bearing 197 signatures and requesting improvements to the intersection of South Westnedge Avenue and West Crosstown Parkway had been received and referred to the Public Services Department.
- A petition bearing 713 signatures and opposing the removal or destruction of the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park had been referred to the City Administration.
- The City Commission received as informational 2005 Annual Reports from the following boards and commissions:
 - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
 - Community Development Act Advisory Committee
 - Construction Board of Appeals
 - Downtown Development Authority
 - Environmental Concerns Committee
 - Planning Commission
 - Rehabilitation Appeal Board
 - Zoning Board of Appeals
- The City Commission received as informational minutes from the following boards and commissions:
 - Community Development Act Advisory Committee
 - January 12, 2006
 - February 2, 2006
 - March 9, 2006
 - Dangerous Buildings Board
 - February 2, 2006
 - March 9, 2006
 - Friends of Recreation Board
 - February 28, 2006

- Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board
 - January 27, 2006
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - March 7, 2006
- Planning Commission
 - March 2, 2006
- Zoning Board of Appeals
 - February 9, 2006
- The following special events were approved in March 2006:
 - A request from the Kalamazoo Hispanic American Council to use Bronson Park and City sidewalks on Thursday, March 30, 2006 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for a celebration of Cesar Chavez Day.
 - A request from the Greater Kalamazoo United Way to use Bronson Park on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for the Great Lakes Peace Jam “Defining Democracy” event.
 - A request from the Milwood Little League to use City Streets on Saturday, April 29, 2006 beginning at 9:45 a.m. for the Milwood Little League Opening Day Parade.
 - A request from MRC Industries, Inc. to use City streets on Friday June 16 and Saturday, June 17, 2006 for the annual Kalamazoo Klassic and Kids Klassic footraces.

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard stated a meeting of stakeholders had taken place on Monday March 27, 2006 regarding the future of the Fountain of the Pioneers, and the following groups were represented at this meeting: the Gun Lake Tribe of Potowatomi Indians; the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission; Ujima Enterprises; the Kalamazoo YWCA; the Kalamazoo Area Chamber of Commerce; the City of Kalamazoo, and Kalamazoo County. City Manager Collard reported meeting participants agreed on the following points: the status quo (i.e., the continued existence of the Fountain of the Pioneers in Bronson Park with no interpretive aids) was unacceptable; the fountain needed to be preserved, even if the final decision was to remove it from Bronson Park; and any solution needed to be culturally sensitive and acceptable to the stakeholders. City Manager Collard noted sound working relationships, good dialogue, and greater understanding among the participants were fostered at the meeting. City Manager Collard indicated that the Kalamazoo City Attorney's Office and the Kalamazoo County Corporate Counsel had issued a joint report that stated both the Kalamazoo City Commission and the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners would need to approve any significant changes to Bronson Park. City Manager Collard stated notes from the March 27th meeting would be compiled and distributed to meeting participants and other significant stakeholders prior to the scheduling of additional meetings.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, City Manager Collard stated the City Commission would receive a recommendation from the stakeholders and would have an opportunity to consider the issue again.

Vice Mayor Hopewell stated the stakeholders meeting had been enlightening, especially regarding the strength of tribal government. Vice Mayor Hopewell indicated the meeting started with the parties not agreeing on any points and ended with all parties agreeing on some points.

In response to a question from Mayor McKinney, City Attorney Kirk explained the City leased Bronson Park from Kalamazoo County, and as the landlord the County retained the right to approve any significant changes to the property.

City Manager Collard noted representatives from Kalamazoo County participated in the stakeholders meeting.

Mayor McKinney stated people with similar opinions on the Fountain of the Pioneers did not necessarily agree on the action that should be taken regarding the Fountain.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street, spoke in opposition to the privatization of City parks, and she suggested that the Fountain of the Pioneers be altered by raising the statue of the Native American to be the same height as the statue of the pioneer.

Thomas Brown, 2429 Monterey Circle in Kalamazoo Township, stated the burial mound in Bronson Park needed to be designated as a special area and protected from general traffic. Mr. Brown stated art should not be offensive, and the identity of the artist was not an important consideration when considering the future of the Fountain of the Pioneers.

Roger Williams, 2316 Union SE in Grand Rapids, thanked City Manager Collard for his report on the meeting regarding the Fountain of the Pioneers. Mr. Williams noted statues of children were added to the Bronson Park reflecting pool in the 1970's and stated this addition set a precedent for making changes to Iannelli's original design.

Don Seaman, 740 Skinner Drive, explained the name "Kalamazoo" meant "boiling pot" and compared the diversity of ingredients in a boiling pot to the diversity of people in Kalamazoo.

Pat Seaman, 740 Skinner Drive, stated the Fountain of the Pioneers degraded Native Americans and noted the fountain was the only monument in Kalamazoo that depicted the subjugation of an entire people group to the white race.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann noted the Local Preference Purchasing Policy would sunset on April 24, and he requested that the City Commission revisit this policy on April 17th. Commissioner McCann requested that the City Commission officially express opposition to the November statewide ballot proposal, which would eliminate Affirmative Action programs and policies in Michigan.

Commissioner Anderson stated City Commissioners needed to remember they were elected to improve the quality of life in Kalamazoo, and he urged Commissioners to use their time in office to this end.

Commissioner Cooney stated the discussion of the fountain issue was healthy and reminded him of the following points: the importance of remembering the past and the attitudes that led to past atrocities, and the importance of recognizing that such atrocities continue and similar attitudes still exist. Commissioner Cooney urged citizens and public officials to renew their commitment to creating a non-racial society.

Vice Mayor Hopewell apologized to reporter John McNeil for being abrupt in a recent conversation regarding the Fountain of the Pioneers, and he thanked a citizen who called to share her opinion regarding the Fountain.

Mayor McKinney congratulated City Manager Collard for receiving the ICMA-CM certification. Mayor McKinney announced she and city of Portage Mayor Peter Strazdas, and Kalamazoo Township Supervisor Gary Cramer would be hosting a town hall meeting on Saturday April 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Portage City Council Chambers at the Portage City Hall to discuss the Kalamazoo Promise and the potential for the Promise to revitalize the core of Kalamazoo County.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 17, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: April 17, 2006

A work session of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Communications

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

Presentation and Discussion re: the City's Tax Incentive Programs

Acting Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Jerome Kisscorni reviewed and discussed a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Redirected and Abated Tax Incentive Programs*.

In response to question from Commissioner Anderson, Acting Executive Director of the EDC Kisscorni stated Tax Increment Financing (TIF) programs were an example of regional cooperation, and the primary benefit from implementing a TIF program was the ability to capture revenue from other taxing units for development project purposes.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, Acting Executive Director of the EDC Kisscorni stated it was possible for the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) to be dissolved earlier than expected, but this was unlikely due to the tax exempt status of the Southwest Michigan Innovation Center (SMIC).

Commissioner Anderson requested information on the effect of the Eastside Neighborhood Renaissance Zone on that neighborhood.

Commissioner Anderson suggested the City of Kalamazoo was home to a disproportionate share of low-income residents because the City offered better incentives for the development of low-income housing compared to other jurisdictions in Kalamazoo County.

Acting Executive Director of the EDC Kisscorni answered Commissioners' questions regarding the City's current tax abatement policies. Acting Executive Director of the EDC Kisscorni reviewed options for improving the City's tax abatement policies and noted there were opportunities for improvement in the implementation and enforcement of these policies.

Presentation by Dr. Tim Bartik re: Optimal Tax Incentive Policies

Dr. Tim Bartik, Senior Economist at the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, delivered a presentation entitled "Optimal Tax Incentive Policy" and reviewed potential economic development strategies for both Kalamazoo County as a whole and the City of Kalamazoo in particular. Dr. Bartik stated there was much more freedom

Presentation by
Dr. Tim Bartik re:
Optimal Tax
Incentive Policies
(cont'd)

to develop economic development tools at the state level than at the local level, and local economic development strategies should be developed at the county or regional level, not at the level of individual jurisdictions. Dr. Bartik discussed the use of tax abatements as an economic development tool and noted it was impossible to know whether the offer of tax abatements in a specific situation tipped the balance and caused the company to locate in the City. Dr. Bartik discussed options for customizing tax abatement policies to achieve the economic development goals of the City or the region. A copy of Dr. Bartik's presentation notes and his article *Solving the Problems of Economic Development Incentives* were included with the papers for this meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Dr. Bartik stated local jurisdictions would need to have different tax incentive if the goal was to equalize business tax rates across Kalamazoo County. Dr. Bartik explained countywide equalization of tax incentives would put the jurisdiction with the highest underlying tax rate at a disadvantage. Dr. Bartik stated he was not aware of any county that had successfully designed and implemented a countywide economic development policy.

Commissioner McCann noted the City of Kalamazoo was the most disadvantaged jurisdiction in the county and stated intergovernmental cooperation was difficult because the City was always seeking a handout and, therefore, was rarely in a strong negotiating position.

City Manager Collard stated the City Commission and City Administration needed to carefully consider the effects of changes to the City's tax abatement policies before taking action.

Jill Bland of Southwest Michigan First stated other cities and townships in Kalamazoo County were very interested in the collaborative development and use of economic development tools such as a common cost/benefit analysis instrument and graduated tax abatement scales.

Mayor McKinney noted a countywide economic development strategy and tax abatement policies that focused on education and job training would both support and benefit from the Kalamazoo Promise.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Dr. Bartik explained local economic development incentives that required businesses to provide some type of benefit to the community were effective only in high growth areas.

City Manager Collard requested both public input and focused feedback from the City Commission regarding the City's economic development strategies and tax abatement policies. City Manager Collard stated City staff would utilize this information to outline ideas and suggestions for the City Commission's consideration. City Manager Collard indicated support for collaboration between City Commissioners and City staff during this process.

Discussion followed regarding the tax abatement policy development process. By consensus the City Commission indicated that Commissioners would provide input and suggestions to the City Manager

regarding tax abatement policies, and City staff would utilize this information to develop proposals and recommendations.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Millie Lambert, 3392 Croyden Avenue and member of Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Development (KCRD), spoke regarding the need for regional cooperation to level the playing field with regard to tax abatements. Ms. Lambert stated a regional economic development and tax abatement strategy needed to consider the quality of the workforce and the quality of life for workers.

John Musik, 1520 Egleston Avenue and a member of KCRD, suggested the City consider the following factors when giving companies economic development incentives such as tax abatements: wage and salary levels for individual employees (not just the average wage); the employees' healthcare costs; the company's posture towards labor unions; the company's record of environmental responsibility; and the company's safety record. Mr. Musik stated economic development policies should benefit all participants in the local economy.

Bill Farmer, 9200 South 36th Street in Scotts and a member of KCRD, discussed the need for monitoring and enforcing tax abatement policies and local agreements. Mr. Farmer stated companies must be required to submit information that would verify compliance with policies and agreements and suggested an open review of tax abatement recipients' performance at a public meeting. Mr. Farmer recommended the City exercise its clawback rights to the fullest extent possible whenever tax abatement recipients did not meet established performance requirements.

Dave Pawloski, 405 Hutchinson Street and a member of KCRD, distributed a development plan entitled *Building the Future: A Holistic Approach to Economic Development in Kalamazoo County* and a document entitled *Proposed Statement from Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Development Regarding Tax Abatements in Kalamazoo County*. Mr. Pawloski suggested that companies not receive tax abatements when relocating within Kalamazoo County and recommended that local tax abatement agreements require abatement recipients to pay their employees first in the event of bankruptcy.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Anderson stated 18 businesses in the Park Building had been given 30 days notice to vacate building, but he was unaware of any attempts by City staff or the staff of Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated to assist these businesses and encourage them to relocate in the downtown area.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 1, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: May 1, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner
Excused

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Review of the April
17th Meeting
Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2006.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:32 a.m.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2006.

Proclamations

Vice Mayor Hopewell noted several proclamations would be presented on Monday, and he asked Commissioners to indicate whether they wanted to read specific proclamations.

Commissioner Cooney requested that he be allowed to read the Days of Remembrance proclamation.

Commissioner Balkema requested that she be allowed to read the Administrative Professionals Week proclamation.

Commissioner Miller requested that she be allowed to read the Arbor Day proclamation.

Item G-3

Regarding Item G-3, a Local Preference Purchasing Policy, Commissioner McCann requested a retrospective analysis of the effect a 5% local preference trigger would have had on the City's purchasing decisions over the past two years.

Commissioner Cooney requested that this item be moved to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Item G-17

Regarding Item G-17, the Sale of Eastern Hills Golf Course, Commissioner Balkema questioned the parameters of the Request for Proposal (RFP) and stated the City needed to perform a cost benefit

Review of the April
17th Meeting
Agendas (cont'd)

analysis on all of its assets. Commissioner Balkema referenced a memo dated September 17, 2005 that indicated Eastern Hills would need capital investment in the near future to maintain its facilities and equipment. Commissioner Balkema requested that the City Administration bring forward a recommendation for positive action relative to Eastern Hills.

Commissioner McCann recommended that substantive discussion of this issue be postponed until the Regular City Commission Meeting on Monday.

Commissioner Balkema requested a copy of the current business plan for the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association (KMGA).

By consensus the City Commission moved this item from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested that City Manager Collard redistribute to City Commissioners the September 17, 2005 memo regarding the sale of Eastern Hills Golf Course.

Commissioner Anderson suggested this item be removed from the April 17th Regular Meeting Agenda and placed on a future meeting agenda so that Commissioners would have more time to review the information being sent to them by the City Manager.

Discussion followed regarding the placement of this item on a future meeting agenda, the position of the item within that agenda, and the appropriate action for the City Commission to take.

By consensus the City Commission postponed consideration of this item to a future Regular City Commission Meeting.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Commissioner McCann requested information regarding the sale of the Park Building and efforts that had been made to assist and encourage businesses currently in that building to relocate in the downtown area.

Commissioner Miller requested information regarding the interaction between recent increases in the state minimum wage and federal minimum wage requirements, and the potential ramifications for the City regarding requirements to extend overtime pay to additional job classes.

Commissioner Anderson noted he had received several requests for the City Commission to adopt resolutions in support of legislation, policies, or issues. Commissioner Anderson noted the importance of these issues and acknowledged the City Commission's advocacy role, but he expressed concern that the time and energy required to develop positions on state and national issues would diminish the ability of City staff and the City Commission to conduct the core business of the City, such as developing a strategic plan and addressing the City's fiscal challenges. Commissioner Anderson also pointed out the potential for discussions of state and national issues to divide the Commission.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 1, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: May 1, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners
Excused

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Miscellaneous
Communications

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

Neighborhood
Presentations

Neighborhood presentations were received next.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

- Edison Neighborhood Association
Daniel Renstrom, President
Tammy Barnard, Executive Director
Emilie Schada, Edison Weed & Seed Coordinator
Marissa Ferrari, DKI Edison Main Street Coordinator
- Vine Neighborhood Association
Pegg Osowski, Chair
Suzie Suchyta Haas, Executive Director
Amy Remert, Board Member
Janie Albright, Board Member
- West Main Hill Neighborhood Association
Elaine Wickstrom, President
Michael VanVaerenbergh, Vice President

Edison
Neighborhood

The Edison Neighborhood Association representatives:

- noted the recent demolition of the former DeJa Vu building on Portage Street.
- reported the Association would continue to operate the Weed and Seed crime prevention program despite the expiration of funding from the United States Department of Justice (DoJ). Ms. Schada explained community partnerships had been a key factor in the success of the program in the past, and these partnerships would allow Weed and Seed to continue despite the loss of DoJ funding.

- described the Edison Main Street program and stated the program was successful due to the partnerships between Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI), Downtown Tomorrow Incorporated (DTI), the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and the Edison Neighborhood Association.
- * Commissioner Cooney arrived at 6:08 p.m.
- indicated streetscape improvements were planned for Portage Street and stated this project was a top priority for both residents and businesses according to neighborhood surveys.
- stated the Edison Neighborhood was at a tipping point and described several neighborhood projects that were near completion, in the process of being completed, or in the final planning stages.
- reported the timeline in the current development agreement for the Marketplace at Washington Square Plat indicated the first units were to be completed by August 2007 with a projected completion date in 2010.
- noted the development potential of the former mill site on East Alcott Street.
- estimated that \$4-5 million had been invested in the Edison Neighborhood over the past 4-5 years from both public and private sources.
- distributed information regarding the Center for Leadership Options for Community Kids (CLOCK) program and stated the Boys and Girls Club wanted another organization to assume the administration of this program.
- described the impact of the elimination of the Chataqua summer youth program for 2006. Mr. Renstrom suggested the Parks and Recreation Department cultivate more community partnerships to support youth programs and expressed hope that the Chataqua program would be reinstated in 2007.
- distributed copies of a letter to Mayor McKinney regarding concerns about Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers.

Vine
Neighborhood

The Vine Neighborhood Association representatives:

- commended Community Police Officers (CPO's) Jon Halder and Steve Luthy for their hard work and ability to relate to residents.
- reported investors from other parts of Michigan and other states were buying large numbers of properties in the neighborhood. Ms. Remert expressed concern that these absentee landlords would not take interest in the neighborhood or make adequate investments in their properties.

- expressed concern about four burned out houses in the neighborhood and remarked on the City's lengthy process for addressing this type of blight. Ms. Albright reported the Neighborhood Improvement Team (NIT) was working with City staff to shorten this process.
- indicated several condemned houses in neighborhood had been meth labs and were in need of environmental remediation.
- noted problems with graffiti in neighborhood.
- thanked the City for allowing Vine neighborhood residents to bag their leaves for pick-up in the fall and requested two leaf pick-up times.
- invited City Commissioners to attend the Vine Neighborhood Association Spring Annual Meeting on April 26, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Education Center on Westnedge Avenue.
- reported Burr Oak Street had been designated as the 2006 Building Blocks Program site.
- described the summer programs sponsored by the Association.

Commissioner Cooney requested that the City Administration address the Association's concerns regarding burned-out houses, graffiti and leaf pick-up.

West Main Hill
Neighborhood

The West Main Hill Neighborhood Association representatives:

- stated flower bulbs planted in neighborhood parks by K-College students were starting to bloom.
- reported residents were not pleased with the construction of a duplex on the corner of Lovell and Stone Streets because the structure's design was inconsistent with the historical character of the Neighborhood.
- indicated there was increased interest among residents regarding the creation of a West Main Hill Historic District.
- stated 50% of the homes in the Neighborhood were rental properties and expressed hope that the establishment of an historic district would stop further demolition of older, single family homes for the sake of building multi-family dwellings.
- reported the Historic District Study Committee had presented a report to the Neighborhood Board of Directors regarding the history of West Main Hill and the eligibility of specific properties in the neighborhood for inclusion in an historic district. Ms. Wickstrom stated this report was sent to the State Historic Preservation Office on April 13th for review and approval and explained there would be public hearings on the issue prior to its official presentation to the City Commission.

- reported cut-through traffic and speeding vehicles continued to be a problem.
- stated City Traffic Engineer Shahid Abbas had presented the results of a traffic study performed in October 2005 to the Neighborhood Board of Directors, and the study indicated both traffic volume and vehicle speeds in the neighborhood had decreased from 1995 to 2005.
- indicated the Public Services Department was investigating complaints from neighborhood residents about poor sight lines for vehicles traveling from Monroe Street to Stadium Drive via the new West Michigan crossover.
- recognized Jennifer Haba was the Neighborhood's new CPO.
- stated the owners of Henderson Castle were making many improvements to the property but noted residents were concerned about exterior lighting that had been installed recently.
- noted the upcoming dedication of the Kalamazoo College library expansion and stated the College worked well with area residents to address concerns and issues related to the project.
- expressed appreciation to the Public Services Department for distributing the *Spring Water System Flushing Schedule*.
- thanked the Public Safety Department for making the Neighborhood safe and for communicating well with the Association.
- noted complaints related to WMU football games greatly decreased in 2005.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, Ms. Wickstrom indicated it was her understanding that the Site Plan Review Committee had approved the site plan for the new duplex at the corner of Lovell and Stone Streets.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, Ms. Wickstrom explained a small part of the Neighborhood was not listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and this part was not included within the boundaries of the proposed historic district.

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 1, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: May 1, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Vice Mayor
Excused

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Dr. Joseph Brinks, Grace Christian Reformed Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations

Commissioner Anderson, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed April 17-23, 2006 "National Community Development Block Grant Week" in the City of Kalamazoo. Jeff Chamberlain, Community Planning and Development Director for the City of Kalamazoo, was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Balkema, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed April 23-29, 2006 "Administrative Professionals Week" and April 26, 2006 "Administrative Professionals Day" in the City of Kalamazoo. Marie Ouzoonian, President of the Kalamazoo Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP), was present to accept the proclamation.

Mayor McKinney proclaimed April 23-30, 2006 "Days of Remembrance" in memory of victims of the Holocaust. Rabbi Harvey Spivak of the Congregation of Moses was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Miller, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed April 28, 2006 "Arbor Day" in the City of Kalamazoo. Todd Pryor, Forestry Supervisor for the City of Kalamazoo, was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner McCann, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed May 1-7, 2006 "Cover the Uninsured Week" in the City of Kalamazoo. Mike Alfred, Executive Director of Business Development and Public Relations for Borgess Health Alliance, was present to accept the proclamation.

Adoption of the
Agenda

City Manager Collard requested that Item H-1, a resolution continuing a local preference purchasing policy, be removed from the agenda. City Manager Collard noted City Commissioners had received the information requested at the April 13th Committee of the Whole Meeting.

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda.

Communications

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

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director of the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD) at 612 North Park Street, thanked City staff for not accepting contractors' offers to build smaller, low-quality houses in the Edison Neighborhood. Ms. Jordan-Woods urged the City to be more aggressive in its efforts to reduce the concentration of low-income housing in the City of Kalamazoo.

Patty Sholler-Barber, 4224 South Burdick Street, stated she was a candidate for the Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS) Board of Trustees and thanked the City Commission for supporting KPS and the Kalamazoo Promise. Ms. Sholler-Barber expressed hope that she would have the opportunity to work with the Commission as a KPS Board member.

Doris McLean, 504 Douglas Avenue, spoke regarding the City's Housing Code and Housing Policy. Ms. McLean reported she received a violation notice and fine in January for peeling paint on her house and stated she was upset that City housing inspections reached beyond health and safety issues to matters of aesthetics.

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street, discussed various issues related to the proclamations that had been read at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Lewis expressed concern about the numbering of ballots in the November 2005 election.

Jan Barker, CEO of Glowing Embers Girl Scout Council (GEGSC), announced GEGSC had recently broken ground for a new Program and Training Center at the corner of West Maple Street and West Crosstown Parkway. Ms. Barker described the new facility and its importance to the Girl Scouts' mission. Ms. Barker distributed packets of information regarding the fund raising campaign for the new facility.

Joel Parent, 1022 Washington Avenue, noted the demolition of the former DeJa Vu building on Portage Street and thanked the City for not accepting contractors' offers to build small, low-quality houses in The Marketplace at Washington Square development. Mr. Parent reported his house had become a target for gunfire and questioned why Public Safety's presence in the Edison Neighborhood had decreased over the past two years.

Frederick Haney, 3312 Tamsin Avenue, expressed opposition to the proposed sale of park properties in the Oakland/Winchell Neighborhood.

Consent Agenda

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

- Resolution 06-32
- Resolutions 06-33,
06-34, and 06-35
- a recommendation to approve a contract with Davis Construction, Inc. for providing and installing screening equipment at the Water Reclamation Plant - Harrison Street Facility in the amount of \$2,213,500.
 - a recommendation to approve a contract with Commercial Entry Systems for the installation of a security system for the new Kalamazoo Transportation Center in an amount not to exceed \$150,119.59.
 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** in support of the Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities.
 - a recommendation to adopt **RESOLUTIONS** 1, 2, and 3 for the purpose of approving the 2005 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$14.255; adoption of Resolution 3 schedules a public hearing for June 5, 2006.
 - a recommendation to approve a Public Transportation Agreement that is between the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority, City of Kalamazoo, and Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board of Director for the operation of public transportation services.
 - a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a proposed Temporary Access Agreement allowing Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. (on behalf of Sunoco, Inc.) temporary access to perform environmental testing on the city right-of-way.
 - a recommendation to accept the 2005 Special Zylon Replacement Bulletproof Vest Grant award of \$25,783 from the Office of Justice Program for the reimbursement of half of the purchase of the 118 vests from C.M.P. Distributors.
 - a recommendation to accept \$20,000 from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Risk Avoidance Program to be applied toward the Department of Public Safety's purchase of in-car camera systems.
 - a recommendation to accept a grant from the Dorothy U. Dalton Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 for the "YES! Campaign."
 - a recommendation to accept grants from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for \$2,000 for three grant funded youth programs.
 - a recommendation to accept a \$350 Good Neighbor Grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for expenses associated with the River West Sculpture Trail community meeting on April 19, 2006, and authorize the City Manager to sign any and all documents related to the grant.

- a recommendation to approve a request from the Kalamazoo Country Club for a permit to publicly display fireworks at 1609 Whites Road on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 with a rain date of Saturday, July 8, 2006.
- a recommendation to approve a request to participate with the State of Michigan in a cooperative bid for the purchase of ice control salt for the 2006/2007 Winter Season.
- a recommendation to approve the updated list of Non-Bargaining Unit Employees exempt from Civil Service Protection.
- a recommendation to approve the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Budget Work Sessions of January 7, January 9, January 11, and January 23, 2006; the Committee of the Whole Meetings of February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17, and March 31, 2006; the Special Meeting of March 20, 2006; and the Regular Meetings of March 6, March 13, March 20, and April 3, 2006.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to approve amendments to the City's Civil Service Ordinance.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Resolution 06-36
Scheduling a
Public Hearing re:
an IFT Exemption
Certificate for
Tekna Solutions

Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner McCann, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to schedule a public hearing on May 1, 2006 to consider an application from Tekna Solutions, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$2,169,500 and \$238,000 in new personal property in existing Industrial Development District No. 114 located at Unit 23, 3400 Tech Circle.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Prior to a vote on this motion, Bob Miller, 60565 Spring Haven Drive and Associate Vice President for Community Outreach at Western Michigan University, explained he would not be able to attend the public hearing on

May 1st and expressed support for the granting of a P.A. 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate to Tekna Solutions, Inc.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Acting Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation Jerome Kisscorni stated Tekna had received and completed a tax abatement from the City of Portage.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard provided information sharing items, which included: the Interim Financial Report for period ending February 28, 2006; the March 2006 Purchasing Report; a report on 1st Quarter 2006 Employee Promotions, New Hires, and Position Reclassifications; and a report on the disposition of Police Community Relations (PCR) Report investigations for the 1st quarter of 2006. City Manager Collard noted the heading on page 5 entitled "Summer Youth Development Program" was incorrect and should read "Core Field Services." City Manager Collard reported the City's rental certification rate had reached an all-time high of 94.3%. City Manager Collard also noted the recent Street Academy graduation ceremony and the start of several Parks and Recreation Department programs.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Manager Collard explained the rental registration percentage compared the number of rental units to the number of all know rental units in the City.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, City Manager Collard reported meetings of the Healthcare Task Force had resumed, and wellness programs were the primary topic for discussion.

Commissioner Miller expressed appreciation for the City Manager's Report and the informational e-mails sent to City Commissioners on Fridays.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Alice Burris, 615 Phillips, stated the Family Health Center and the Kalamazoo County Health Department were the only two dental service providers in area that accepted Medicaid. Ms. Burris requested that the City's work to increase accessibility to dental care for Medicaid recipients.

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Cooney congratulated City Manager Collard for the success of the Street Academy. Commissioner Cooney expressed gratitude to Irving S. Gilmore for establishing and funding the Gilmore Keyboard Festival.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 1, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: May 1, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, April 28, 2006 at 7:32 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney***
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann**
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner
Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor McKinney and Commissioners Cooney and McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the May
1st Meeting
Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2006.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:33 a.m.

**Commissioner McCann arrived at 7:35 a.m.

Item G-4

Regarding Item G-4, contract for services related to Personal Property Audit Program Commissioner Anderson requested this item be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Item G-5

Regarding Item G-5, a local preference purchasing policy, Commissioner Cooney requested that this item be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Commissioner Balkema requested that reports and studies presented to the City Commission in 2004 regarding the local preference purchasing policy be given to Commissioners Anderson, Miller and any other interested Commissioners.

***Mayor McKinney arrived at 7:44 a.m.

Item G-11

Regarding Item G-11, appointments to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Commissioner Anderson requested that this item be moved to the Regular Agenda.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, City Clerk Borling stated the time for board and commission appointments was established in the City Commission Rules as the last regular meeting of the month. City Clerk Borling reported a majority vote of the City Commission was required to waive a City Commission Rule.

Discussion of
Community Issues

City Attorney Kirk suggested this item not be moved to the Regular Agenda at this time but that it be moved on Monday evening with a motion to waive the appropriate City Commission Rule.

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

City Manager Collard noted he was aware of a request for the City Commission to adopt a resolution opposing the war in Iraq, and he asked City Commissioners for input regarding the disposition of this item.

Discussion took place regarding the placement of items on City Commission agendas by citizens and Commissioners. Discussion also took place regarding the City Commission's advocacy role, the balance between this role and the need for Commissioners to focus on the City's business, and methods for processing requests for resolutions of support.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Hopewell, City Attorney Kirk read City Commission Rule #7, which stated, "All citizen proposals for commission action on matters not currently being considered shall be submitted in writing to the City Clerk no later than the Wednesday preceding the personal presentation to the Commission at their regular meetings." City Attorney Kirk stated City Commission Rule #7 was the City Commission Policy most applicable to the discussion at hand but noted this rule was problematic because it lacked clarity. City Attorney Kirk indicated the Commission had the ability to revise this rule.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, City Clerk Borling reported he had not received the resolution regarding the war in Iraq.

Mayor McKinney suggested the establishment of a process to deal with agenda items proposed by citizens and Commissioners in a systematic and consistent manner. Mayor McKinney requested a discussion of this issue at the May 1st meeting.

Commissioner McCann suggested that a discussion of citizen and Commissioner initiated agenda items be scheduled for a City Commission meeting after May 1st to allow more time for City Commissioners and City staff to review the issue.

By consensus the City Commission directed the Administrative Committee to develop recommendations regarding the process for handling agenda items or requests for action submitted by citizens and City Commissioners.

Citizen Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 15, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: May 15, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote this motion passed.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Kipp Crigger, Youth Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

City Manager Collard requested that item G-6, lease agreements for Kik Pool, be removed from the agenda.

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as amended.

Public
Announcements

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

Public Hearing re: a
PA 198 IFT
Certificate for Tekna
Solutions, Inc.

At 7:06 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a RESOLUTION to approve the application from TEKNA for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$2,169,500 and six years for new personal property valued at \$238,000 in existing Industrial Development District No. 114 located at 3400 Tech Circle, just off Campus Drive in the Western Michigan University Business Technology & Research (BTR) Park.

Millie Lambert, 3922 Croyden Avenue, spoke in opposition to the resolution. Ms. Lambert noted Tekna Solutions, Inc. was moving to the City of Kalamazoo from the City of Portage, a move which did not enhance the community as a whole.

At 7:09 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-37 re:
a PA 198 IFT
Certificate for Tekna
Solutions, Inc.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to approve the application of TEKNA for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for twelve years for real property valued at \$2,169,500 and six years for new personal property

valued at \$238,000 in existing Industrial Development District No. 114 located at 3400 Tech Circle, just off Campus Drive in the Western Michigan University Business Technology & Research (BTR) Park.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney.

NAYS: None

Commissioners Anderson and Cooney expressed the need for the City Commission to revise its tax abatement policy and implement creative economic development tools and incentives.

Mayor McKinney indicated the City needed to review and improve its economic development tools, including its tax abatement policy. Mayor McKinney reported the City of Portage was aware the City Commission would be taking action on Tenka's tax abatement application.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Monica Westover, 2130 Stevens Street, spoke regarding falsified Public Safety reports.

Dawn Sharpe, no address, spoke regarding living conditions in the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission and expressed support for a local human rights ordinance.

Brendan Sharpe, no address, described life for homeless people.

Paul Marquart, 2424 Waite Avenue, stated he was a candidate for Kalamazoo Public School Board of Trustees and proposed a partnership between the KPS and the Kalamazoo community to provide free internet access and a computer for every home.

Judge Quinn Benson, 227 West Michigan Avenue, announced he was running to fill the position of retiring Circuit Court Judge Richard Lamb.

John Ephland, 714 Fairview Avenue, and Steve Sense, 439 Park Place, read a resolution entitled "Resolution Calling for the Return of US Troops from Iraq and the Redirection of War Funds for Domestic Needs."

Olga Bonfiglio, 3308 Pine Bluff Lane and representing the Kalamazoo Non-violent Opponent of War (KNOW), spoke in opposition to the war in Iraq and urged the City Commission to adopt the "Resolution Calling for the Return of US Troops from Iraq and the Redirection of War Funds for Domestic Needs." Ms. Bonfiglio presented to the City Commission a copy of her book entitled, *Heroes of a Different Stripe: How One Town Responded to the War in Iraq*.

Ron Cramer 2116 Benjamin Avenue, spoke in support of the "Resolution Calling for the Return of US Troops from Iraq and the Redirection of War

Funds for Domestic Needs.” Mr. Cramer discussed the effect of the war on the federal budget and noted spending on the war had reduced funding for state and local governments.

Marty Chilcutt, 1414 Low Road, noted he had worked with nuclear weapons in the Army Air Corp and was familiar with the violence and destruction of war. Mr. Chilcutt requested that the City Commission adopt the “Resolution Calling for the Return of US Troops from Iraq and the Redirection of War Funds for Domestic Needs.”

Wade Adams, 744 Garland Avenue, expressed support for the “Resolution Calling for the Return of US Troops from Iraq and the Redirection of War Funds for Domestic Needs.”

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3, expressed concern about City employees who were spreading mulch to cover trash and litter rather than disposing of the trash prior to spreading the mulch.

Jerry McNeely, 2609 Bruce Drive, spoke regarding alleged cover-ups within the City organization and urged the City Commission to respond to citizen complaints or resign from office. Mr. McNeely stated Commissioners who did not choose one of these two options would face recall.

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a one-year contract with Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. for loading, hauling, and disposal of belt press solids from Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant in the amount of \$1,569,852.
- a recommendation to approve a contract with Globe Construction, Company for the 2006 Local Streets Paving Program, and selected streets within the Harrison Street Facility including the Salt Barn in the amount of \$1,215,282.65.
- a recommendation to approve a contract with Globe Construction Company for the paving of Burdick from Alcott to Emerson, Bronson/Crosstown corridor from Alta Vista to Westnedge, Portage from Vasser to Lakeway, and Lovers Lane from Portage to Cork in the amount of \$591,731.90.

Resolution 06-38

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute electronic Federal Grant applications, awards, as well as the milestone and financial reports; and the City Attorney or his designee to electronically submit annual certifications and assurances, and the Annual Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement electronically through the FTA Transportation Electronic Award & Management Process.

Resolution 06-39

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** recognizing Kairos Dwelling as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
- a recommendation to approve the transfer of \$24,350 from the Capital Improvement Fund Balance to the Upjohn Park Boundless Playground Project for an addendum to the contract with Quantum Construction Company for the completion of the project.
- a recommendation to approve a request from the Kalamazoo Kings to publicly display fireworks at Mayors' Riverfront Park on the following dates for the 2006 baseball season: June 9, June 16, June 23, July 4, July 21, August 4, and August 18. In the event of rain at the time of the scheduled displays, rain dates will be determined.
- a recommendation to approve the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Work Session on April 10, 2006; the Committee of the Whole Meeting on April 13, 2006; and the Regular and Special Meetings on April 17, 2006.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinance regarding the retirement system.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend SECTION 2-225(a) of the Kalamazoo City Code regarding the Retirement System Board of Trustees and employment agreements authorized by the City Manager.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until May 15, 2006 a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 1620 North Burdick, to Virgil Harrison Peak, whose address is 1620 North Burdick, Kalamazoo in consideration of \$1,183.13 in payment of 1998 through 2002 foreclosed taxes.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until May 15, 2006 a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 1721 and 1804 North Burdick, to Michael Redmond, whose address is 5047 West Main, Suite 201, Kalamazoo, in consideration of \$6,309.75 in payment of 1986 through 1990 and 1998 through 2002 foreclosed taxes.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until May 15, 2006 a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 736 Hawley, to Leslie Wotta, whose address is 35742 M 43, Paw Paw, Michigan, in consideration of \$2,754.42 in payment of 1997 through 2001 foreclosed taxes.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until May 15, 2006 a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 1424 Krom, to Christine Moncrief, whose address is 1424 Krom, Kalamazoo, in consideration of \$1,627.78 in payment of 1991 through 1996 foreclosed taxes.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Contract for
Personal Property
Tax Audit Services

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to approve a one-year contract extension with Tax Management Associates, Inc. for services related to Personal Property Audit Program in the amount of \$139,515.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Prior to a vote on this motion, Commissioner Anderson described the personal property tax, thanked businesses for paying personal property taxes, and urged businesses to be diligent in reporting their tax liability.

Commissioner Balkema questioned why the City was paying the complete cost for the personal property tax audit when the other taxing units would realize a greater share of the benefit. Commissioner Balkema urged the City's economic development staff to make contact with the companies to be audited prior to the audit taking place.

Resolution 06-40 re:
a Local Preference
Purchasing Policy

Commissioner McCann, supported by Commissioner Anderson moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to amend Resolutions 04-36 and 05-05 regarding Purchasing and Contracting Policies to establish a Local Preference for Kalamazoo County bidders.

The following citizens addressed the City Commission regarding the motion.

David Pawloski, 402 Hutchinson Street, expressed support for the motion.

John Musick 1520 Egleston Avenue and representing the Michigan Organizing Project (MOP), expressed support for the motion.

Martin Burch, 513 Axtell Street, expressed support for the resolution and urged the City Commission to raise the local preference trigger to 5%.

Larry Tolbert, 1528 Northampton, expressed support for the resolution and urged the City to adopt a responsible contracting policy to establish criteria for subcontracting practices.

Hugh Coward, 546 Sylvan Drive in the City of Battle Creek and representing the Southwest Michigan Building and Construction Trades

Amendment to the
Local Preference
Purchasing Policy
Resolution Offered

Council and Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Development, expressed support for the motion and urged the City Commission to consider a responsible contracting policy.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to amend the local preference purchasing policy resolution to create a 5% local preference trigger.

Commissioner McCann spoke regarding the merits of a local preference purchasing policy as a local economic development tool. Commissioner McCann reported a 5% local preference trigger would have resulted in the awarding of over \$800,000 in additional City contract business to local companies in 2005.

Commissioner Cooney expressed support for the motion and stated a local preference purchasing policy was a tool to support local businesses.

Commissioner Balkema noted the local preference policy did not create new jobs as forecasted by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in 2004. Commissioner Balkema stated it was not likely the two contracts awarded under the local preference policy in 2004 and 2005 increased the number of local jobs or the personal income of local workers.

Commissioner Miller expressed opposition to the motion due to the administrative time required to implement the policy.

Commissioner Cooney stated unfettered free market policies were not beneficial to all segments of American society and reaffirmed the need to support local businesses.

Mayor McKinney noted the proposed local preference policy allowed local companies to change their price and match the low bid.

Commissioner Anderson expressed sympathy for local contractors but stated a 5% local preference trigger would skew the bid process. Commissioner Anderson expressed support for a local preference policy with a 2% trigger.

Vice Mayor Hopewell asked several questions regarding the potential effect of a 5% local preference purchasing policy on both the City and local businesses. Vice Mayor Hopewell stated it was the City Manager's responsibility to determine whether sufficient staff resources were available to implement the policy. Vice mayor Hopewell noted citizens and community organizations had not have an opportunity to comment on a 5% local preference policy.

Amendment to the
Local Preference
Purchasing Policy
Resolution Failed

With a roll call vote, the motion to amend the local preference policy resolution to create a 5% local preference trigger failed by a vote of 2-5.

AYES: Commissioners Cooney and McCann

NAYS: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

City Commissioners discussed the appropriateness of the motion to amend the local preference policy resolution and the lack of notification given to the City Commission and City Administration prior to this action.

Resolution 06-40
Passed

With a roll call vote the motion to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to amend Resolutions 04-36 and 05-05 regarding Purchasing and Contracting Policies to establish a Local Preference for Kalamazoo County bidders passed by a vote of 5-2.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, McCann, Vice Mayor, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: Commissioners Balkema and Miller

DDA Appointments

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner McCann moved to waive City Commission Rule 12d regarding the appropriate meeting for consideration of board and commission appointments and to approve the following appointment and re-appointment to the Downtown Development Authority:

- the reappointment of Dan Van Sweden to a four-year term expiring on March 1, 2010.
- the appointment of John Schmitt to a four-year term expiring on March 1, 2010.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Commissioner Anderson described the difference between the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI), and Downtown Tomorrow Incorporated (DTI) and noted the DDA was a public body that was accountable to the City Commission. Commissioner Anderson expressed support for the motion.

Ordinance 1801
Amending the Civil
Service Ordinance

Commissioner McCann, supported by Vice Mayor Hopewell moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** approving amendments to the City's Civil Service Ordinance.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Resolution 06-41
Setting a Hearing
and Appointing
Additional EDC
Directors for the
Friendship Village
Project

Commissioner Balkema, supported by Commissioner Miller moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** reappointing Sue Smith and appointing Karl Sandelin, a resident at Friendship Village, as additional directors to the Economic Development Corporation, and scheduling a public hearing on May 15, 2006 for the proposed amendment to the project plan, which was

initiated by Lifecare, Inc. d/b/a Friendship Village (Friendship Village) and approved by the City Commission on March 31, 1997.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3, spoke regarding tax abatements.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann stated City staff had been given information regarding a responsible contracting policy. Commissioner McCann expressed a desire for the City Commission to adopt a resolution opposing the statewide proposal on the November ballot regarding Affirmative Action. Commissioner McCann announced the Kalamazoo Rotary was sponsoring a conference May 19-20 on the topic "Creating Vital Communities."

Commissioner Miller urged citizens to vote in favor of the Kalamazoo Public School bond proposal.

Commissioner Balkema invited citizens to participate in the Northside Clean-up Day on Saturday May 6th. Commissioner Balkema urged citizens to continue contributing to the Recycling for Warmth program.

Commissioner Anderson announced the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program waiting list would be open for enrollment for one day only on May 17th. Commissioner Anderson noted Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (KCMHS) would have its annual breakfast on Friday, May 5th. Commissioner Anderson recognized two West Michigan natives who were killed recently in Iraq.

Commissioner Cooney thanked KNOW for bringing forward the resolution regarding Iraq and urged the City Commission to take action on the resolution in the near future. Commissioner Cooney urged citizens to watch an HBO documentary entitled "Baghdad ER."

Vice Mayor Hopewell offered remarks on the many events that had taken place in the Kalamazoo area over the past weekend. Vice Mayor Hopewell noted Spring Valley Park was a gem and commended Parks and Recreation Department staff for recent improvements. Vice Mayor Hopewell stated an opportunity remained for Commissioners to work with City staff to develop a different local preference policy. Vice Mayor Hopewell indicated his brother was stationed in Baghdad and discussed his struggle to take a position on the war in Iraq in light of this personal connection.

Mayor McKinney urged Commissioners to have amendments to agenda items in written form and to share those amendments with the other Commissioners prior to the meeting. Mayor McKinney noted the Northside Ministerial Alliance's 2nd Annual Salute to Law Enforcement on April 30th. Mayor McKinney stated the U.S. Senate would be taking on immigration reform legislation in the near future and reported this legislation included unfunded mandates for state and local governments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: June 5, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, May 12, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema*
Don Cooney**
Sean McCann**
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner
Excused

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Balkema, Cooney and McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Balkema arrived at 7:31 a.m.

Review of the May
15th Meeting
Agendas

The City Commission reviewed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2006.

Commissioner Anderson requested that City Commissioners be given the most recent information regarding the sale of parkland in the Parkdale Plat.

**Commissioners Cooney and McCann arrived at 7:32 a.m.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2006.

Item G-2

Regarding Item G-2, authorization for issuance of Hospital Finance Authority Bonds, Mayor McKinney requested that the City Manager prepare and distribute to Commissioners a written report on the scope of the Bronson Hospital project.

Item G-4

Regarding Item G-4, the City Commission Appointee salary resolution, City Attorney Kirk noted the salary figure for the City Clerk was incorrect and would be corrected.

Items G-7 thru G-10

Regarding Items G-7 thru G-10, tax reconveyance deeds, Vice Mayor Hopewell requested information regarding the geographic distribution of properties for which the City had issued tax deeds over the past few years.

Item K-2

Regarding Item K-2, A Resolution Affirming the Benefits of Affirmative Action, Commissioner McCann requested that this item be removed from the May 15th agenda and placed on a future meeting agenda.

Commissioner Anderson distributed written comments regarding the roles and responsibilities of the City Commission.

Discussion followed regarding the City Commission's procedures for processing requests to adopt resolutions of support submitted by citizens, community organizations, and individual City Commissioners.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues, but no issues were discussed

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: June 5, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson*
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Mary Balkema

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

Commissioners Excused

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor McKinney and Commissioners Anderson and Balkema. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

*Commissioner Anderson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

- Fairmont Neighborhood Association
Joy Russcher, President
Melissa Linkfield, Neighborhood Administrator
- Milwood Neighborhood Association
Ken Horton, President
John Hilliard, Board Member
- Parkwyn Village Association
Bruce Davis, President

Fairmont Neighborhood

The Fairmont Neighborhood representatives:

- presented handouts of the Fairmont News and the Family of the Month and indicated a mailing list had been created for the distribution of the handouts to residents.
- stated the transition with their new Community Police Officer (CPO) had gone well and crime was down as a result.
- expressed concern regarding the Blakeslee property.
- noted a successful new website, www.fairmontneighborhood.org, that had 2600 hits in one month.

- indicated the Association had increased interest and participation in the Building Blocks Project and Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU).

Commissioners indicated a need to address the Blakeslee property issue.

Milwood
Neighborhood

The Milwood Neighborhood Association representatives:

- reported high attendance at Association meetings.
- explained new procedures used by the Neighborhood Watch to address crime.
- thanked City Manager Collard for providing information on the paving of Portage Street and Lovers Lane.
- indicated work on traffic signals on Portage Street had damaged curb lawns and requested they be seeded.

Parkwyn Village
Neighborhood

The Parkwyn Village Association representatives:

- announced the annual neighborhood clean-up would take place May 20th.
- expressed concern over sale and/or rezoning of park land in Oakland/Winchell neighborhoods.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Bobby Hopewell, Vice Mayor
Dated: June 5, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney

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

Commissioner Balkema, supported by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote, the motion carried.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Jeanne Hess, Associate Chaplain, Kalamazoo College, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Historic Preservation Awards of Merit

The Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) presented the 2006 Historic Preservation Awards of Merit to the following recipients:

RESIDENTIAL

- 1. 305 Stuart - owner Ryan Mervyn [nominated by SARA] Owner occupied
- 2. 830 West Main - owned by Brian Spaulding [nominated by SARA] Rental

COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL/GOVERNMENT

PROPERTIES/PROGRAMS:

- 3. 402 East Michigan - Arcus Depot – Depot Landmark LLC [nominated by Cambridge Seven Associates, architects]

INTERIOR REHABILITATION:

- 4. 244 East Michigan - Josh & Kristine Willson [nominated by Chris Wright and Pam O'Connor] MIXED
- 5. 222 N. Kalamazoo Mall - Hospice Care of SW Michigan [nominated by Derl Oberlin] ADAPTIVE RE-USE
- 6. 430 Elm St – Home of Sharon Carlson & Tom Dietz - [nominated by Leslie Decker - SARA] RESTORATION

INDIVIDUAL:

- 7. Southwest Builders - projects include Style Shop (217 S. Kalamazoo Mall) and Arcadia Condominiums (Koopsens/Arcadia Condominiums at 222 N. Kalamazoo Mall + Leners/Climb Kalamazoo and Michigan Bell/Peregrine Towers)

HPC Member Claire Milne shared the Committee’s vision for the City of Kalamazoo which included preservation of the 100 block of East Michigan Avenue and the Park Building.

Proclamations

Commissioner Miller, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed May 2006 "National Historic Preservation Month." Linda Gentry, Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Anderson, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed May 15-19, 2006 "National Bike to Work Week." Mike Boersma, Kalamazoo Bicycle Club President, and Paul Pancella, Kalamazoo Bicycle Club Member were present to accept the proclamation.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed May 15-21, 2006 "National Salvation Army Week." Major Steven Koehler, Salvation Army, was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Balkema, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed May 20-26, 2006 "National Safe Boating Week." Phyllis Buskirk, Historian, Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron, was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner McCann, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed May 20, 2006 the annual "Earth Day Celebration in Bronson Park." Dr. Tom Small, Earth Day Committee Co-Chair, was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Anderson, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed May 29, 2006 "Memorial Day." Ken Horton of the Marine Corps League was present to accept the proclamation.

Public Announcements

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

Public Hearing re: Friendship Village EDC Project

At 7:43 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION approving the proposed amendment to the project plan and refinancing of 1997 revenue bonds which was initiated by Lifecare, Inc. d/b/a Friendship Village and approved by the City Commission on March 31, 1997.

At 7:45 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-42 re: Friendship Village EDC Project

Commissioner Cooney seconded by Commissioner Balkema moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the proposed amendment to the project plan and refinancing of 1997 revenue bonds which was initiated by Lifecare, Inc. d/b/a Friendship Village and approved by the City Commission on March 31, 1997.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Pam Lightvoet, 6378 Bayfield Drive, Oshtemo Township, announced her candidacy for Kalamazoo County Circuit Court Judge.

The following citizens spoke regarding a recent Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN) meeting and a letter to the editor in the Kalamazoo Gazette from Michael Brown, Executive Director of the Gospel Mission:

- Mike Evans, 4224 Mt. Olivet Road
- Dawn Sharpe, no address
- Brendan Sharpe, no address
- Lori Anne Tennison, no address

Rodger Parzyck, 121 Bulkley Street, spoke on the need to preserve the City of Kalamazoo's historic buildings including the 100 block of East Michigan Avenue and the Park Building.

Lisa Ann-Marie Kelly, 2203 Mt. Olivet Road Apt. 1, publicly disassociated herself from the Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network.

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a one-year contract extension with Office Max through the State of Michigan Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the purchase of office supplies at an amount not to exceed \$101,000.
- Resolution 06-43 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** which authorizes the issuance, sale and delivery of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$80,000,000 for use in a construction project by Bronson Methodist Hospital.
- Resolution 06-44 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** of Designation of the National Incident Management System as the standard for incident management in the City of Kalamazoo.
- a recommendation to accept the Assistance to Firefighters Grant/2005 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Program, "Back to Basics #3" for \$339,000.
- a recommendation to approve a Use Agreement with the Southwest Michigan Punishers, a men's semi-professional football team for use of the Soisson-Rapacz-Clason field in Mayors' Riverfront Park for the 2006 football season.
- a recommendation to approve a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 1620 N. Burdick, to Virgil Harrison Peak, whose address is 1620 N. Burdick, Kalamazoo, in consideration of \$1,183.13 in payment of 1998 through 2002 foreclosed taxes.
- a recommendation to approve a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 1721 and 1804 N. Burdick, to Michael Redmond,

whose address is 5047 W. Main, Suite 201, Kalamazoo, in consideration of \$6,309.75 in payment of 1986 through 1990 and 1998 through 2002 foreclosed taxes.

- a recommendation to approve a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 736 Hawley, to Leslie Wotta, whose address is 35742 M-43, Paw Paw, Michigan, in consideration of \$2,754.42 in payment of 1997 through 2001 foreclosed taxes.
- a recommendation to approve a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 1424 Krom, to Christine Moncrief, whose address is 1424 Krom, Kalamazoo, in consideration of \$1,627.78 in payment of 1991 through 1996 foreclosed taxes.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Resolution 06-45

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** setting forth the salaries of the five City Commission appointees for 2006.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1802
re: the Employee
Retirement System

Commissioner Cooney seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend certain sections of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinance regarding the retirement system.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1803
re: the Employee
Retirement System

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend SECTION 2-225(a) of the Kalamazoo City Code regarding the Retirement System Board of Trustees and employment agreements authorized by the City Manager.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

Appointments to
Advisory Board
and Commissions

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, McCann,
Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: Commissioner Balkema

In response to concerns expressed by Commissioner Balkema, City Manager Collard explained the ordinance would apply to two positions and the cost to the City had not yet been calculated.

Commissioner Miller seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions:

- the appointment of Michael O. Wilson as a member of the Community Relations Board for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the appointment of James N. Rodbard as a member of the Community Relations Board for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the appointment of Nancy Troff as a member of the Economic Development Corporation for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2006.
- the appointment of James McIntyre, III as a member of the Economic Development Corporation for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2009.
- the appointment of Griffin Williams as a youth member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- the appointment of Michael Dombos as a member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2007.
- the appointment of Garrylee McCormick to the Transit Authority Board for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2006.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller,
McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Commissioner Miller expressed excitement over the youth appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Gratz Investments
Purchase & Sale
Agreement held

Acting Executive Director of Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Jerome Kisscorni, presented information regarding the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Gratz Investments for the sale of property located at the corner of North Pitcher and Mosel. The item was held until the May 30, 2006 meeting.

City Clerk's Report

Deputy City Clerk Virginia Vander Roest reported the following items:

The City Commission receives as informational minutes of the following advisory boards and commissions:

- Environmental Concerns Committee
 - Wednesday, March 15, 2006
- Friends of Recreation Board
 - Tuesday, March 28, 2006
- Housing Board of Appeals
 - Thursday, February 23, 2006
- Kalamazoo Historic District Commission
 - Tuesday, March 21, 2006
- Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission
 - Tuesday, February 14, 2006
 - Tuesday, March 14, 2006
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - Tuesday, March 07, 2006
- Planning Commission
 - Thursday, March 02, 2006

The following special event requests were approved in the month of April:

- a request from Scanlon Leadership Network to close Water Street between Rose and Church Streets for a high ropes training course on Tuesday, May 2, 2006.
- a request from the Hispanic American Council to use Reed Park on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the annual Hispanic American Council's Women's Health Fair.
- a request from Arthritis Foundation/Michigan Chapter to use city sidewalks on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for a fundraiser Arthritis Walk.
- a request from Goldstar Families for Peace to use Bronson Park Tuesday, May 16, 2006 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. for speaker Cindy Sheehan to address citizens against the war in Iraq.
- a request from Gazelle Sports to use city streets on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. for the Southwest Michigan Komen Race for the Cure.
- a request from DKA Charities Board (DKAC) to use the Kalamazoo Mall and the northern parking and traffic lanes of South Street on June 2 and 3, 2006 for the 2006 Art on the Mall event.

- a request from Kalamazoo Deacons' Conference to use LaCrone Park for the following 2006 events:
 - Saturday, June 17, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a Community Gathering.
 - Friday, July 21 through Sunday, July 23, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a Round Ball Classic Basketball Tournament.
 - Friday, August 25, 2006 for a School Back Pack event from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- a request from Downtown Kalamazoo Inc. (DKI) and Cumulus Broadcasting to use city streets on Saturday, June 3, 2006 beginning at 11:00 a.m. for the annual Do-Dah Parade.
- a request from DKA Charities Board (DKAC) and Downtown Kalamazoo Inc. (DKI) for permission to use the Kalamazoo Mall for the sale of alcohol during the tenth annual Mixers on the Mall to be held on the Kalamazoo Mall on the following dates: June 7, 14, 21 and 28; July 5, 12, 19 and 26; and August 2 and 9. Additional dates of August 16 and 23 would be scheduled for use in lieu of canceled events due to inclement weather.
- a request from Kalamazoo County Sheriff, Mounted Division, use city streets on Saturday, June 10, 2006 for a parade to celebrate the Michigan Sheriff's Mounted Association Pony Express Day. The parade would begin at 1:00 p.m. and travel around the downtown area.
- a request from The Dream Center to use Bronson Park from Friday, August 11, 2006 through Saturday, August 12, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day for the eighth annual Dream Center Community Festival.
- a request from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to use Bronson Park and city sidewalks on Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Light the Night Walk to raise awareness about Leukemia & Lymphoma.

The City Commission receives as information the *Report on the May 2nd Election* dated May 10, 2006 and the *Advisory Board and Commission Membership Report* dated May 10, 2006.

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard provided information-sharing items, which included departmental reports, a report on April purchases, and a status of report on Eastern Hills Golf Course.

The meeting recessed at 8:32 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 8:43 p.m.

Resolution
Regarding the War
in Iraq

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner McCann moved to adopt a RESOLUTION calling for the return of US Troops from Iraq and the redirection of war funds for domestic needs.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the motion:

Ron Kramer, 2116 Benjamin Avenue
Daniel Smith, 3022 Fleetwood Drive
John McNaughton, 2910 Bronson Boulevard
Ineke Way, 1938 Oakland Drive
David Pawloski, 405 Hutchinson Street
Beth Lewis, 227 W Walnut Street
Amolia Moore, 603 Minor Avenue Apt. 2
Tom Small, 2502 Waite Avenue
Bill Farmer, 9200 S 26th Street ; Scotts, MI
Wade Adams, 744 Garland Avenue
Lynwood Bartley, 1511 Edgeridge Circle
Steve Senesi, 439 Park Place
Christine Smith, 326 W Kalamazoo Avenue
John Ephland, 714 Fairview Avenue
Gabriel Akoi, 1309 Concord Place Drive; Oshtemo Township
Essela Berhi, Texas Township
George Theodoron, 7146 Leawood Street; Portage
Philip Micklin, 1618 Grove Street
Alev Akbulut, 447 W Walnut Street
Carol Meyer-Niedzwiecki, 303 Scott St; Schoolcraft Township

The following people spoke in opposition to the motion:

Jeff Gregg, 115 Crescent Drive
Martin Burch, 513 Axtell Street
Mark Fricke, 1841 Cumberland Street

Commissioner Anderson urged the City Commission to focus on critical issues over which the Commission had direct influence.

Commissioner McCann suggested the resolution be modified and final action on the resolution but postponed.

Commissioner Cooney expressed the need to pass the resolution as the war in Iraq deeply affected the citizens of Kalamazoo.

Vice Mayor Hopewell spoke in support of the motion and stated the resolution needed to be modified.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to postpone until June 5, 2006 consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION calling for the return of US Troops from Iraq and the redirection of war funds for domestic needs.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann,
Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: Commissioner Miller

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Beth Lewis, 227 Walnut Street, spoke regarding the broken lift in City Hall and how it affected the spontaneity of the disabled.

Paul Marquardt, 2424 Waite Avenue, thanked the Commission for holding the Iraq war resolution until the Mayor returned and expressed the need for the Commission to pass the resolution.

City Commissioner
Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners but no comments were made.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: June 5, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote this motion passed.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Michael Brown, Executive Director, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its agenda for the meeting without changes.

Public Announcements

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

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items, but no comments were offered.

Consent Agenda

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

Resolution 06-46

- a recommendation to approve a one-year term contract with Etna Supply for the annual supply of water maintenance and construction materials in the amount of \$466,584.70.
- a recommendation to adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to transfer a 2001 Class C Liquor License from John A. Kelly that has been held in escrow to Skybar, Inc. located at 139 S. Edwards St.
- a recommendation to approve a grant agreement with the Michigan Department of State for accessible voting systems.
- a recommendation to accept a U.S. Justice Department Justice Assistance Grant award of \$72,406.

- a recommendation to accept a grant from Kalamazoo Community Mental Health Services for \$77,517 to fund a summer youth program.
- a recommendation to accept funding from Spring Valley Summer Day Care Camp/Kalamazoo Public Schools for \$3,837 to fund enrichment activities at the Camp.
- a recommendation to approve lease agreements with Great Lakes Aquatics, Inc. and Portage Aquatic Club for the use of Kik Pool from June 12 – August 19, 2006.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a Purchase and Sales Agreement in the amount of \$152,000 with Gratz Investments for the sale of property located at the corner of North Pitcher and Mosel.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

The meeting recessed at 7:07 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall.

City Manager's
Report – Pension
System
Presentation

Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Mark Stuhldreher and Pension Analyst Jeanette Meyer gave a presentation entitled *City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement Benefits Program*. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher gave a brief history of pension systems in general and stated the obligation to provide a pension benefit first appeared in the City Charter in 1941. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated voters approved the current Charter language in 1955, and he explained this language would need to be changed if the City wanted to offer a defined contribution pension plan rather than a defined benefit plan. A copy of the PowerPoint slides for this presentation was included with the papers for the meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, City Attorney Kirk stated the use of the word "actuarial" in the Section 197 of the Charter required the City to offer a defined benefit pension plan. City Attorney Kirk stated this language would need to change regardless of whether a hard or soft freeze was used to implement a new type of pension plan.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated he would provide information to Commissioners regarding the level of employee participation in the City's Section 457 defined contribution plan.

Pension System
Presentation
(cont'd)

Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher explained the process for converting the City's defined benefit pension system to a defined contribution system and stated rough estimates indicated the current value of the pension system would be sufficient to purchase annuities to cover the retirement system's current liabilities. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher presented the benefits and costs associated with defined contribution pension systems.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated both the estimated years to contribution and the graph entitled, "Projected Actuarial Asset Value and Projected Actuarial Accrued Liabilities" were long-range projections, which needed to be considered with appropriate caution.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated it was unclear whether the overfunding of the pension system as a whole was able to compensate for the underfunding of particular employee groups. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated the essential question was whether the pension fund was a single fund or six separate funds.

Commissioner Cooney questioned whether the overfunded status of the pension system as a whole would eliminate the need for a General Fund contribution on behalf of particular employee groups that were underfunded.

Discussion followed regarding the advisability of using Pension System funds to pay for current-year retiree healthcare costs and the possible uses for General Fund dollars that would become available as a result of shifting retiree healthcare costs to the Pension System. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher recommended investing the additional General Fund dollars in a healthcare trust fund. Discussion also took place regarding options for managing the City's retiree healthcare liability.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher explained the City ordinance regarding the payout of a thirteenth check to qualified retirees and stated the next payout of the thirteenth check would take place in 2007.

Commissioner Balkema suggested the funds that would have been dispersed in the thirteenth check be redirected to a health care trust fund. Commissioner Balkema stated the City Commission would need to make this policy decision well in advance of the anticipated thirteenth check payout date.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher stated bond rating agencies would want to see evidence that the City recognized the problem of unfunded retiree healthcare liabilities and was taking some

type of action to address the issue. Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Stuhldreher explained the retiree healthcare liability that would appear in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) was the annual contribution to fund the liability, not the total liability itself.

Commissioner Miller suggested the City Commission reconsider the issuance of a 13th check to retirees. Commissioner Miller expressed appreciation for the members of the Retirement System Investment Committee.

By consensus the City Commission directed the City Manager to take the following actions:

- Continue to manage the accrual of future liabilities
- Have a comprehensive study of the pension benefit program conducted by experts in the field.
- Incorporate into a long-term fiscal plan the potential use of Pension System Fund Balance for retiree healthcare expenses, as well as any other findings from the abovementioned study.
- Research the issue of the funding status for particular employee groups versus the funding status of the entire pension system.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments, but no comments were given.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann commended Public Safety Officers for apprehending a suspect in a recent shooting incident and a man suspected of committing robberies using a fake firearm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: July 5, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, June 2, 2006 at 7:31 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann*
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner
Excused

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the June
5th Meeting
Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2006.

Item E-1

Regarding Item E-1, a public hearing on the 2005 Mall Maintenance Assessment, Commissioner Anderson requested the name of the business whose survey response card expressed opposition to the assessment.

*Commissioner McCann arrived at 7:33 a.m.

Item G-7

Regarding Item G-7, the allocation of City Commission Contingency Funds, Commissioners discussed whether to require funding recipients to provide reports on their goals, objectives and accomplishments prior to receiving funding. Discussion also took place regarding the proper role and function of the Contingency Fund and the need to evaluate funding requests for community initiatives during the annual budget process.

By consensus, the City Commission directed the City Manager to request reports from the funding recipients regarding their goals, objectives, previous uses of City funds and the associated results, planned uses for current City funds, and strategies for becoming self-sufficient.

Item G-9

Regarding Item G-9, ordinance amendments related to parking enforcement, Ken Nacci, Executive Director of Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI), summarized the proposed changes and indicated DKI was willing to work with individual businesses regarding their unique parking needs.

Item G-13

Regarding Item G-13, the sale of a portion of Schippers Crossing to Morris Rose Auto Parts, and in response to a question from Vice Mayor

Hopewell, City Manager Collard stated the market had not responded to previous attempts by the City to develop Schippers Crossing. City Manager Collard explained the proposed property sale would have a negligible affect on the City's ability to develop the remainder of this area in the future.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Commissioner Balkema noted many events would take place in the downtown area over the weekend.

Commissioner McCann remarked on recent correspondence and photographs sent to Commissioners by a citizen concerned with high levels of iron in the City's water supply.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: July 5, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell David Anderson Mary Balkema Don Cooney Sean McCann Barbara Miller
	COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None
	Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Invocation	The invocation, given by Pastor Lenzy Bell, First United Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Introduction of Guests	Mayor McKinney introduced Kalamazoo County Commissioner Dan McGlinn, who presented a check in the amount of \$350,000 to the City. Commissioner McGlinn explained the check represented federal block grant dollars for which the County applied on behalf of the City, and he noted the funds would be used for improvements to the South Burdick Street corridor between Crosstown Parkway and Alcott Street.
Proclamations	Commissioner McCann, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, read a proclamation recognizing Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services' 25 th Anniversary. Tim Lemanski, Chief Executive Officer of Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services, was present to accept the proclamation. Commissioner Miller, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed June 8, 2006 National Dump the Pump Day in Kalamazoo. Transportation Director William Schomisch was present to accept the proclamation.
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following changes: Commissioner McCann requested Item G-9 be moved to the Regular Agenda. Citizens requested items G-2, G-3, G-7, and G-13 be moved to the Regular Agenda.
Public Announcements	City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.
Public Hearing re: 2005 Mall Maintenance Assessment	At 7:17 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION approving the 2005 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$14.255. At 7:18 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-47
Approving 2005
Mall Maintenance
Assessment

Vice Mayor Hopewell, supported by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the 2005 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$14.255.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Dawn Sharpe, no address

Kimberly Anderson, no address

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3

Consent Agenda

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

Resolution 06-48

- a recommendation to adopt **RESOLUTION #1** directing the City Manager to prepare information on the scope, estimated costs, special assessment charge recommendation and other necessary information for the construction of sanitary sewer improvements on Richard Avenue east of S. Burdick Street; and, to direct the City Assessor to prepare a special assessment roll for this public improvement.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a telecommunications equipment integration agreement and a credit and set-off of MPSCS member fees with the State of Michigan, as related to the Public Safety radio communications system.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign the Temporary Access Agreement allowing Horizon Environmental (on behalf of Meijer, Inc.) temporary access to perform environmental testing on the right-of-way on Conant Street and Mason Street.
- a recommendation to accept a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, John E. Fetzer Institute Fund for \$2,000 to help support the "Float to Live/Strokes for Life" youth aquatic safety program.
- a recommendation to approve the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meetings of April 28 and May 12, 2006; the Special Meeting of May 15, 2006, and the Regular Meetings of May 1 and May 15, 2006.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until June 19, 2006 an ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances related to the Building Code.

- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until June 19, 2006 a RESOLUTION to vacate a 3,000-square-foot portion of the undeveloped Madison Avenue right-of-way, which is located south of Edgewood Drive.
- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until June 19, 2006 a request to authorize the purchase of state-owned, tax-reverted land under the provisions of Public Act 123 of 1999, as amended; and, authorize the transfer of title directly from the State of Michigan to the City of Kalamazoo's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for those properties acquired for brownfield redevelopment efforts.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Endorsement of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to endorse the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness developed by the Continuum of Care and authorize the City Manager to sign and submit a letter of City support to the Local Initiatives Support Corporation.

Prior to a vote on the motion the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Michael Evans, 4224 Mt. Olivet Road
LoriAnne Tennison, no address

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

PY2006-2007 HOME Self Sufficiency Funding

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to renew a HOME Investment Partnership Program Agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI) through May 31, 2007 to conduct the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Prior to a vote on the motion, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Dawn Sharpe, no address
Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3

City Commission
Contingency Fund
Allocations

In response to questions from Ms. Sharpe, City Manager Collard summarized information presented in the Agenda Report regarding HOME funding for the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Commissioner Anderson stated a critical component of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness was homelessness prevention through programs like the Family Self Sufficiency Program.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested that City Manager Collard provide Ms. Anderson, who spoke during Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items, with information on HRI and the Family Self Sufficiency Program.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the allocation of City Commission Contingency Funds in support of the following community initiatives: supplemental summer youth programming - \$40,000, Communities in Schools - \$20,000, Summit on Racism - \$12,000 and the Kalamazoo County Poverty Reduction Initiative - \$14,000.

Prior to a vote on the motion, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

LoriAnne Tennison, no address,
Emma Baidy, 1020 Lay Boulevard
Michael Evans, 4224 Mt. Olivet Road

In response to questions and comments from citizens, City Manager Collard stated there had been no funding requests for the Homeless Pilot Project as the value on the proposed programs and activities had yet not been established. City Manager Collard stated the funding for summer youth programs would support recreational opportunities at Rockwell Park, the Douglas Community Center, the Boys and Girls Club, the Vine Neighborhood Association, and the YMCA (in conjunction with the Edison Neighborhood Association).

Commissioner Anderson stated the City Commission Contingency Fund existed to address unforeseen needs and suggested that funding for on-going programs and initiatives be established through the City's annual budget process.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Amendments to Chapter 36 of the City Code Held Until June 19th

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to hold for final consideration until June 19, 2006 a recommendation to adopt an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 36 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances relating to parking enforcement.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Albert Trombley, owner of Trombley Salon and Gallery at 627 South Burdick Street, addressed the City Commission.

Commissioner Balkema stated current parking system regulations attempted to apply a single solution to a multifaceted problem and requested that the regulations be scrutinized.

Mayor McKinney encouraged businesses and citizens to contact Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI) with concerns, ideas and suggestions regarding specific parking issues.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Sale of a Portion of Schippers Crossing to Morris Rose Auto Parts

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to hold until June 19, 2006 final consideration of a recommendation to approve the sale of 5.49 acres of Schippers Crossing property to Morris Rose Auto Parts, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to sign a Sales Agreement.

Prior to a vote on the motion Mark Rose, 8918 Marsh Creek Circle in the City of Galesburg and owner of Morris Rose Auto Parts, addressed the City Commission.

Commissioner Balkema expressed support for motion and noted the need to encourage business expansion within the City.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported on the following items:

The City Commission received as informational minutes of the following advisory boards and commissions:

- Community Development Act Advisory Committee
 - Thursday, April 13, 2006
- Dangerous Buildings Board
 - Thursday, March 09, 2006

- Environmental Concerns Committee
 - Wednesday, April 19, 2006
- Friends of Recreation Board
 - Tuesday, April 25, 2006
- Kalamazoo Historic District Commission
 - Tuesday, April 18, 2006
- Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board
 - Friday, February 24, 2006
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - Tuesday, April 04, 2006
- Planning Commission
 - Thursday, April 06, 2006
 - Thursday, May 04, 2006
- Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Thursday, April 13, 2006

The following special event requests were approved in the month of May:

- A request from Gold Star Families For Peace to use Bronson Park on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for speaker Cindy Sheehan.
- A request from Lungevity to use Bronson Park and City sidewalks on Saturday, October 7, 2006 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for a fund raising walk to benefit Lung Cancer research.
- A request from Bronson Methodist Hospital to use Bronson Park and city streets on Saturday, September 9, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the 28th Annual Family Health Fair. The approval includes the closure of Academy and South Streets between Park and Rose Streets.
- A request from Michigan Organizing Project to use Bronson Park on Monday, May 1, 2006 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for a rally for immigrant rights.

City Clerk Borling reported the City had taken delivery of 23 AutoMARK accessible voting devices and stated staff in the City Clerk's Office would receive training on the new equipment within the next week.

The meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 8:17 p.m.

Resolution 06-49
re: Return of US
Troops from Iraq

The City Commission resumed discussion of a RESOLUTION calling for the return of US Troops from Iraq and the redirection of war funds for domestic needs that was postponed at the May 15th Regular Meeting, the question being on the adoption of the resolution.

Iraq Resolution
(cont'd)

Commissioner McCann, supported by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a substitute resolution entitled NON-BINDING RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RETURN OF MILITARY FORCES FROM IRAQ AND SUPPORT FOR DOMESTIC NEEDS.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor McKinney, City Attorney Kirk explained the parliamentary procedure for dealing with the original and substitute resolutions.

Commissioner Cooney moved to amend the original resolution to strike "state and federal officials to do all they can to establish a prudent, feasible, and orderly strategy which facilitates the exit of US Armed Forces from Iraq" and replace this text with "the federal government to immediately commence an orderly and rapid withdrawal of United States military personnel from Iraq." The motion failed for lack of support.

Commissioner McCann read into the record the substitute resolution:

NON-BINDING RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RETURN OF
MILITARY FORCES FROM IRAQ AND SUPPORT FOR DOMESTIC
NEEDS.

WHEREAS, The City of Kalamazoo supports the members of the US Armed Forces for their bravery, dedication, courage and sacrifice to the people of the United States in fighting terrorism, defending our freedom, and serving our country; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the City of Kalamazoo know that open political debate and freedom of expression are due to the sacrifice of the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces both now and in the past; and

WHEREAS, No matter where our Armed Forces serve, they should be properly supplied and equipped with all available and appropriate protective gear and armaments, and that their care during and upon completion of military service be fully adequate and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, It is a matter of great public debate as to whether or not US Armed Forces should have been used to invade Iraq, and that the City Commission does not make these kinds of decisions on behalf of the public it serves; and

WHEREAS, Some citizens of Kalamazoo have asked the City Commission to make a statement about the need to now bring about a prudent and conclusive exit of the US military presence in Iraq, which would in turn be joined with other related statements by other local communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The City Commission has in the past taken actions and made statements about issues of local impact or concern that are inextricably tied to State and Federal levels of government such as hiring a lobbyist to work on the City's behalf at the state level; addressing the local impact of mandates of the USA Patriot Act of 2001; going to war in

Iraq Resolution
(cont'd)

Iraq in 2002; accepting Mexican government-issued ID cards for various city purposes; advocating for an increased level of state-mandated wages paid to nursing home workers; advocating for greater federal and state funds for public transportation; advocating for greater federal and state funds for environmental clean-up of polluted sites; advocating for greater state and federal funds for roads and highways; supporting equitable and adequate state revenue sharing; advocating for greater federal and state funds for homeland security; advocating for greater federal and state funds for homelessness solutions and community development; and

WHEREAS, The City Commission is concerned that the lives of local military personnel serving in Iraq are at risk of injury or death; that the injuries and loss of life thus far of civilians and military personnel in Iraq has an immeasurable negative impact on our community, state and country; that levels state and local disaster readiness could be at risk in the face of a major event requiring National Guard deployment; that there appears to be no evident articulated strategy or general timetable for an exit of US troops from Iraq; and

WHEREAS, The City Commission has many municipal needs to meet and is greatly challenged by this due to a variety of increasing costs such as inflation, health care, retirement; decreasing state and federal resources; and increasing the national debt to finance the war in Iraq which will strain current and future funds available for domestic needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Kalamazoo City Commission, recognizing that the stability of Iraq is crucial to the security of the citizens of Kalamazoo and to all Americans, urges the federal government to provide the people of Iraq with appropriate non-military material aid and support for an international peace-keeping force as shall be necessary for the security of Iraq's citizens and for the rebuilding of Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Kalamazoo urges state and federal officials to do all they can to establish a prudent, feasible, and orderly strategy which facilitates the exit of US Armed Forces from Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Kalamazoo renews its call for state and federal officials to reform their priorities so that greater resources are made available for municipal needs, particularly for struggling core urban communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to George W. Bush, President of the United States, the members of the Michigan Congressional delegation – including 6th Congressional District Representative Fred Upton and U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin, and Michigan 60th District Representative Alexander Lipsey and 20th District Senator Tom George, as well as Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Iraq Resolution
(cont'd)

Prior to the vote on the acceptance of the substitute motion, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

- Dawn Sharpe, no address
- Wade Adams, 744 Garland Avenue
- Steve Senesi, 439 Park Place
- Maia Storm, 710 Trimble Avenue
- Ben Karle, 226 Lake Ridge Drive
- Willie Menta, 8850 North 12th Street
- Lee Ann Johnson, 1602 Jefferson Avenue
- Kathy Murphy, 217 North Grenups in Paw Paw
- Bill Farmer, representing Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Development
- Philip Micklin, 1618 Grove Street
- Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3

Commissioner Cooney made the following points in support of the original resolution: the war in Iraq was a City issue as defense spending siphoned funds from state and local governments; in the past the City Commission had taken positions on national issues; and the City Commission's action would be significant because small groups of people standing for justice were generally the agents of change.

Substitute Iraq
Resolution Accepted

The question being on the acceptance of the substitute resolution, the substitute resolution was accepted by a roll call vote of 4-0 with three abstentions.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioners Balkema, Miller, Mayor McKinney

Mayor McKinney spoke regarding the struggle to balance her personal opinion of the war in Iraq and her responsibility as a City Commissioner to represent all citizens of Kalamazoo.

Substitute Iraq
Resolution Adopted

The question being on the adoption of the substitute resolution, the resolution was adopted by a vote of 4-0 with three abstentions.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioners Balkema, Miller, Mayor McKinney

Resolution 06-50 re:
Affirmative Action

Mayor McKinney read the following resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE BENEFITS OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

WHEREAS, the City of Kalamazoo opposes discrimination and supports programs to advance equal opportunity and access for women and minorities in public education, contracting and employment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kalamazoo has adopted an Affirmative Action Plan stating their commitment to achieve an effective equal employment opportunity program that includes building a structure and organizational culture that fights against racism, sexism and other barriers to inclusion and diversity; and

WHEREAS, affirmative action programs, including recruitment, outreach, and training initiatives offered to qualified women and minorities remedies past discrimination, fights present-day disparities, and promotes diversity in our society; and

WHEREAS, though progress has been made in reducing the present effects of past discrimination in public education, contracting and employment, temporary race- or gender-specific programs to redress remaining disparities are still needed and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court agrees that affirmative action is necessary to “. . . cultivate a set of leaders with legitimacy in the eyes of the citizenry, it is necessary that the path to leadership be visibly open to talented and qualified individuals of every race and ethnicity” (Supreme Court majority opinion in Grutter v. Bollinger, 2003); and

WHEREAS, enactment of anti-equal opportunity and affirmative action initiatives such as California’s Proposition 209 (1996) and Washington State’s Initiative 200 (1998) have resulted in the abolishment of programs to recruit women and minorities into non-traditional professions in math, sciences, and the trades, caused a precipitous drop in the enrollment of minorities in the top higher education institutions in those states, and threatened efforts to integrate the public schools; and

WHEREAS, Ward Connerly, original sponsor of the California and Washington measures, is backing a similar proposed amendment to Michigan’s Constitution, deceptively calling it the “Michigan Civil Rights Initiative” that would ban public sector voluntary affirmative action programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Kalamazoo supports continuation of voluntary public-sector affirmative action programs in education, contracting, and employment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Kalamazoo supports efforts to educate Michigan’s voters about the threat to equal opportunity and affirmative action programs and joins with Michigan United, a coalition of organizations supporting continuation of affirmative action programs in Michigan, and urges its members to inform themselves about this important public issue.

Affirmative Action
Resolution (cont'd)

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** Affirming the Benefits of Affirmative Action.

Prior to a vote on the motion, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Jenny Shoub, Executive Director of the Kalamazoo YWCA
Dan Smith, 3022 Fleetwood Drive in the City of Portage
Mark Fricke, 1841 Cumberland Street
Lynwood Bartley, 1511 Edgeridge Circle
Philip Micklin, 1618 Grove Street

Commissioners McCann and Cooney expressed support for motion.

Vice Mayor Hopewell expressed support for this resolution and stated the work of City had continued while the City Commission debated the resolutions on Iraq and the affirmative action ballot proposal. Vice Mayor Hopewell stated diversity was an important and relevant issue that affected the community at large and the City organization.

With a roll call vote the motion passed 4-0 with three abstentions.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Balkema, Miller, Mayor McKinney

Citizen Comments

When given a final opportunity to make comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3
Martin Burch, 513 Axtell Street
Wade Adams, 744 Garland Avenue

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner McCann spoke regarding proper decorum and behavior during the Citizen Comment portions of meeting.

Commissioner Balkema stated the Recycling for Warmth trailer on Miller Road had been filled, and a new trailer had been placed at the Walmart on Gull Road. Commissioner Balkema stated one trailer load of newspapers would insulate 7-10 homes.

Commissioner Anderson expressed his passion for making Kalamazoo a better place to live and the City a leader among local governments in Michigan.

Commissioner Cooney noted 25th anniversary of the discovery of AIDS and thanked Community AIDS Resource and Education Services (CARES) for their work.

Adjournment

Mayor McKinney thanked the citizens who addressed the City Commission for their passionate support of important issues and stated their participation was evidence of active democracy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: July 5, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, June 16, 2006 at 7:36 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Don Cooney

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner
Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the June
19th Meeting
Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, June 19, 2006.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, June 19, 2006.

In response to a question from Mayor McKinney, Commissioners Anderson, Balkema and Miller indicated they would be in attendance at the July 5th Regular City Commission Meeting. Mayor McKinney suggested City Manager Collard contact Commissioner Cooney and Vice Mayor Hopewell to determine if a quorum of the City Commission would be present at the July 5th meeting.

Item B-1a

Regarding Item B-3a, Introduction of Guests, Commissioner Balkema noted Dan McGlenn was a Kalamazoo County Commissioner, not Vice Chair of the County Board of Commissioners.

In response to a question from Mayor McKinney, City Clerk Borling stated he would search the City Commission records to determine if the Commission had adopted resolutions supporting local, non-City ballot questions in the recent past.

Item G-2

Regarding Item G-2, amendments to the parking enforcement ordinance, and in response to a question from Commissioner McCann, Leslie Hoffman of Central City Parking reported she had met with both the Traffic Board and Albert Trombley and was facilitating the approval of new signs to make the free parking spaces adjacent to Mr. Trombley's business on Burdick street three-hour spaces rather than 90 minute spaces.

Item K-1

Regarding Item K-1, Kalamazoo Committee on Diversity and Race Relations Commitment Letter, Commissioner Balkema requested the names of the organizations and individuals who would be signing the letter.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Mayor McKinney requested that the recommended action for items on the Consent Agenda be indicated for each individual item when the recommended action was to hold the item until a future City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Anderson noted passing of former Community Planning and Development Director Daryl Benjamin-Forbes.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: July 5, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell*
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney**
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Cooney

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

- Eastside Neighborhood Association
Frank Barrett, President
Pat Taylor, Director
- Stuart Area Restoration Association
Jonathan O'Brien, Chair
Catherine Bonnes, Treasurer
Leslie Decker, Neighborhood Administrator
- Woods Lake Association
Frank Wolf, President

*Vice Mayor Hopewell arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Eastside Neighborhood

The Eastside Neighborhood representatives:

- reported 100 backpacks were given away at a back to school event in the fall, and holiday food baskets were distributed to senior citizens in December.
- noted programming changes at the Eastside Youth Center, which included the addition of an educational gardening program, the implementation of themes for each day, and the participation of volunteers through a partnership with AARP.

- stated the computer center was open and was being used for classes.
- stated the Director continued to attend Neighborhood Improvement Team (NIT) meetings
- expressed excitement about the future development of partnerships between the City and neighborhood associations.
- announced the Fresh Food Initiative would be on June 20th.
- reported block watch groups had been established for individual streets, and these groups sent representatives to the neighborhood watch meetings.
- stated the Association would be sponsoring a Kids Day during the Black Arts and Culture Festival and noted many of the Association's initiatives were collaborative in nature.
- reported plans for a new Youth Center facility had been drawn-up, and an estimated \$5 million would be needed to complete the project.
- noted the Association was gathering input from various churches and youth organizations regarding the programming at the new Youth Center.
- reported the Association was revising its bylaws.

**Commissioner Cooney arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Stuart Area
Restoration Assoc.

The Stuart Area Restoration Association (SARA) representatives:

- discussed personal reasons for their participation in SARA.
- stated SARA was in a period of transition as it had experienced several changes, including the departure of long-time residents, the election of new board members, and changes in the rental housing market.
- reported a goal of raising \$5,000 by the end of the year to fund an endowment.
- requested that the City Commission renew funding for the neighborhood director positions in the FY2007 budget.
- expressed appreciation for the Public Safety Department for the recent apprehension of a prolific burglar in the neighborhood and noted the suspect had entered homes through unlocked doors in 20 out of 22 occasions.
- stated the SARA Board of Directors was working to update the Association's strategic plan and was attempting to recruit new members by encouraging participation in committees.

- announced the Live from Kalamazoo event would take place on November 3rd at Henderson Castle.
- reported on several neighborhood projects, including a Building Blocks project on Kalamazoo Avenue, the excellent clean-up work done by residents of the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, and the upcoming beautification of West Main Park as result of a grant from Kalamazoo in Bloom.
- thanked the Public Services Department for hauling away trash after neighborhood clean-up events.
- announced historic home tours would be held on September 16th and December 2nd.
- noted the benefits of the A-Plus Neighborhood program.
- expressed concerns about safety issues, noise from passing cars, panhandling, and lack of enforcement regarding illegal zoning uses.

Woods Lake
Neighborhood

The Woods Lake Association representative:

- reported projects at and around Woods Lake were near completion.
- noted the Kensington retention pond was functioning well.
- stated the Association supported the Woods Lake Master Plan commissioned by the Friends of Woods Lake and stated the estimated cost to implement to the Plan was \$666,000.
- commended a work team from the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission for their recent efforts to clean-up Woods Lake Park.
- urged the City to discourage the use of phosphorous fertilizers and asked that an ordinance be adopted regarding dog waste.
- thanked the City for street sweeping and the annual leaf pick-up and requested that the City Commission support infrastructure maintenance in future budgets.

In response to a comment by Mr. Wolf, Vice Mayor Hopewell expressed appreciation to Mr. Wolf for discussing problems or issues with the City Manager prior to raising them with the City Commission. Vice Mayor Hopewell noted the City Manager was the person with the authority to address most situations involving City policies, practices, and resources.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Mr. Wolf stated the Association was still working with Senior Civil Engineer Carolyn Rutland and Marathon to address the problem of runoff from the gas station near the corner of Oakland Drive and Parkview Avenue.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, Mr. Wolf stated the beach at Woods Lake Park was well used.

Citizen Comments

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

City Manager Collard noted a quorum of the City Commission would be present at the July 5th Regular Meeting.

By consensus the City Commission cancelled its Committee of the Whole Meeting on Friday, June 30th

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: July 5, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Pastor Reverend Thomas E. Pace, Grace Fellowship Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of
Guests

Mayor McKinney recognized the presence of former City Commissioner Lance Ferraro.

Mayor McKinney introduced County Commissioner Dan McGlenn and Juvenile Home Superintendent Frank Weichlein, who presented an overview of the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home Bond Proposition and requested City Commission support for the Proposition, which would be presented to Kalamazoo County voters on the August 8th Primary Election ballot. County Commissioner McGlenn distributed a frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet entitled *2006 Juvenile Home Proposal*.

Mayor McKinney read into the record the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY
JUVENILE HOME BOND PROPOSITION**

WHEREAS, the County Juvenile Home is constantly at its capacity, and lacks treatment space, resulting in children being sent to programs outside the community at County expense; and

WHEREAS, the age and high maintenance costs of the Juvenile Home are significantly increasing the possibility that the Juvenile Home will be unusable and uninhabitable for an extended period of time due to failures of the basic heating, plumbing and air conditioning systems serving the Juvenile Home; and

WHEREAS, the age and condition of the existing Juvenile Home substantially undermine the efforts of those professionals who are working to address the educational needs of the residents of the Juvenile Home; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the need to replace the existing Juvenile Home with a new Juvenile Home can best be accomplished by voter approved unlimited tax general obligation bonds in one or more series.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo City Commission does hereby support the County in its efforts to acquire, remediate, renovate, erect, furnish and equip a new juvenile home located at the site of the existing juvenile home, the estimated cost thereof being \$28,320,000.

Discussion followed regarding the bond proposition and resolution.

Proclamation

Commissioner Cooney, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed June 19-25, 2006 "Kalamazoo Jaycees Week" in the City of Kalamazoo. Julie White, President of the Kalamazoo Jaycees was present to accept the proclamation.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following changes:

Mayor McKinney stated the RESOLUTION in support of the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home Bond Proposition, which had been read into the record earlier in the meeting, would be added to the agenda as Item K-3.

City Manager Collard requested that final consideration of Item H-3 (amendments to the parking enforcement ordinance) be postponed until August 7, 2006.

Citizens requested that Items G-4 (DDA millage) and G-12 (City Commission Rule revisions) be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Communications

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

Citizen Comments

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

Monica Westover, 2130 Stevens Avenue
Kimberly Anderson, 448 North Burdick Street
Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3
Billy H. Moore, 2130 Oakland Drive

(Commissioner Cooney left at 7:58 p.m.)

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a contract with Hoffman Brothers, Inc. for the construction of street improvements to Portage Street, South Street and Farmers Alley around the Ramp 3 Parking Structure located at the intersection of Portage Street and South Street in the amount of \$545,850.39.

Resolution 06-51

- a recommendation to adopt as **RESOLUTION** to vacate a 3,000-square-foot portion of the undeveloped Madison Avenue right-of-way, which is located south of Edgewood Drive.

Resolution 06-52

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** confirming the 2006 Assessment Roll.
- a recommendation to authorize the purchase of state-owned, tax-reverted land under the provisions of Public Act 123 of 1999, as amended; and, authorize the transfer of title directly from the State of Michigan to the City of Kalamazoo's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for those properties acquired for brownfield redevelopment efforts.
- a recommendation to approve the sale of 5.49 acres of Schippers Crossing property to Morris Rose Auto Parts, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to sign a Sales Agreement.
- a recommendation to accept two grants in support of Kalamazoo's Summit on Racism: 1) from the Fetzer Institute for \$25,000 and 2) from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for \$25,000.
- a recommendation to accept two grants: 1) from the Youth II Fund of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation (Youth United Way) for \$2,000 and 2) from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation Good Neighbor Grant for \$700 for the "Safe Summer 2006" Kick Off event on June 14, 2006.
- a recommendation to accept a grant from the Harold and Grace Upjohn Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 to help support the "YES! Campaign."
- a recommendation to approve unencumbered operating budget carry forwards of \$614,419 from FY 2005 to FY 2006.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign the Interagency Coordination and Cooperation Agreement for the Re-banding Project with the MPSCS to allow MPSCS to represent Kalamazoo Public Safety in the planning and funding negotiations with Sprint Nextel to accept the agreements related to re-banding.
- a recommendation to approve a request from the Kalamazoo Amateur Athletic Federation for permission to apply for special liquor licenses for the Kiracofe Memorial Softball Tournament to be held at Versluis/Dickinson Park on July 14-16, 2006.
- a recommendation to approve a request from the Luzon-Argonne Post 827 for permission to apply for a special liquor license to provide alcohol during the Friends of Recreation Golf Classic on July 17, 2006 at Eastern Hills Golf Course.

Resolution 06-53

- a recommendation to adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION**, which is a request from Martini's Pizza LLC for a 12-month Resort Class C-SDM liquor license for their business at 832 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo Michigan.

Resolution 06-54

- a recommendation to adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** which is a request from Harvey's Operating Company Inc. to transfer the ownership of a 2005 Class C-SDM liquor license with a Dance and Entertainment Permit, Official Food Permit and 2 Bars Permit from 123 W. South St., Kalamazoo Michigan to 416 S. Burdick.

- a recommendation to approve the following appointments and re-appointments to advisory boards and commissions:
 - the reappointment of Terry Juranek to the Board of Review for Assessments for a three-year term expiring on January 31, 2009.

 - the reappointment of Linda Servis to the Board of Review for Assessments for a three-year term expiring on January 31, 2009.

 - the appointment of Thomas More Barrett to the Community Relations Board for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2009.

 - the appointment of Maria Lourdes Mercedes to the Community Relations Board for partial term expiring on January 1, 2008.

 - the appointment of Jake Zulewski to the Community Relations Board for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2008.

 - the appointment of Sean McCann to the Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Boards of Directors for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2009.

 - the appointment of Randy Eberts to the Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2009.

 - the appointment of Robert Salisbury to the Perpetual Care Investment Committee for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2008.

 - the appointment of Karl Freed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2008.

 - the appointment of Thomas Stolz to the position of Alternate #1 to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2009.

- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until July 5, 2006 a RESOLUTION, which authorizes the City to take title to a parcel of property on Howard Street near the Crosstown intersection that is included in a project to improve the Howard/Crosstown intersection.

- a recommendation to hold for final consideration until July 5, 2006 authorization for the City Manager to sign a quit claim deed, a real estate purchase agreement, a permanent easement, and a Fourth Amendment to Restated Contract of Sublease of the City's Parking System, all of which relate to the sale of five parking spaces near the Arcadia Festival Site to 230 North Kalamazoo Mall, LLC for a total price of \$15,000.

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 - 3608/3610 S. Burdick St., to Marie Sobanski, whose address is 1940 Royce, Kalamazoo, in consideration of \$8,694.14 in payment of 1995 through 2002 foreclosed taxes.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed by a vote of 6-0 with one abstention.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Cooney

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Resolution 06-55
Approving the DDA
Tax Levy

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the request of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to levy a tax rate of 1.9638 mills.

Prior to a vote on the motion the following citizen addressed the City Commission:

Beth Lewis, 229 West Walnut Street Apt. #3

(Commissioner Cooney returned at 8:05 p.m.)

In response to a question from Ms. Lewis, City Manger Collard explained the the basis for the DDA’s taxing authority.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Revisions to the City
Commission Rules

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve revisions to the City Commission rules, including simplified procedures for setting the Commission’s annual meeting calendar, elimination of the requirement that citizens wishing to address the Commission must give their home address, and a new process for citizens to bring matters to the Commission’s attention; and, adding a new rule to address how City Commission committee appointments are made.

Prior to the vote on this motion the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Michael Evans, 4224 Mt. Olivet Road
LoriAnne Tennyson, no address

City Attorney Kirk discussed the proposed changes to Rule 7 and suggested the insertion of the word “written” between “All” and “proposals” would clairfy the intent of the rule.

Motion to Amend
Proposed City
Commission Rule 7

Comissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to amend the proposed Rule 7 by inserting the word “written” between “All” and “proposals.”

With a roll call vote the motion to amend passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Commission
Rule Revisions
Approved, as
Amended

Commissioner Cooney read the amended Rule 7 into the record as follows: "Rule 7 - All written proposals by residents of the City of Kalamazoo for commission action on matters not currently being considered shall be filed with the City Clerk, and shall be included in a City Clerk's agenda report within 21 days of receipt."

The question being on the approval of revisions to the City Commission rules, as amended, the revisions were approved unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Resolutions 06-56
and 06-57 re: the
Richard Avenue
Sanitary Sewer
Improvement
Special Assessment

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Anderson moved to take the following actions regarding the Richard Avenue sanitary sewer improvement:

- Adopt **RESOLUTION #2** for Richard Avenue sanitary sewer improvement to approve maps, diagrams/plans, cost estimate, life of improvement, Special Assessment Roll, city portion of costs, special assessment annual installments, first due date of installment, and interest rate and to authorize the improvement.
- Adopt **RESOLUTION #3** for Richard Avenue sanitary sewer improvement to schedule a public hearing on Monday, July 17, 2006.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Presentation, First
Reading, and Public
Hearing Scheduled
re: Riverfront
Rezoning and
Riverfront Overlay
Zoning District
Ordinances

City Planner Keith Hernandez summarized the provisions of ordinances to rezone parcels located in the Riverfront Target Area and to approve the Riverfront Overlay Zoning District.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, supported by Commissioner McCann, moved to take the following actions pertaining to the Kalamazoo Riverfront Redevelopment Initiative:

- Offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone the parcels located in the Riverfront Target Area to RMU (Residential, Mixed Use District) and CMU (Commercial, Mixed-Use District), and schedule a public hearing for July 5, 2006; and
- Offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to approve the Riverfront Overlay Zoning District for the Riverfront Target Area, and schedule a public hearing for July 5, 2006.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1804
re: Building Code
Revisions

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances related to the Building Code.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Final
Consideration of
Parking Ordinance
Postponed Until
August 7, 2006

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to postpone until August 7, 2006 final consideration of an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 36 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances relating to parking enforcement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard presented the City Managers Report, which included the following items: Departmental Reports and Project Updates; the Employees' Retirement System Report dated March 31, 2006; Highlights of the Kalamazoo Retirement System Annual Actuarial Valuation for period ending December 31, 2005; the Interim Financial Report for period ending March 31, 2006; a Legislative Update from Wiener Associates dated June 1, 2006; the May 2006 Purchasing Report; and the First Quarter 2006 Employment Activity Report.

City Manager Collard introduced Public Safety Chief Dan Weston, who presented the following summary report of statistics for various crimes in Kalamazoo compared with national averages for 2005 as reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on June 12, 2006:

	<u>City of Kalamazoo</u>	<u>National Average</u>
Murder	unchanged	4.8% increase
Rape	29.63% decrease	1.9% decrease
Robbery	unchanged	4.5% increase
Assaults	< 1% increase	1.9% increase
Burglary	> 6% decrease	slight increase
Auto Theft	11% decrease	

Kalamazoo
Community
Committee on
Diversity & Race
Relations
Commitment Letter

City Manager Collard introduced Pension Analyst Jeanette Meyer, who reviewed the Highlights of the Kalamazoo Retirement System Annual Actuarial Valuation.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to endorse the Kalamazoo Community Committee on Diversity & Race Relations *Commitment Letter* and authorize the City Manager and Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Commission
Policy Approved
re: Records
Retention and Use
of Electronic
Equipment

Commissioner McCann, supported by Commissioner Balkema moved to adopt policies for Records Retention and Use of Electronic Equipment and Phones, and endorse the *City Commission Records Retention and Disposal Schedule*.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Following the vote, Mayor McKinney requested that procedures to implement the Records Retention Policy be developed and communicated to Commissioners and the City Manager's Office in a timely manner.

Resolution
Supporting the
Juvenile Home Bond
Proposition

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a RESOLUTION in support of the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home Bond Proposition.

In response to a point of order made by Commissioner Balkema, and after consultation with City Attorney Kirk, Mayor McKinney indicated the Commission would need to waive City Commission Rule 7 prior to considering a motion to adopt the proposed resolution.

Motion to Waive City
Commission Rule 7
Failed

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to waive City Commission Rule 7 regarding written proposals by residents of the City of Kalamazoo for Commission action.

Prior to a vote on this motion the following citizen addressed the City Commission:

Beth Lewis, City resident

Discussion followed regarding City Commission Rule 7 and the process for considering citizen-initiated proposals.

Mayor McKinney requested the *2006 Juvenile Home Proposal* FAQ sheet be distributed to City Commissioners via e-mail. Mayor McKinney also requested information regarding tours of the existing Juvenile Home.

The question being on the waiver of City Commission Rule 7, the motion failed by a vote of 2-5.

AYES: Commissioner Cooney, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney

Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the Juvenile Home Bond Proposition Postponed Until July 17, 2006

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to postpone until July 17, 2006 consideration of a RESOLUTION in support of the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home Bond Proposition.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

During the final opportunity for citizen comments the following citizen addressed the City Commission:

Beth Lewis, City resident

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann extended condolences to Howard Wolpe on the recent death of his wife.

Commissioner Miller stated she was impressed with Kalamazoo Public Safety Officers after she and Commissioner Balkema participated in a ride-along on Friday, June 16th. Commissioner Miller noted the Kalamazoo Jaycees had invited Commissioners to sit in the dunk tank at the Island Fest event on Saturday June 24th.

Commissioner Balkema encouraged citizens to ensure their homes were equipped with working smoke detectors.

Commissioner Anderson commented on his acceptance of an invitation to sit in the Kalamazoo Jaycees dunk tank at Island Fest. Commissioner Anderson expressed appreciation for residents who were active in neighborhood associations and stated residents who worked hard to better their communities were able to address the City Commission and make requests from a position of power.

Commissioner Cooney noted the start of the summer youth employment program.

Vice Mayor Hopewell reported Pretty Lake Vacation camp had openings for young people 8-12 years of age and noted the seven-day camping experience was free of charge. Vice Mayor Hopewell noted the importance of actions taken at the present meeting. Vice Mayor Hopewell expressed appreciation for the Parks and Recreation Department staff and their efforts to improve and beautify Spring Valley Park. Vice Mayor Hopewell remarked on his participation in the Douglas Community Center charity softball game on June 14th. Vice Mayor Hopewell congratulated Jerri Barnett-Moore on her appointment as the Deputy City Manager.

Mayor McKinney reported former City Commissioner Al Heilman had received the Red Rose Award from the Kalamazoo Rotary. Mayor McKinney stated all seven City Commissioners were participating in the City's fitness challenge.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 5, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: July 5, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at 7:03 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Assistant City Attorney John Kneas, and Deputy City Clerk Virginia Vander Roest.

Commissioners Excused

Commissioner Anderson, supported by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse Mayor McKinney and Commissioner McCann. With a voice vote, the motion carried.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Jonathan Loper, Greenwood Reformed Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Public Announcements

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

Public Hearing re: Riverfront Rezoning Ordinances

At 7:09 p.m. Vice Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding the following ordinances:

- an ORDINANCE to rezone the parcels located in the Riverfront Target Area to RMU (Residential, Mixed Use District) and CMU (Commercial, Mixed-Use District); and,
- an ORDINANCE to adopt the Riverfront Overlay Zoning District for the Riverfront Target Area.

Jim Rodbard, representing LGH, LLC, requested postponement of the ordinance adoption to resolve zoning requests by his client.

At 7:13 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to postpone action on the following ordinances until July 17, 2006:

- an ORDINANCE to rezone the parcels located in the Riverfront Target Area to RMU (Residential, Mixed Use District) and CMU (Commercial, Mixed-Use District); and,
- an ORDINANCE to adopt the Riverfront Overlay Zoning District for the Riverfront Target Area.

With a roll call vote, the motion passed by a vote of 4-1

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller

NAYS: Vice Mayor Hopewell

Keith Hernandez, City Planner, responded to questions from the City Commission regarding the Planning Commission's intent for the rezoning and the options LGH, LLC, would have or not have if the ordinance passed.

Citizen Comments

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

Monica Westover, city resident, discussed Public Safety and Cable Access concerns.

Robert Weir, city resident, invited Commissioners to attend the U.S. Department of Peace Midwest Regional Conference on July 21-23, 2006 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Vice Mayor Hopewell explained the Community Access Center was a separate entity from the City of Kalamazoo.

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Fairfield Road and Portage Road intersection in support of the Stryker Corporation's World Headquarters construction.

Resolution 06-58

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** confirming that the city will continue to operate and maintain at its cost all the storm water outfalls that discharge storm water into the Davis Creek/Olmstead Drain in accordance with the city's storm water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Resolution 06-59

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** which authorizes the City to take title to a parcel of property on Howard Street near the Crosstown intersection that is included in a project to improve the Howard/Crosstown intersection.

- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a quit claim deed, a real estate purchase agreement, a permanent easement, and a Fourth Amendment to Restated Contract of Sublease of the City's Parking System, all of which relate to the sale of five parking spaces near the Arcadia Festival Site to 230 North Kalamazoo Mall, LLC for a total price of \$15,000.

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- a recommendation to approve a request from Western Michigan University to publicly display fireworks at Hyames Field on Saturday, September 9, 2006 during halftime of the Communiversity Night football game.
- a recommendation to approve minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meetings on June 2 and June 16, 2006; the Special Meeting on June 19, 2006; and the Regular Meetings on May 30, June 5, and June 19, 2006.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone 1509 Lafayette Avenue from Zone RM-15 (Residential – Multi Dwelling District) and 1724 Knollwood Avenue from Zone PUD (Planned Unit Development) both to Zone RM-36 (Residential - Multi Dwelling, High Density District), and schedule a public hearing for July 31, 2006.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone 4037 and 4043 S. Westnedge Avenue from Zone CO (Commercial, Office) district to Zone CC (Commercial, Community) district, and schedule a public hearing for July 31, 2006.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

There were no Regular Agenda Items.

City Clerk's Report

Deputy City Clerk Virginia Vander Roest reported the following items:

The City Commission received a letter from the office of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm regarding the Iraq war resolution adopted by the City Commission on June 5, 2006.

A petition entitled *Save the Historic 100 Block of Michigan Avenue* has been referred to the City Administration.

The City of Kalamazoo received the following lawsuits:

- Jeffrey Vander Ark v City of Kalamazoo, and Dan Weston, Individually and in his Official Capacity as Chief of Public Safety. (United States District Court, Case No. 1:06CV0403)

- First Black American President aka Thomas K. Moore 5981 N. 24th St. v Officer Taylor 215 W. Lovell, Mr. Wright 2402 University, Kalamazoo City Police Department 215 W. Lovell, Detective Gates 215 W. Lovell. (United States District Court, Case No. 4:06CV0049)

The City Commission received as informational minutes of the following advisory boards and commissions:

- Community Development Act Advisory Committee
 - Thursday, May 11, 2006

- Dangerous Buildings Board
 - Thursday, April 06, 2006
 - Thursday, May 04, 2006

- Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees
 - Wednesday, May 24, 2006

- Environmental Concerns Committee
 - Wednesday, May 17, 2006

- Friends of Recreation Board
 - Tuesday, May 23, 2006

- Housing Board of Appeals
 - Thursday, March 23, 2006
 - Thursday, April 27, 2006

- Investment Committee of the Retirement System
 - Wednesday, May 17, 2006

- Kalamazoo Historic District Commission
 - Tuesday, May 16, 2006

- Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission
 - Tuesday, April 11, 2006
 - Tuesday, May 09, 2006

- Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board
 - Friday, April 28, 2006

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - Tuesday, May 02, 2006
 - Tuesday, June 06, 2006

- Perpetual Care Investment Committee
 - Wednesday, May 17, 2006

- Planning Commission
 - Thursday, June 01, 2006

- Traffic Board
 - Thursday, June 08, 2006

- Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Thursday, May 11, 2006

The Close of Registration for the August 8, 2006 Primary Election was July 10, 2006. Citizens eligible to vote may register at the Secretary of State's office, the City Clerk's office or the County Clerk's office.

City Manager Collard, City Manager reported the City Attorney had opined the public had a right to use areas designated as parks in the Parkdale Plat.

Citizen Comments

When given a final opportunity to make comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Barbara McCrea, Oakland Dr./Winchell Neighborhood President, expressed gratitude to the Commission for resolving the Parkdale Plat issue.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Balkema commented on the success of the ordinance banning animal feeding in Milham Park and expressed gratitude for repaving of Bronson Boulevard.

Commissioner Cooney encouraged residents to enroll their children in summer youth programs.

Commissioner Anderson highlighted a letter to the City Commission from the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) and requested support for the ECC's recommendations.

Vice Mayor Hopewell encouraged citizens to become involved in community issues, especially those regarding the budget.

Chief Weston, in response to Commissioner Hopewell, reported there were no injuries related to fireworks over the July 4th Holiday and reminded citizens of precautions to take while swimming this summer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 31, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: July 31, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, July 14, 2006 at 7:31 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

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

Commissioners
Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Cooney, McCann, and Miller. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the July
17th Meeting
Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, July 17, 2006.

*7:34 a.m. Commissioner Cooney arrived.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, July 17, 2006.

City Manager Ken Collard, noted the cancellation of the Citizens Public Safety Review & Appeals Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

Item I-3a

Regarding Item I-3a, Jeff Chamberlain, Community Planning & Development Director, offered a preview of the presentation to the City Commission.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested the inclusion of student groups at the Special City Commission Meetings on the 3rd Mondays of the month.

Commissioner Balkema suggested contacting the Western Student Association and similar groups at Kalamazoo College to meet with the City Commission in the fall.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 31, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: July 31, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: David Anderson
Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, and McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

- Parkview Neighborhood Association
Joan Dombrowski
- Westnedge Hill Neighborhood Association
George Norberg, President
Judy Sherrod

Parkview Neighborhood

The Parkview Neighborhood Association representative:

- expressed concern about speeding traffic, especially City busses.
- requested a timeframe for the installation of sidewalks along Parkview Avenue west of Greenleaf Boulevard.

Westnedge Hill Neighborhood

The Westnedge Hill Neighborhood Association representatives:

- thanked the City for the new boulder retaining wall on Westnedge Avenue near Crane Park.
- requested that the same Community Police Officer (CPO) attend neighborhood meetings.
- reported Public Safety raided 420 Fairview Avenue on July 14th and requested information about the landlord's responsibility to screen prospective tenants for criminal backgrounds.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 6:07 p.m.

- reported mail had been stolen from the homes neighborhood residents and strewn throughout other parts of the neighborhood.

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain stated City ordinances and policies did not require landlords to screen prospective tenants or undergo criminal background checks themselves as part of the rental unit certification process.

Public Safety Chief Dan Weston explained the Public Safety Department notified landlords prior to search warrants and again if drugs are found as a result of the search. Chief Weston stated it was the City's practice to initiate forfeiture proceedings against a property when that property was the site of multiple drug offenses.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Ms. Sherrod stated the neighborhood had not experienced problems recently with Labor Ready.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 31, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
July 31, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Pastor Louis Felton, Galilee Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following changes:

Deputy City Attorney Schau requested that the settlement of the George Sheets lawsuit be added to the Regular Agenda as Item H-4.

Commissioner Balkema requested that Items G-6 (amendments to the parks ordinance) and G-7 (amendments to the panhandling ordinance) be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Public Announcements

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

Public Hearing re: the Richard Ave. Sanitary Sewer Assessment

At 7:06 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION confirming the special assessment roll for the Richard Avenue sanitary sewer improvement and approve the proposed construction.

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-60 Confirming the Richard Ave. Sanitary Sewer Assessment Roll

Commissioner Balkema, supported by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** confirming the special assessment roll for the Richard Avenue sanitary sewer improvement and approving the proposed construction.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Mike Evans, City resident
Dawn Sharpe, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a contract with Chicago Bridge and Iron Company for the demolition of the existing concrete tank on Beech Street and complete construction of a 2,500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank and site drainage reservoir in the amount of \$2,942,000.00.

Resolution 06-61

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** recognizing Parent to Parent of Southwest Michigan as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

Resolution 06-62

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** designating the polling facility locations for the Primary election to be held August 8, 2006.

Resolution 06-63

- a recommendation to adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to transfer a 12 month class C resort license with a Dance and Entertainment permit, Official Food permit, Miscellaneous Permit to Greenleaf Holdings, L.L.C.

- a recommendation to approve a HOME Investment Partnership grant in the amount of \$140,075 to the Kalamazoo Area Housing Corporation toward the development of twelve single family houses within the Rosewood housing project located at 4001 South 12th Street in Kalamazoo.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

First Reading of an Ordinance re: Prohibited Activities in City Parks

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner McCann, offered for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend Section 33-23 of the Kalamazoo Code of ordinances to clarify what activities are prohibited in city parks and other city-owned public space and moved to schedule final consideration of this ordinance for July 31, 2006.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Deputy City Attorney Schau reviewed the proposed amendments to the parks ordinance.

The following citizens addressed the City Commission regarding the motion:

A citizen who did not give her name
Dawn Sharpe, City resident
LoriAnne Tennison, City resident
Ian, City resident
Mike Kilbourne, City resident
Zachary Lassiter, City resident
Brendan Sharpe, City resident
Wade Allen, City resident
Devin Lester, City resident
Jane Dudley, non-resident
Leah DeBuc, City resident

Discussion followed, and City Commissioners questioned Deputy City Attorney Schau regarding specific provisions of the proposed ordinance.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

First Reading of an Ordinance re: Panhandling

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, offered for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend Section 22-18 of the Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances to regulate panhandling and moved to schedule final consideration of this ordinance on July 31, 2006.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Deputy City Attorney Schau reviewed the proposed ordinance amendments.

The following citizens addressed the City Commission regarding the motion:

Dawn Sharpe, City resident
Ian, City resident
LoriAnne Tennison, City resident
Brendan Sharpe, City resident
Devin Lester, City resident
Wade Allen, City resident
Zachary Lassiter, City resident

Following citizen comments on the motion, City Commissioners discussed the proposed ordinance.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Resolution 06-64
Supporting the
Kalamazoo County
Juvenile Home
Bond Proposition

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** in support of the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home bond proposition. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Balkema

Ordinances
Rezoning Parcels
and in the
Riverfront Target
Area and Adopting
the Riverfront
Overlay Zoning
District

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to hold for final consideration until July 31, 2006 the following ordinances regarding the Kalamazoo Riverfront Redevelopment Initiative:

- an ORDINANCE to rezone the parcels located in the Riverfront Target Area to RMU (Residential, Mixed Use District) and CMU (Commercial, Mixed-Use District); and,
- an ORDINANCE to adopt the Riverfront Overlay Zoning District for the Riverfront Target Area.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Resolution 06-65
Setting a Public
Hearing re: an IFT
Certificate for
Fabri-Kal Corp.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing on July 31, 2006 to consider an application from Fabri-Kal Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for six years for personal property valued at \$2,000,000 in existing Industrial Development District No. 111 located at 3303 East Cork Street.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Settlement of the
George Sheets
Lawsuit

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to authorize the city Attorney to take all necessary steps and to execute all necessary documents to settle the lawsuit filed by George Sheets against the City of Kalamazoo and Pasquale DiGiovanni, Kalamazoo County Circuit Court case #A 05-000 352, and to authorize payment by the City to George Sheets in the following amounts: \$95,000 upon execution of all documents, plus two conditional payments, the first being an additional \$15,000 if Mr. Sheets has not received a bona fide offer of comparable employment before September 30, 2006, and a second payment of \$15,000 if Mr. Sheets has not received a bona fide offer of comparable employment before December 31, 2006.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Reverend Louis J. Felton addressed the City Commission.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

After the vote on the motion, Mayor McKinney read the following statement into the record:

George Sheets, the former Deputy Chief of Public Safety, and the City of Kalamazoo jointly announce that they have mutually agreed to resolve Mr. Sheets' lawsuit against the City and former City Manager Pat DiGiovanni.

The parties acknowledge that this resolution does not constitute an admission of liability or wrongdoing by any party. Neither should this resolution be viewed as a win or loss for either party. But after careful consideration by both parties, in terms of litigation costs, unpredictability, time, and the need to put closure to this issue, it was mutually felt that a resolution of this matter, at this juncture, is in the best interest of all, including the Kalamazoo community.

This resolution will allow Mr. Sheets to pursue new opportunities, and will allow the City's leaders to continue their efforts at addressing community concerns.

The City of Kalamazoo wishes Mr. Sheets success in his future endeavors, and Mr. Sheets, in turn, supports the City's continued efforts to build a diverse and cohesive workforce.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard presented the City Manager's Report, which included: Departmental Reports and Project Updates; the Interim Financial Report for period ending April 30, 2006; a Legislative Update dated July 1, 2006; the Minority and Women Business Enterprises 2005 Progress Report; and the June, 2006 Purchasing Report. City Manager Collard noted the City's goal for purchases from Minority and Women Business Enterprises would be reviewed for potential adjustment.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported the City Commission had received the *Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging IIIA & Older Adult Services Advisory Council Annual Report 2005*, the *Region IIIA Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan, Fiscal Year 2007*, and the *Fiscal Year 2007-2009 Multi-Year Plan*. City Clerk Borling stated the Annual Implementation Plan and the Multi-Year Plan were referred to the City Manager for review and comment.

Presentation re: A+ Neighborhoods Initiative

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain reviewed the components of the A+ Neighborhoods Initiative and presented the following implementation timeline:

- changes to Dangerous Buildings Board processes – June 2006
- reassignment of housing inspectors – September 5, 2006
- inspection of owner-occupied homes for exterior violations – September 5, 2006
- list of properties for sale and development made available – after Labor Day
- items related to the establishment of Neighborhood Enterprise Zones presented to the City Commission for action – September/October 2006
- pursuit of home ownership ideas and neighborhood redevelopment strategies – beginning in 2006 and continuing through 2007.

Following the presentation, City Commissioners expressed excitement about the A+ Neighborhood Initiative and commended Community Planning and Development Director Chamberlain and his staff for developing the initiative.

Citizen Comments

During the final opportunity for citizen comments the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

- Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident
- Matt Bartz, City resident
- George Betton, non-resident
- Beth Lewis, City resident
- Chris Fountain, non-resident
- Reverend Louis J. Felton, City resident
- Tom Janneck, City resident

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Balkema congratulated Commissioner McCann for being named the 2006 Outstanding Young Kalamazooan by the Kalamazoo Jaycees. Commissioner Balkema noted a delegation from Numazu, Japan, Kalamazoo's sister city, would be arriving on July 20th.

Commissioner Cooney encouraged citizens to attend the Ethnic Diversity Celebration at Mayors' Riverfront Park on July 29th.

Vice Mayor Hopewell noted his recent attendance at the Senior Olympics Awards Dinner and congratulated Commissioner McCann for being named the 2006 Outstanding Young Kalamazooan by the Kalamazoo Jaycees. Vice Mayor Hopewell thanked Pastor Felton for his position on affirmative action. Vice Mayor Hopewell invited citizens to attend the grand opening of the Boundless Playground at Upjohn Park on July 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mayor McKinney reported she had recently participated in an industrial site visit with representatives from a company based in Atlanta, Georgia, and she stated the representatives understood the potential impact of the Kalamazoo Promise on their business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 31, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: July 31, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, July 28, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Mary Balkema
Sean McCann*
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner
Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the July
31st Meeting
Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, July 31, 2006.

Item E-1

Regarding Item E-1, rezoning of 1509 Lafayette Avenue and 1724 Knollwood Avenue, Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain reviewed details of the proposed rezoning ordinance.

Commissioner McCann arrived at 7:32 a.m.

Item G-1

Regarding Item G-1, contract for engineering and architecture services for Phase 1 Improvements to Upjohn Park, Deputy City Manager Barnett-Moore requested the item be removed from the agenda because the contract amount was within the range requiring City Manager, not City Commission approval.

Item H-2

Regarding Item H-2, amendments to the panhandling ordinance, Commissioners Cooney and Anderson reported the results of a recent meeting with representatives of the Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN) and suggested Section 22 C. (11) of the proposed ordinance be amended to read "11) within ten feet of an entrance to a building."

Commissioner Anderson explained the original purpose of the proposed ordinance was not to create "no panhandling zones" but to address situations where citizens would feel threatened by panhandlers. Commissioner Anderson expressed support for the amendment as it would maintain the original intent of the ordinance. Commissioner Anderson suggested a different ordinance be drafted if the City Commission wished to create "no panhandling zones." Commissioner Anderson reported Downtown Kalamazoo, Incorporated had been informed of the results of the meeting with KHAN representatives.

Discussion followed regarding enforcement of the panhandling ordinance, the constitutionality of "no-panhandling zones," and whether the proposed ordinance should be removed from the meeting agenda to allow for more discussion regarding the amendment proposed by Commissioners Anderson and Cooney.

By consensus the City Commission determined to leave the panhandling ordinance on the July 31, 2006 meeting agenda with the understanding that a Commissioner inclined to amend the proposed ordinance would be able to do so when such a motion was be in order.

Mayor McKinney directed City Attorney Kirk to assist with the preparation of an appropriate motion to amend the proposed ordinance, should a Commissioner wish to offer an amendment.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Commissioner Balkema requested the City Administration respond to a letter from the Greater Kalamazoo Association of Realtors (GKAR) to the City Commission regarding long-standing issues between the City and the Association.

Commissioner Cooney invited citizens to attend the Diversity Celebration on Saturday, July 29, 2006 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Mayors' Riverfront Park.

Citizen Comments

When given a final opportunity for citizens comments, the following citizens addressed the Committee of the Whole:

Michael Evans, city resident
Dawn Sharpe, city resident
Mike Kilbourne, city resident
Ian Venezuela, city resident
Beth Lewis, city resident
Jonathan Braun, city resident
LoriAnne Tennison, city resident,

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 7, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: August 7, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 31, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Mayor Hannah McKinney
Don Cooney

Commissioner Balkema, supported by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote, the motion carried.

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Commissioner Balkema, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:

Commissioner Anderson requested consideration of Item H-2 (amendments to the panhandling ordinance) be removed from the meeting agenda and postponed to August 21, 2006.

Communications

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

Public Hearing re:
an Ordinance
Rezoning 1509
Lafayette Ave. and
1724 Knollwood
Ave.

At 7:10 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt an ORDINANCE to rezone 1509 Lafayette Avenue from Zone RM-15 (Residential – Multi Dwelling District) and 1724 Knollwood Avenue from Zone PUD (Planned Unit Development) both to Zone RM-36 (Residential - Multi Dwelling, High Density District).

Greg Davidson and Gary Shenk, non-residents and the developers of the Knollwood Apartments, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

At 7:14 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 1805
Rezoning 1509
Lafayette Ave. and
1724 Knollwood
Ave.

Commissioner Balkema, supported by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 1509 Lafayette Avenue from Zone RM-15 (Residential – Multi Dwelling District) and 1724 Knollwood Avenue from Zone PUD (Planned Unit Development) both to Zone RM-36 (Residential - Multi Dwelling, High Density District).

AYES:

Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS:

None

Public Hearing re:
an Ordinance
Rezoning 4037
and 4043 South
Westnedge Ave.

At 7:15 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 4037 and 4043 S. Westnedge Avenue from Zone CO (Commercial, Office) district to Zone CC (Commercial, Community) district.

At 7:16 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 1806
Rezoning 4037
and 4043 South
Westnedge Ave.

Commissioner Balkema, supported by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 4037 and 4043 S. Westnedge Avenue from Zone CO (Commercial, Office) district to Zone CC (Commercial, Community) district.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Public Hearing re:
a Resolution
Granting a P.A.
198 IFT Certificate
to Fabri-Kal Corp.

At 7:16 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to consider the application from Fabri-Kal Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for six years for personal property valued at \$2,000,000 in existing Industrial Development District No. 111 located at 3303 East Cork Street.

At 7:17 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-66
Granting a P.A.
198 IFT Certificate
to Fabri-Kal Corp.

Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Balkema, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to approve the application from Fabri-Kal Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for six years for personal property valued at \$2,000,000 in existing Industrial Development District No. 111 located at 3303 East Cork Street.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

- Monica Westover, City resident
- Armando Romero, City resident
- Beth Lewis, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

Resolution 06-67

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to confirm construction of boulevards on Portage Road and Fairfield Road in support of the Stryker Corporation's World Headquarters expansion including a Michigan Department of Transportation award of a Transportation Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$425,000.

Resolution 06-68

- a recommendation to adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to transfer a 12-month Resort Class C-SDM license with an Official Food Permit from Moxie Food and Drink LLC to KNL Inc.

Resolution 06-69

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of State for the procurement of four additional optical scan voting tabulators.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Downtown Development Authority to fund the expense of a Community Police Officer assigned to the downtown business district.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute a Water Tower Lease Agreement which allows Nextel to place telecommunication equipment on and under the City's Dartmouth water tower.
- a recommendation to approve the appointment of Merilee L. Mishall as a member of the Planning Commission for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- a recommendation to approve the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meeting on July 14, 2006; the Special Meeting on July 17, 2006; and the Regular Meetings on July 5 and July 17, 2006.
- a recommendation to hold until August 21, 2006 adoption of an amended RESOLUTION to vacate a 4,650-square-foot portion of the undeveloped Madison Avenue right-of-way, which is located south of Edgewood Drive.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Ordinance 1807
re: Activities
Prohibited in Parks
and City-Owned
Public Spaces

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend Section 33-23 of the Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances to clarify what activities are prohibited in city parks and other city-owned public spaces.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Beth Lewis, City resident, addressed the City Commission regarding the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Balkema thanked Commissioners Cooney and Anderson as well as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and PRAB Chair John Hilliard for their work on this ordinance.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1808
Rezoning
Properties in the
Riverfront Target
Area

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt the following ordinances regarding the Kalamazoo Riverfront Redevelopment Initiative:

- an **ORDINANCE** to rezone the parcels located in the Riverfront Target Area to RMU (Residential, Mixed Use District) and CMU (Commercial, Mixed-Use District); and,
- an **ORDINANCE** to adopt the Riverfront Overlay Zoning District for the Riverfront Target Area, including a change to allow existing vehicle sales and rental as conforming uses in Sub-Area 7 with expansions subject to special use permit approval.

Ordinance 1809
Amending the Text
of the Zoning
Ordinance re: an
Overlay Zoning
District for the
Riverfront Target
Area

Prior to a vote on the motion, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Jim Rodbard, representing Hikmat Ghazal and LHG, LLC
Hikmat Ghazal, City resident

City Commissioners commended City Manager Collard, City Planner Keith Hernandez, and Assistant City Planner Rob Bauckham for their creativity and diligent efforts to address Mr. Ghazal's concerns about the proposed ordinance.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Resolution 06-70
Designating EDC
Project Area for
Ryan Reedy
Properties, LLC
and Scheduling a
Public Hearing re:
the Project Plan

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** designating a Project Area and Project District Area, appointing two special EDC directors to the EDC Board of Directors, setting a Public Hearing on September 5, 2006 for the Project Plan for the Reedy Properties, LLC Project and waiving the Economic Initiative Fund (EIF) guideline restricting loans to projects not started.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Report re: Crime
Prevention/
Reduction

Public Safety Chief Dan Weston introduced Captain Brian Uridge, who presented a report on Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS) crime prevention and reduction initiatives. Captain Uridge explained the KDPS crime prevention and reduction strategy depended on four key areas: accurate and timely intelligence; rapid deployment; effective tactics; and relentless follow-up and assessment. Captain Uridge provided brief descriptions of these key areas and real-life examples to illustrate how implementation of these key areas translated into a reduction in crime.

Commissioners Balkema and Miller and Vice Mayor Hopewell thanked Captain Uridge for his presentation and commended Kalamazoo's Public Safety Officers (PSO's) for their hard work and professionalism.

Citizen Comments

When given an opportunity for final citizen comments, Beth Lewis, a City resident, addressed the City Commission.

City Commissioner
Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 21, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: August 21, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, August 4, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Don Cooney
Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Cooney and McCann and Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the August 7th Meeting Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, August 7, 2006.

Commissioner Balkema requested that a proclamation welcoming the USTA boys tennis tournament be prepared.

Item H-1

Regarding Item H-1, amendments to parking ordinance, City Manager Collard noted the parking fine portion of the ordinance had been removed.

Discussion of Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues, but no comments were offered.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 21, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: August 21, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell David Anderson* Mary Balkema Sean McCann Barbara Miller
	COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney Don Cooney
	Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Balkema moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Anderson and Cooney and Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote, the motion carried.
	Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
	*Commissioner Anderson arrived at 7:02 p.m.
Invocation	The invocation, given by Reverend Steve Johnson, Pastor of Oakwood Bible Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Proclamations	Vice Mayor Hopewell proclaimed August 4-13, 2006 "The 64 th year of the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) Boys 18 and 16 National Championships in Kalamazoo." Timon Corwin, USTA Tournament Director, was present to accept the proclamation.
	Vice Mayor Hopewell proclaimed August 14-19, 2006 "Little League Softball World Series Week."
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.
Public Announcements	City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.
Citizen Comments	Next, when given an opportunity to make comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission regarding non-agenda items: Garland Hall, city resident Gwen Hillman Neals, city resident (A copy of Ms. Neals written statement was filed with the papers for this meeting.) Terrance Moore, city resident Stephanie Moore, city resident
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:
Resolution 06-71	- a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to sign the revised Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

- a recommendation to approve a request from the CSM Group to publicly display fireworks from the top deck of the Radisson Parking Structure during the finale of the Dark Horse Music Festival taking place at the Arcadia Festival Site on Friday, August 12, 2006 at approximately 10:30 p.m.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Attorney's Office to accept or reject the July 14, 2006, mediation award in the City of Kalamazoo vs David and Marion Steffens lawsuit (*attorney-client confidential communication*).
- a recommendation to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting on July 28, 2006 and the Regular City Commission Meeting on July 31, 2006.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Ordinance 1810
re: Parking
Enforcement

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend the definition of parking found in Chapter 36 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances relating to parking enforcement.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner McCann thanked City staff for working with representatives from Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI) to revise the proposed ordinance.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Resolution 06-72
Scheduling a
Public Hearing re:
Amendment 11 to
Brownfield Plan

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to schedule a public hearing for September 5, 2006, on the City of Kalamazoo's Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 11) and direct the City Clerk to provide notice by mail to taxing jurisdictions and by publication to the general public of the hearing.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported the following items:

The City Commission received as informational minutes of the following advisory boards and commissions:

- Board of Review for Assessments
 - Tuesday, July 18, 2006
- Community Development Act Advisory Committee
 - Thursday, June 08, 2006
- Environmental Concerns Committee
 - Wednesday, June 21, 2006
- Friends of Recreation Board
 - Tuesday, June 27, 2006
- Kalamazoo Historic District Commission
 - Tuesday, June 20, 2006
- Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission
 - Tuesday, June 13, 2006
- Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board
 - Friday, May 26, 2006
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - Tuesday, July 11, 2006
 - Wednesday, August 02, 2006
- Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Thursday, June 08, 2006

The following special events were approved in the month of July:

- A request from Drum Corps International and Kalamazoo County Convention and Visitors Bureau to use Bronson Park on Monday, July 24, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a free music concert.
- A request from the Kalamazoo Neighborhood Associations to use the following streets and parks on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. for the 2006 National Night Out Events:

<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Facility/Street Needed</u>
Eastside	Rockwell Park
Edison	Bryant Street between James and March
Northside	Farrell Park
Vine	Locust Street between Hoffman and Duffield
Westwood	Stafford Road between Canterbury and Croyden

- A request from the Edison Neighborhood and Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated to use Bank Street Market for a new neighborhood special event "Get Out in Edison – A Music & Mural Hop including the sale of alcohol on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- A request from Mt. Zion Safe House, Inc. to use Farrell Park and city sidewalks on Saturday, August 12, 2006 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the annual Safe House March Against Drugs.

The polls for the August 8th Primary Election would be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments

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

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann wished Commissioner Anderson, "Happy Birthday."

Commissioner Miller reported the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) had nominated a candidate to fill the second youth representative position. Commissioner Miller noted the summer youth employment program was going well.

Commissioner Balkema encouraged citizens to vote in the August 8th Primary Election.

Commissioner Anderson invited interested citizens to a fundraiser for the creation of a dog park on August 12, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mayors' Riverfront Park.

Vice Mayor Hopewell reported on a meeting of the Administrative Committee and the City Commission appointees and stated a new appointee evaluation process was being developed. Vice Mayor Hopewell urged citizens to vote in the August 8th Primary Election and invited them to attend various community events.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 21, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: August 21, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, August 18, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell*
David Anderson
Don Cooney**
Mary Balkema
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner
Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioner Cooney and Vice Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

City Manager Collard offered remarks regarding recent collaboration between City departments and between City staff and City Commissioners and noted several items on the Regular Meeting Agenda resulted directly from such collaboration.

*Vice Mayor Hopewell arrived at 7:32 a.m.

**Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:34 a.m.

Review of the
August 21st
Meeting Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, August 18, 2006.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, August 18, 2006.

Item G-3

Regarding Item G-3, amendments to the Downtown Development and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan, City Manager Collard recommended an ad hoc committee comprised of himself, Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated Executive Director Ken Nacci, Downtown Development Authority Chair Bob Dowd, and one or two City Commissioners be established to review the proposed nominees for the Development Area Citizens Council.

Mr. Nacci explained the scope of Council's work would be to provide a recommendation to the DDA and the City Commission regarding the amendment to the plan.

Discussion followed regarding the purpose of the Citizens Council and the scope of its work.

By consensus the Committee of the Whole postponed until September 5th consideration of a resolution appointing members to the Development Area Citizens Council with the understanding that an ad hoc committee would review the proposed appointments prior to September 5th.

Vice Mayor Hopewell volunteered to be member of the ad hoc committee.

Item G-7

Regarding Item G-7, appointments to boards and commissions, discussion took place regarding the purpose of the Community Relations Board (CRB), its lack of direction in recent years, and the need for a conduit to channel work assignments from the City Commission to the CRB and other City advisory boards.

Mayor McKinney suggested that a work group comprised of Commissioner Anderson, the CRB chair, City Manager Collard, and Assistant to the City Manager Alfrelynn Roberts meet to discuss the issues raised and develop proposals for consideration.

Item H-2

Regarding Item H-2, Building Authority contract notice for the funding of a consolidated Public Safety station, Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioners Balkema requested as much information on the project as possible prior to Monday's meeting. Discussion followed.

City Manager Collard stated more information would be provided to Commissioners by the end of the day and noted Public Safety Chief Dan Weston would give a presentation on the project at Monday's meeting.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

City Manager Collard stated a report on the Terrance Moore incident would be given at Monday's meeting.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 2, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 2, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Barbara Miller

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners McCann and Miller. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

- The Lakeside Beach Corporation
 - Jim McIntyre, President
 - Amy Peterson, Vice President
- Parker-Duke Association
 - Charles Heller, President
- Whites/Edgemoor/Bronson Neighborhood Association
 - Linda Wienir, President
 - Paul Wienir, Member

Lakeside Beach Corporation

The Lakeside Beach Corporation representatives:

- reported vehicles were moving slower on Bronson Boulevard and thanked the City for traffic patrols that helped reduced the incidences of speeding motorists.

*Commissioner McCann arrived at 6:03 p.m.

- stated home ownership in the neighborhood was stable with a low turnover rate.
- noted traffic volume on Bronson Boulevard decreased when the Kilgore Road widening project was finished
- thanked the City for repairing various side streets.

Parker-Duke
Association

The Parker-Duke Association representatives:

- suggested the association meet with the City Commission once per year rather than twice.
- thanked the City for repairing and paving a small portion of Parker Avenue from Bronson Boulevard east.
- reported that Barry Boekloo and Richard Beardslee attended a neighborhood meeting on April 18, 2006 to discuss the problem of iron in the water supply.
- noted the Neighborhood Associations of Michigan would meet on September 22nd and 23rd the Holiday Inn West.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, City Manager Collard explained the problem of high iron levels was especially pronounced in the southwest quarter of the City, and the solution was to treat the water at the well fields. City Manager Collard stated the infrastructure improvements necessary to implement this solution would cost approximately \$20-30 million and would require a significant rate increase for customers.

Whites/Edgemoor/
Bronson
Neighborhood
Association

The Whites/Edgemoor/Bronson (W.E.B.) Neighborhood Association representatives:

- submitted a written version of their remarks and distributed a flyer advertising a W.E.B. Neighborhood Association meeting on October 12th. Copies of these documents were included with the papers for this meeting.
- thanked the City for paving Bronson Boulevard.
- stated speeding traffic on Bronson Boulevard was an issue and expressed concern that the Public Safety Department no longer deployed the mobile radar machine that showed motorists their speed.
- stated 20 new families had moved into the neighborhood in recent months and reported the ethnic and racial diversity of the neighborhood was expanding.
- reported approximately 50 neighborhood residents attended a neighborhood picnic in July.
- thanked City staff for placing "Do Not Enter" signs at the both ends of Drake Road between Parkview Avenue and Stadium Drive to deter motorist from turning down the wrong side of the Drake Road boulevard.
- expressed concern for pedestrian safety on Edgemoor Avenue between Chevy Chase Boulevard and the Kleinstuck Preserve due to a blind curve.

Citizen Comments

- noted the Woodgate Planned Unit Development project was near completion.
- requested the City's assistance to improve the walkability of neighborhoods.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 2, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
October 2, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend John McNaughton, OSL, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of
Guests

Commissioner Balkema accepted check from representatives of Walmart and Red Bull in the amount of for \$10,000 for the Recycling for Warmth program.

Adoption of the
Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Public
Announcements

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

Citizen Comments

Next, when given an opportunity to make comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission regarding non-agenda items:

Asha Khazad, City resident
Yolada Neals, City resident (Ms. Neals submitted a written complaint regarding an incident involving her son Terrance Moore and Public Safety Officers on August 3, 2006.)
Monica Westover, City resident
Dawn Sharpe, City resident
Phil Bassett, City resident
Beth Lewis, City resident

Consent Agenda

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:

Resolution 06-73

- a recommendation to adopt an amended **RESOLUTION** to vacate a 4.650-square-foot portion of the undeveloped Madison Avenue right-of-way, which is located south of Edgewood Drive.

Resolution 06-74

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving a new financial policy regarding the retainage and use of the System Fund Balance for the Kalamazoo Metro Transit System.

Resolution 06-75

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** scheduling a public hearing on December 4, 2006 on an ordinance to approve an amendment to the restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan") for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Kalamazoo.
- a recommendation to approve the proposed route modifications to several Metro Transit fixed-route services, including the routes serving WMU, effective September 5, 2006.
- a recommendation to approve a one-year bus service agreement with Education Realty Trust, Incorporated to provide bus service to The Pointe at Western Apartment Complex for the contracted annual amount of \$75,000.
- a recommendation to approve a one-year bus service contract renewal with Kalamazoo Advantage Academy for the provision of student transportation during the 2006-2007 school year in the amount of \$62,370.
- a recommendation to approve the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions:
 - the appointment of Steve Gerike to the Community Relations Board for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2009.
 - the appointment of Brian Fricke to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as a youth member for a partial term expiring on January 1, 2009.
- a recommendation to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 4, 2006 and the Regular City Commission Meeting on August 7, 2006.
- a recommendation to hold until September 5, 2006 the sale of city-owned homes located at 624 Ada Street for \$51,000 and 1110 Lane Boulevard for \$58,000.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Following the vote on the motion, and in response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, City Manager Collard

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Ordinance 1811
re: Panhandling

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney moved to take the following actions regarding a proposed **ORDINANCE** to amend Section 22-18 of the Kalamazoo Code regarding begging, panhandling, and soliciting:

- to amend Section 22-18C(11) of the proposed ordinance to read, "No person shall solicit in or on a public place: (11) within ten feet of an entrance to a building."
- to adopt the proposed ordinance as amended.

Prior to a vote on this motion, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Chris Lampen-Crowell, non-resident (Mr. Lampen-Crowell submitted a letter from the Downtown Retailers Association regarding the proposed ordinance.)
 Beth Lewis, City resident
 Pastor Ray , City resident
 Mike Kilbourne, City resident

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, City Attorney Kirk explained the definition of panhandling and soliciation as used in the ordinance.

Commissioner Miller expressed disappointment that the proposed ordinance had been amended but expressed support for the ordinance because of the substantial work that had been done to achieve consensus among the various stakeholders.

Commissioner Cooney stated the compromise that was achieved was a positive step forward in the relationship between the City, the homeless community, and downtown businesses.

Mayor McKinney commended Commissioners Anderson and Cooney for working with all the stakeholders to achieve a mutually satisfactory solution. Mayor McKinney noted Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated and the Downtown Development Authority supported the proposed ordinance.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Presentation re: the
Proposed Public
Safety Super Station
Project

City Manager Collard and Public Safety Chief Dan Weston described the proposed Public Safety Super Station construction project which would consolidate Stations 4 and 5 and the Training Facility on Cedar Street into one facility on North Burdick Street.

Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Mark Stuhldreher explained the Building Authority contract and the process for issuing bonds.

Presentation re: the Proposed Public Safety Super Station Project (cont'd)

Curt Peterson, Vice President of CSM Group, description of the proposed Public Safety Station and displayed preliminary site plans and an artist's rendering of the facility.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Chief Weston stated the public entrance to the building would be off of Park Street, and vehicles and apparatus would be able to enter an exit the site via North Street to the north or Ransom Street to the south.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Chief Weston stated this new facility would house classrooms and training equipment but would not include a live-fire training tower.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Peterson explained the new facility would be much more energy efficient than the stations it would replace as a result of the construction according to current building codes.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Chief Weston explained the proposed Super Station would be one of three stations to serve the northwest panhandle of the City, including a Kalamazoo Township station on North Drake Road that would service the area as the result of an initial aid agreement. Chief Weston reported the new station would be located one minute to the east of the stations to be replaced, and the response time to the panhandle would be less than 6 minutes.

Resolution 06-76
Approving a Notice of Intent re: a Building Authority Contract to Finance a Consolidated Public Safety Station Project

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Miller moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving a Building Authority Contract Notice related to the financing of the Consolidated Public Safety Station Project.

When given an opportunity to comment on the motion, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident and Director of the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD), expressed support for the motion.

Joy Rusher, City resident and President of the Fairmont Neighborhood Association, expressed support for the motion.

Beth Lewis, City resident, expressed neither support nor opposition to the motion.

Arthur Anderson, City resident, questioned whether there would be competitive bidding for the construction contract.

A City resident, name unavailable, expressed support for the motion.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard submitted the following reports: Departmental Reports and Project Updates dated August 21, 2006; a Brownfield Redevelopment Initiative Update dated August 1, 2006; the Citizen's/Public Safety Concerns Report for period ending June 30, 2006; the Interim Financial Report for period ending June 30, 2006; a Legislative Update dated August 1, 2006; the July, 2006 Purchasing Report; and the Report to the Retirement Investment Committee for period ending June 30, 2006.

Report on the Terrance Moore Incident

Public Safety Inspector Donald Webster presented a report regarding the arrest of Terrance Moore on August 3rd and the subsequent investigation into the conduct of the officers involved by the Public Safety Department, Office of Professional Standards.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Inspector Webster stated Ms. Neals was not allowed to record the discussion at her meeting with himself and Major Ken Colby, but she was offered transcripts and recordings of the meeting made by the Public Safety Department.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Chief Weston noted it was normal police practice note to allow multiple recordings of the same interview or meeting as multiple recordings raised questions about which recording was the official record.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Inspector Webster explained the only portion of the meeting with Ms. Neals that was not recorded was when she reviewed the in-car video of the incident.

City Attorney Kirk reported Mr. Moore would be charged with a noise violation, which was normally punished with a fine and/or community service.

City Manager Collard reported that he, Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, and Public Safety Officers (PSO's) participated in an educational program for young people on August 15th at the NACD offices regarding traffic stops by PSO's and the enforcement of City ordinances.

In response to questions from Commissioner Miller, Chief Weston stated the Office of Professional Standards spent as much time investigating a complaint as was necessary to arrive at a determination. Chief Weston reported citizens who made false accusations were not punished in Kalamazoo, but he noted there had been instances when police departments in other Michigan cities prosecuted individuals for making false police reports in such circumstances.

Citizen Comments

When given a final opportunity to make comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

- Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident
- Linda Hamilton, City resident
- Janice Jagars, City resident
- Asha Khazad, City resident
- Beth Lewis, City resident

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner McCann noted the grand opening ceremony for the Kalamazoo Transportation Center and stated the City needed to do everything in its power to support the local institutions of higher education.

Commissioner Miller stated she had attended the employee appreciation celebration for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Commissioner Balkema distributed a flyer regarding Goodwill Industries and stated she had spoken at the recent opening of a new nonprofit organization called Seek the Kingdom Ministries, which was started by a descendant of Sojourner Truth. Commissioner Balkema distributed copies of a publication entitled *Lincoln Comes to Kalamazoo* and invited citizens to attend the reenactment of Abraham Lincoln's 1856 speech in Bronson Park on Sunday, August 27th.

Vice Mayor Hopewell distributed program from Big League Softball World Series and noted the many events that had taken place over the weekend.

Mayor McKinney distributed gifts to Commissioners from her recent trip to Mackinac Island.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 2, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 2, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Thursday, August 31, 2006 at 7:31 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell***
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney**
Sean McCann*
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

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

Commissioners
Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioners Cooney and McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the
September 5th
Meeting Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2006.

*Commissioner McCann arrived at 7:33 a.m.

**Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:34 a.m.

***Vice Mayor Hopewell arrived at 7:35 a.m.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2006.

Item G-9

Regarding Item G-9, Dick Skalski, Senior Construction Engineer, offered information regarding the progress of the Non-Motorized Trailway project to the City Commission.

Item G-10

Regarding Item G-10, Randall Schau, Deputy City Attorney, offered clarification regarding the garbage and trash ordinance to the City Commission. Discussion followed.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Mike McCaw, Deputy Chief of Public Safety and Vicky Kettner, DKI Community Relations Director, answered questions raised by Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Anderson regarding officer training on the panhandling and park use ordinances.

Commissioner McCann reported a complaint from a citizen regarding limousine/taxi cab fares.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 2, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 2, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Linda Winters, Assistant Minister, Fresh Fire African Methodist Episcopal Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations

Mayor McKinney read a proclamation commemorating the 75th Anniversary of City Hall, September 1, 2006. City Clerk Borling accepted the proclamation.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent, the City Commission adopted its agenda as presented.

Communications

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

Public Hearing re: Amendment 11 to the Brownfield Plan

At 7:11 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION that: (a) approves the Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 11); (b) determines that it constitutes a public purpose; and, (c) contains certain mandatory findings.

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-77 Adopting the Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment 11)

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** that: (a) approves the Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 11); (b) determines that it constitutes a public purpose; and, (c) contains certain mandatory findings.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Public Hearing re:
Approval of the
Project Plan and
EIF Loan for
Reedy Properties

At 7:13 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation from the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors to: a) adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving a project plan for 139 South Edwards Street and 310 East Michigan Avenue; and, b) approve an Economic Initiative Fund loan of \$329,000 to Reedy Properties, LLC.

At 7:14 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed public hearing.

Resolution 06-78
Approving the
Project Plan and
EIF Loan for
Reedy Properties

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve a recommendation from the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors to: a) adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving a project plan for 139 South Edwards Street and 310 East Michigan Avenue; and, b) approve an Economic Initiative Fund loan of \$329,000 to Reedy Properties, LLC.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner McCann expressed support for the project.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Monica Westover, City resident
Anna Kay Smith, City resident
Michael Fuller, City resident
Louis Murrell, non-resident
LoriAnne Tennison, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

Resolution 06-79

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** creating a Development Area Citizens Council and appointing its members, pursuant to the requirements of the Downtown Development Act.

Resolution 06-80

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** accepting MDOT Grant Contract #2006-0471 in the amount of \$35,000 for the Local Ridesharing Program for FY2006.

Resolution 06-81

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the City Manager to sign a Third Amendment to Urban Cooperation Act Agreement as it relates to certain desired changes by the Community Access Center.

- a recommendation to approve a lease with Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers for the preservation of an open space buffer between Mayors' Riverfront Park and KMR's facilities.
- a recommendation to approve a budget increase of \$20,000 in the Public Safety Drug Enforcement Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of purchasing a Fourier Transform Infra-Red Drug-Testing Instrument package.
- a recommendation to approve the sale of city-owned homes located at 624 Ada Street for \$51,000 and 1110 Lane Boulevard for \$58,000.
- a recommendation to approve a request from Stryker Corporation to change the name of Fairfield Road to Airview Boulevard effective November 1, 2006.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute the "Foundation Easement" that allows Greenleaf Holdings 3, L.L.C. the right to use a sub-surface area below the city sidewalks/rights-of-way at the northeast corner of Rose Street and South Street for purposes of placing the footings to the foundation walls for the new office building and parking facility Greenleaf is constructing on the property it owns at this corner.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign an "Agreement to Enter Into a Trailway Easement" and a "Trailway Easement Agreement," which will grant to the City an easement over which a trailway will be constructed, connecting Harrison Street and the Kalamazoo River, just north of Kalamazoo Avenue.
- a recommendation to hold until September 18, 2006 the acceptance of two warranty deeds and two temporary grading permits, all of which relate to property currently owned by Philip R. Mott and Mardee J. Mott, husband and wife for road improvements that are to occur at the intersection of Portage and Fairfield Road.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported the following items:

- the receipt of a letter from State Senator Tom George in response to Resolution 06-49, a *Non-Binding Resolution Calling For The Return Of Military Forces From Iraq And Support For Domestic Needs*, which the City Commission adopted on June 19, 2006.

City Clerk's Report
(cont'd)

- the receipt of minutes from the following advisory boards and commissions:
 - Dangerous Buildings Board
 - Thursday, June 01, 2006
 - Environmental Concerns Committee
 - Wednesday, July 19, 2006
 - Friends of Recreation Board
 - Tuesday, July 25, 2006
 - Housing Board of Appeals
 - Thursday, June 22, 2006
 - Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission
 - Tuesday, July 11, 2006
 - Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board
 - Friday, July 28, 2006
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - Wednesday, August 02, 2006
 - Traffic Board
 - Thursday, July 13, 2006
 - Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Thursday, July 13, 2006
- the approval of the following special event requests in the month of August:
 - a request from the Edison Neighborhood Association to use Reed Street Park on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the "Step Out Edison" event.
 - a request from DKA charities to close of Edwards Street between Water Street and Kalamazoo Avenue in conjunction with the Kyle Jennings Dark Horse Music Festival being held at the Arcadia Festival Site on Saturday, August 12, 2006.
 - a request from Kim Anderson to use Reed Street Park on Saturday, August 26, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a neighborhood get together.
- the successful administration of the August 8th statewide primary election and the availability of statistical reports related to the election.

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard provided a mid-year update regarding the City's accomplishments and projects completed in the first half of 2006.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments, but none were offered.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann noted the opening of the Kalamazoo Transportation Center and read portions of a best practices paper that recognized Kalamazoo for its excellence in economic development and Brownfield redevelopment. Commissioner McCann expressed pride about a recent opportunity to lead out-of-town guests on a tour of the City.

Commissioner Miller expressed support for wireless internet access in the downtown area.

Commissioner Balkema noted a recent article in *The Nation's Cities* that described Kalamazoo's efforts to reduce poverty.

Commissioner Anderson invited citizens to participate in the Historic Homes Tour on September 16th, which included his own home.

Commissioner Cooney reported the United States Census Bureau had just released statistics that indicated the poverty rate in the City rose from 24% to 30% and the poverty rate for children went from 27% to 38% between 2000 and 2005.

Vice Mayor Hopewell noted the following items: recent opportunities to tour the City with out-of-town guests; the opening of an addition at Martini's restaurant; the recent groundbreaking for the expansion of Interstate 94; the first day of school for Kalamazoo Public School (KPS) students; and Western Michigan University's CommUniversity Night at Waldo Stadium on Saturday, September 9th.

Mayor McKinney discussed the similarity of poverty rates in Kalamazoo, Flint and Detroit and emphasized the potential for the Kalamazoo Promise to reduce the City's poverty rate. Mayor McKinney reported only 30 KPS students did not take advantage of the Kalamazoo Promise.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 2, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 2, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, September 15, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell*
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Mary Balkema
Sean McCann**
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the September 18th Meeting Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2006.

*Vice Mayor Hopewell arrived at 7:32 a.m.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2006.

Presentation and Discussion re: Statewide Ballot Proposals

Peter Ruddell of Wiener Associates distributed and reviewed analyses prepared by the Senate Fiscal Agency and the Citizens Research Council of the statewide proposals on the November 7th ballot.

**Commissioner McCann arrived at 7:47 a.m.

Discussion followed regarding Proposals 06-02 (Michigan Civil Rights Initiative) and 06-04 (Eminent Domain).

Mayor McKinney left the meeting at 8:02 a.m. and did not return.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested a report on the impact of Proposals 06-02 and 06-04 on the City's policies, procedures, and initiatives, and he suggested the City Commission host a forum for public discussion of these proposals.

Commissioner Balkema suggested that both proponents and opponents of the ballot proposals be invited to participate in a public forum so that both sides of the debates would be represented.

Discussion followed regarding the scope and purpose of the public forums suggested by Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Balkema.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Citizen Comments

By consensus the City Commission directed the City Manager to analyze the impact of Proposals 06-02 and 06-04 on City policies, programs, and initiatives and to present a report on this analysis at a future City Commission meeting.

City Manager Collard indicated he would wait for further direction from the Commission regarding a City-sponsored public forum to debate the merits of the statewide ballot proposals.

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues, but no issues were discussed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 30, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 30, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

- Arcadia Neighborhood Association
Doug Williams, Board Member
- Northside Association for Community Development
Charles Park, President
Mattie Jordan-Woods, Director
- Vine Neighborhood Association
Erin Knott, Executive Director

Vine Neighborhood

The Vine Neighborhood Association representatives:

- reported the Association was attempting to coordinate its plans and programs with elements of the A+ Neighborhoods Initiative.
- presented the Association's working vision statement: "Vine shall become a high quality city within a city characterized as a diverse, enriched, safe, livable, and commercially viable neighborhood with community features and programs connected by a neighborhood-wide framework of open space, amenities, and human services."
- stated five core values for the neighborhood had been developed along with action steps in each area.
- stated neighborhood residents wanted to move forward with the Broke Court improvement project. Ms. Knot reported O'Boyle and Associates had completed a project plan, and \$50,000 out of \$125,000 had been committed to the project.

- expressed concern about homeless individuals sleeping in South Westnedge Park.
- reported the Association was working with the Girl Scouts to inventory Ash Trees in the neighborhood and develop
- expressed concern about enforcement of the Housing Code.
- requested an amendment to the Housing Code to regulate the color scheme on the exterior of homes.
- expressed concern about the limited parking for businesses on Vine Street.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Ms. Knott reported the gazebo in South Westnedge Park had not yet been moved.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Knott stated the number of home foreclosures in the Neighborhood had increased, and she indicated there had been an increase in criminal activity. Ms. Knott attributed the crime increase to landlords being less selective in choosing tenants due to the soft rental market.

Commissioner McCann requested a report on the effectiveness of the A+ Neighborhoods Initiative with regard to the reassignment of Housing Inspectors.

Arcadia
Neighborhood

The Arcadia Neighborhood Association representative:

- expressed excitement about the A+ Neighborhoods Initiative.
- reported an increasing number of homes in the Neighborhood had been purchased by parents for their children who were attending local institutes of higher education. Mr. Williams noted many of these homes were well maintained, but the properties had not been properly registered with the City as rental units.
- noted a rezoning application for the Western Michigan University (WMU) Foundation property at 635 North Drake Road was working its way through the approval process and stated the Association wanted to be involved with the site plan review process for the development of this property.

Mr. Williams stated he was leaving his position of the Board of Directors for the Association, but he would remain active in the Neighborhood Watch program.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mr. Williams stated there had been good communication between the City, Neighborhood residents, and area businesses regarding the West Michigan Avenue widening project. Mr. Williams noted there had been more traffic flow issues with the return of WMU students.

Northside
Association for
Community
Development

City Engineer Frank Szopo reported the anticipated completion date for the West Michigan Avenue widening project was November 15th.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann, Mr. Williams indicated he did not know the 2006-2007 enrollment figures for Arcadia Elementary School.

The Northside Association for Community Development representatives:

- suggested that the A+ Neighborhoods Initiative include a plan to assist existing homeowners with improvements.
- requested that new low-income housing be distributed equitably and suggested a plan be developed to address the concentration of poverty in certain parts of the City.
- expressed support for Neighborhood Enterprise Zones to bring market-rate housing into the Neighborhood.
- reported on the development of an urban garden project, which would revitalize the corner of North and Park Streets, and described a recent trip to Chicago and Milwaukee to visit existing urban gardens.
- indicated the Association was working with the Parks and Recreation Department to incorporate an academic assistance program entitled "Keeping the Promise" with the existing neighborhood after-school program to help students with low MEAP test scores.
- provided an update on the North Westnedge Avenue streetscape project.
- invited Commissioners to attend an event on September 19th to recognize James Ray for his service as a Public Safety Officer (PSO) and for being the first COPS liaison officer.
- reported young people needed to be educated regarding the City's Noise Ordinance and suggested that the Noise Ordinance be revised to take away PSO's discretion to arrest for violations.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Ms. Jordan-Woods stated 51% of the housing units in the Neighborhood were owner occupied according to the 2000 Census.

Commissioner McCann reported a citizen had contacted him regarding the condition of a vacant house at 638 West Prouty Street and suspected drug activity at this location.

Vice Mayor Hopewell thanked Ms. Jordan-Woods for her hard work on behalf of the neighborhood.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 30, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 30, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Pastor Paul Dean, Kalamazoo Bible Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of
Guests

Mayor McKinney introduced Phyllis Marsh, Kalamazoo Neighborhood Coalition Coordinator, who presented the Kalamazoo Neighborhoods Coalition Annual City Employee Appreciation Awards to Code Administration Manager Tim Meulenberg and Street Services Supervisor Dana Winchester.

Proclamations

Commissioner Miller, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed September 15 – October 15, 2006 “Hispanic Heritage Month.” Ana Light, Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Hispanic American Council, was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Balkema, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed September 25 – 29, 2006 “Race Equality and Inclusive Communities Week.” Jennifer A. Shoub, CEO, YWCA of Kalamazoo, was present to accept the proclamation.

Adoption of the
Agenda

By unanimous consent, the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following changes: at the request of a citizen, Items G-1 (purchase of lubricants) and G-5 (establishment of a custodial account for the Perpetual Care Fund) were moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Communications

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

Citizen Comments

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

Phyllis Marsh, City resident
Beth Lewis, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

- Resolution 06-82 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** Approving Building Authority Contract of Lease Related to the New Public Safety Station Project.

- Resolution 06-83 - a recommendation to adopt a Notice of Intent **RESOLUTION** for the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2.5 million for the purpose of financing capital projects included in the Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Improvement Program.

- Resolution 06-84 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** for a single parcel special assessment for 1133 Long Road.

- Resolution 06-85
Resolution 06-86 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** assigning Bruce Merchant, Public Services Director, as the City Street Administrator for the City of Kalamazoo.

- a recommendation to approve a budget amendment to substitute the use of Community Development Block Grant program funds derived from the sale of city-owned properties with General Fund dollars to facilitate the funding for Kalamazoo Communities in Schools Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.

- a recommendation to: a) accept \$509,642 in grant monies from the Michigan Department of Transportation; b) approve an agreement with the MDOT for the upgrade of traffic signals at seven intersections along the Oakland Drive Corridor; and, c) approve a purchase order to MDOT in the amount of \$70,458.

- a recommendation to approve a HOME Investment Partnership Program Agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and the YWCA of Kalamazoo in the amount of \$45,000; and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents for the program as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- a recommendation to approve a property damage settlement in the amount of \$16,000 with the Diocese of Kalamazoo on behalf of St. Monica School.

- a recommendation to authorize the acceptance of two warranty deeds and two temporary grading permits, all of which relate to property currently owned by Philip R. Mott and Mardee J. Mott, husband and wife for road improvements that are to occur at the intersection of Portage and Fairfield Road.

- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE adopting the reformatted and republished Code of Ordinances and schedule final consideration of this ordinance for October 2, 2006.

- a recommendation to hold until October 2, 2006 approval of a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 619 Egleston Avenue, to Vicki Alexander, whose address is 2251 N. 6th Street, Kalamazoo, in consideration of \$5,595.50 in payment of 2000 through 2004 foreclosed taxes.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Next, regular agenda items were considered.

Term Contract with Great Lakes Lubricants

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve a one-year term contract with Great Lakes Lubricants, Inc. for the purchase of various types of lubricants for a total cost not to exceed \$104,700.00.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Beth Lewis, City resident questioned the high dollar amount and the anticipated use of the lubricants.

City Manager Collard stated the lubricants would be used to service the City's vehicles as well as stationary equipment and machinery.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Resolution Establishing a Custodial Account for Perpetual Care Assets

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to adopt a resolution and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign all documents necessary for establishment of a custodial account for Perpetual Care Assets with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Beth Lewis, City resident, requested that this item be held until October 2nd due to the concerns of citizens who were not present.

Commissioner Cooney suggested Ms. Lewis and other concerned citizens contact City staff or attend a Perpetual Care Investment Committee meeting to express concerns and have their questions answered.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard presented the following items: Departmental Reports and Project Updates; the August 2006 CITYLink newsletter; the Interim Financial Report for period ending July 31, 2006; a Legislative Update dated September 2006; a summary of state proposals on the November 7, 2006 General Election ballot; and the August 2006 Purchasing Report.

Mr. Stephen Bland, Partner with Rehman Robson, explained the audit process, reviewed the various sections of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and stated the City received an unqualified audit opinion for FY2005. Mr. Bland thanked Assistant Budget and Accounting Director Cathy Lawson and staff in the Management Services Department for their assistance and cooperation during the audit process.

Citizen Comments

During the final opportunity for citizen comments the following citizen addressed the City Commission:

Jenny Shoub, City resident and CEO of the YWCA of Kalamazoo

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann invited citizens to attend Irish Fest, which would take place from September 22 – 23 at the Arcadia Festival Site.

Commissioner Miller invited citizens to attend a concert on Sunday, September 24th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Fetzer Center. Commissioner Miller explained the concert was a fundraiser for the Kalamazoo Communities in Schools Foundation (KCISF).

Commissioner Anderson commented on the excellent quality of life in Kalamazoo and noted the wide range of amenities and opportunities available for area residents. Commissioner Anderson highlighted the need for citizens to take personal responsibility for preserving the quality of life in the City and stated the combined efforts of individuals to improve Kalamazoo would attract new residents and business. Commissioner Anderson encouraged citizens to support local businesses and expressed hope for increased regional cooperation.

Commissioner Cooney congratulated the YWCA for receiving a grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MISHDA) and thanked the YWCA for organizing the Summit on Racism. Commissioner Cooney noted the success of the Kalamazoo Communities in Schools Foundation (KCISF) programs and suggested KCISF staff be given an opportunity to present a report on the 2005-2006 school year to the City Commission in the near future.

Vice Mayor Hopewell reported he recently attended the Community Arts Awards, and he thanked friends and family for attending the Bobby-Q event at Pretty Lake Vacation Camp on September 10th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 2, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 2, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, September 25, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson*
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Anderson and McCann. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

Next, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications.

City Manager Collard introduced newly appointed Assistant City Manager Fay Peek. City Manager Collard stated Mr. Peek would bring his public relations experience, his acquired wisdom, and his integrity to the City of Kalamazoo.

*Commissioner Anderson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Presentation re:
the 5-Year Fiscal
Plan and FY2007
Budget

City Manager Collard reviewed a PowerPoint presentation entitled *The Sustainable Community – Defining Kalamazoo’s Future: 5-Year Fiscal and Organizational Planning, September 25, 2006*. A printed version of this PowerPoint presentation was included with the papers for this meeting.

By consensus the City Commission endorsed the City Manager’s proposed organizational plan and management approach as well as the following assumptions used to develop the proposed Five-Year Fiscal Plan (The Plan):

- Revenues and expenditures would increase at historic rates
- No new taxes
- General Fund contributions to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) would increase
- City Commission Initiatives would continue
- A \$2.5 million bond would be issued in 2007 for the CIP
- State Shared Revenue would continue at existing levels
- Pension Fund interest earnings would be utilized as permitted by Public Act 28

Commissioner Cooney stated the proposed Five-Year Fiscal Plan felt liberating, but he indicated he would want to hear from the community before making a final decision on The Plan and the FY2007 Budget.

Presentation re:
the 5-Year Fiscal
Plan and FY2007
Budget (cont'd)

Commissioner Balkema commended City Manager Collard for his management style.

City Commissioners discussed a map entitled *Tax Exempt Parcels and Properties with Redirected or Abated Taxes*. City Manager Collard indicated the City would need to be very, very careful about diverting more tax dollars through new abatements or tax increment financing districts.

Vice Mayor Hopewell indicated people who objected to The Plan or the proposed FY2007 Budget needed to present alternatives for the City Commission's consideration rather than simply attack the City Manager's proposals.

Mayor McKinney stated the concepts and ideas in The Plan would not be palatable if the City had not experienced the pain of budget cuts in prior years.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, City Manager Collard stated he expected staff to be able to devote time and energy to developing program outcomes as a result of not having to spend time and energy developing budget reduction strategies.

Commissioner Anderson stated the presentation of The Plan was a significant public moment, and he expressed excitement about using the budget process to create hope and a vision for the community. Commissioner Anderson commended City Manager Collard for a presentation that rekindled his passion for the provision of public services.

Citizen Comments

When given an opportunity to make comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Monica Westover, City resident

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Balkema noted a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of City Hall had taken place that afternoon.

Commissioner Cooney remarked on the large number of community leaders who attended the Summit on Racism on Friday, September 22nd.

Mayor McKinney reported she would be providing a short article for *Nations Cities Weekly* regarding the Summit on Racism.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 30, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
October 30, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, September 29, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Don Cooney*
Mary Balkema
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hopewell

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the October 2nd Meeting Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2006.

Mayor McKinney noted a proclamation recognizing homecoming week for Western Michigan University (WMU) would be added to the agenda.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:34 a.m.

Discussion of Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Mayor McKinney stated Bob Miller, Associate Vice President of Community Outreach for WMU, had requested the Homecoming proclamation to show students and alumni that the City supported the University. Mayor McKinney indicated Mr. Miller had also requested the City's assistance in hanging approximately 1,000 WMU banners in various locations throughout the community.

Citizen Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 16, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 16, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Ms. Terri Thomas, Executive Servant, Kalamazoo Deacons Conference, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of
Guests

Mayor McKinney introduced State Senator Tom George, who offered remarks regarding his recent legislative activities.

Proclamations

Commissioner Anderson, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed October 4, 2006 "ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day." Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Balkema, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed October 8-14, 2006 "Fire Prevention Week." Fire Marshal Marty Myers was present to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner McCann, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, read a proclamation recognizing October 8-15, 2006 as "Western Michigan University's 104th Homecoming Week." Bob Miller, Associate Vice President of Community Outreach, was present to accept the proclamation.

Adoption of the
Agenda

By unanimous consent, the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Communications

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

Citizen Comments

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

Beth Lewis, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a purchase order with Williams and Works, Inc. in the amount of \$189,600 for design engineering services for the proposed Crosstown Parkway Improvement project between Bronson Boulevard and King Highway (I-94 BL).
- Resolution 06-87 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing on October 16, 2006 to consider an application from Flowserve FSD Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for six years for personal property valued at \$642,786 in existing Industrial Development District No. 12 located at 2100 Factory Street.
- Resolution 06-88 - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing for November 6, 2006, on the City of Kalamazoo's Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 12) and direct the City Clerk to provide notice by mail to taxing jurisdictions and by publication to the general public of the hearing.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone the west 30 acres of 635 S. Drake Road (WMU Foundation site) from Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District), and set a public hearing for the rezoning for October 16, 2006.
- a recommendation to approve a Second Amendment to the Sublease Agreement between the County of Kalamazoo and the City of Kalamazoo regarding maintenance at the Arthur J. Washington Justice Center (the "Crosstown Center").
- a recommendation to accept the Project Safe Neighborhoods sub-recipient grant award of \$55,000 for the purpose of supporting a gun/gang violence investigator.
- a recommendation to accept funding from Oakwood Neighborhood Association for \$3,675.00 to fund after school enrichment activities three days per week at Oakwood Neighborhood Association.
- a recommendation to approve a quit claim deed conveying the City's interest in 619 Egleston Avenue, to Vicki Alexander, whose address is 2251 N. 6th Street, Kalamazoo, in consideration of \$5,595.50 in payment of 2000 through 2004 foreclosed taxes.
- a recommendation to approve the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meetings on August 18 and August 31, 2006; the Special Meeting on August 21, 2006, and the Regular Meetings on August 21 and September 5, 2006.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Next, regular agenda items were considered.

Ordinance 1812
Adopting the
Reformatted Code
of Ordinances

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** adopting the reformatted and republished Code of Ordinances.

Prior to a vote on this motion, Beth Lewis, City resident, suggested that the new Code of Ordinances be reviewed for grammatical correctness and constitutionality prior to publication.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

The effective date of this ordinance was November 1, 2006.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported the following items:

- the City Commission received as informational a letter from U.S. Senator Carl Levin in response to Resolution 06-49, a Non-Binding Resolution Calling For The Return Of Military Forces From Iraq And Support For Domestic Needs adopted by the City Commission on June 19, 2006.
- The City Commission received as informational minutes of the following advisory boards and commissions:
 - Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees
 - Wednesday, August 23, 2006
 - Environmental Concerns Committee
 - Wednesday, August 16, 2006
 - Friends of Recreation Board
 - Tuesday, August 22, 2006
 - Investment Committee of the Retirement System
 - Wednesday, August 16, 2006
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - Tuesday, September 05, 2006
 - Perpetual Care Investment Committee
 - Wednesday, August 16, 2006

- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Thursday, August 10, 2006

Request from DKI and DKAC re: Events at the Arcadia Festival Site Referred to City Staff

- The City Commission received as informational a letter from Ken Nacci on behalf of Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI) and Downtown Kalamazoo Association Charities (DKAC) requesting approval to expand the number of late-night events at the Arcadia Festival Site from five to six.

By consensus, the City Commission referred the request from DKI and DKAC to the City Manager for consideration. The City Commission also directed the City Attorney to develop a formal agreement between the City and the appropriate entity for programming and operation of the Arcadia Festival Site.

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann noted the recent death of Richard Snyder and the higher-than-expected enrollment for the Kalamazoo Public Schools. Commissioner McCann expressed support for the proposed Five Year Fiscal and Organizational Plan that was presented on September 25th.

Commissioner Balkema stated October 2 – 6 was Downtown Worker Appreciation Week and invited citizens to attend the Art Hop on Friday, October 6th on the Kalamazoo Mall.

Commissioner Cooney stated October 2 – 6 was Peace Week at WMU, and he invited citizens to attend a teach-in regarding the Iraq War on Tuesday, October 3rd.

Vice Mayor Hopewell welcomed Fay Peek as the new Assistant City Manager. Vice Mayor Hopewell noted his brother would be returning from military service in Iraq.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 30, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 30, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, October 13, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Don Cooney*
Mary Balkema
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hopewell
Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioners Cooney and McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the October 16th Meeting Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, October 16, 2006.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, October 16, 2006.

Item E-1

Regarding Item E-1, approval of a P.A. 198 tax exemption certificate for Flowserve FSD Corp., and in response to a question from Mayor McKinney, City Manager Collard reported staff was developing a revised policy on tax abatements, which would be presented to the City Commission in December.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:34 a.m.

Item I-2

Regarding Item I-2, presentation by the Kalamazoo Communities in Schools Foundation, the City Commission requested that this presentation be made in the City Commission Chambers rather than the Community Room so that it would be broadcast by the Community Access Center.

City Attorney Kirk indicated he might request a closed session meeting at the end of Monday's Regular Meeting.

Discussion of Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Announcement of Bronco Biodiesel Collaborative Initiative with WMU

Mike Wetzel, Assistant City Engineer, along with Dr. Sarah Hill, Dr. Steve Bertman, and Dr. John Miller, Co-Directors of Bronco Biodiesel, announced and discussed a new collaborative initiative between the City and Western Michigan University (WMU) to develop a pilot plant at the City's Harrison Street Facility for conversion of waste oil into biodiesel fuel. A briefing paper on the initiative was filed with the documents for this meeting.

Dr. Bertman stated the anticipated sources of waste oil were local restaurants. Dr. Bertman explained restaurants produced both yellow grease, which was sold on the open market, and oil that was caught in grease traps, which was not currently used for any other purpose.

Assistant City Engineer Wetzel noted a component of the pilot project was the education of restaurant owners regarding the function and servicing of grease traps, and he stated select Metro Transit busses would use biodiesel fuel as part of the project.

Dr. Hill indicated there was great potential for Kalamazoo to be the first city in the United States to develop a successful biodiesel plant due to the town-gown collaboration between the City and WMU. Dr. Hill stated the initiative would make Kalamazoo less dependent on petroleum products and a leader in the development of alternative fuels.

Transportation Director Bill Schomisch expressed support for the Bronco Biodiesel initiative and explained the fuel to be used in Metro Transit busses would be a mixture of 5% biodiesel and 95% regular diesel fuels.

City Manager Collard recognized Public Services Director Bruce Merchant, Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, and Fleet Services Director Craig Norrod for their roles in facilitating the biodiesel initiative.

Citizen Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 30, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 30, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners
Excused

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Cooney and McCann

Miscellaneous
Communications

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

Neighborhood
Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

Edison Neighborhood Association

Daniel Renstrom, President
Tammy Barnard, Executive Director

Fairmont Neighborhood Association

Joy Russcher, President
Melissa Linkfield, Neighborhood Administrator

West Main Hill Neighborhood Association:

Elaine Wickstrom, President
Steve Terenellius, Treasurer

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Edison
Neighborhood

The Edison Neighborhood Association representatives:

- reported the Association had moved into a new facility at 816 Washington Avenue.
- expressed concern about the future of the Edison Mainstreet Program due to projected revenue decreases for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the departure of key staff members from Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI).
- expressed concern that dormant properties in the Portage Street corridor would become less and less attractive to developers the longer they remained dormant.

- noted the Association was devoting significant resources to the Weed and Seed program but indicated the economic development component of this program was languishing.
- stated the Grand Rapids East Village gateway along Wealthy Street was example of what the Portage Street corridor could become.
- distributed the October 2006 *Edison Voice* Newsletter.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Ms. Barnard stated drug dealing and prostitution were still problems in the Neighborhood, but Public Safety was doing good work to reduce this type of activity.

Commissioner Cooney requested that the City Administration explore ways to assist with the development of the Portage Street corridor.

Vice Mayor Hopewell indicated the City had limited financial resources but a tremendous amount of staff expertise that could be brought to bear on the development of Portage Street.

Mayor McKinney noted the Felpausch grocery store as an example of a collaborative neighborhood development project.

Mr. Renstrom stated the Neighborhood needed to increase both the number and quality of the businesses on Portage Street.

Fairmont
Neighborhood

The Fairmont Neighborhood Association representatives:

- expressed support for the creation of a dog park in the Fairmont Park.
- reported the redevelopment project at the corner of North Street and Douglas Avenue had been abandoned due to a lack of capacity with the Board of Directors.
- expressed interest in obtaining the Public Safety Station 5 property at 625 Douglas Avenue for use as neighborhood association offices after completion of the new Consolidated Public Safety Station.
- stated the Building Blocks program was very successful, as was the National Night Out event.
- noted the need to improve Douglas Avenue as the northern gateway to the City.
- expressed concern about the relocation of Déjà Vu to their neighborhood and stated the trash and intense lighting near the business were of particular concern.
- stated the Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) summer program participants had cleaned Fairmont Park.

- invited Commissioners to a Neighborhood open house and holiday party on December 12th.
- reported Western Michigan University (WMU) had blocked in the first floor windows of its Blakeslee Street property to keep out squatters and vandals.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Ms. Linkfield stated Déjà Vu was a hot spot for crime and nuisance violations.

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain explained the signage at Déjà vu complied with zoning regulations, but the lighting did not comply.

Vice Mayor Hopewell suggested that Ms. Linkfield contact Déjà Vu directly regarding the Neighborhood's concerns.

West Main Hill
Neighborhood

The West Main Hill Neighborhood Association representatives:

- thanked the City Commission for providing funding for the neighborhood newsletter.
- reported the USTA picnic in Henderson Park was a success.
- noted three new members had been elected to the Board of Directors.
- stated the Neighborhood parks looked beautiful as the result of Kalamazoo College students planting flower bulbs donated by Kalamazoo in Bloom.
- reported the Historic District Study Committee was drawing up its final report to be presented to Planning Commission in November and then to the City Commission.
- indicated 68% of Neighborhood residents supported the creation of a historic district.
- commended Community Police Officer (CPO) Jennifer Haba for her hard work
- thanked the Department of Public Safety for conducting party patrols on WMU's Homecoming weekend.
- reported Neighborhood Watch President Phyllis Marsh and Jamie Whitmore from the Arcadia Neighborhood Association would be meeting with representatives from Central City Parking to discuss traffic enforcement outside the downtown area.
- expressed concern about front yard parking at 613 West Lovell Street.

- expressed concern about the types of businesses located in the commercial corridor at the top of West Main Hill and suggested the City and Kalamazoo Township coordinate efforts to create a more attractive western gateway for the City.
- indicated they would be discussing the process for establishing historic districts with representatives from the Westwood Neighborhood.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 30, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 30, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner McCann. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Pastor Ken Smeader, Kalamazoo Missionary Church was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of
Guests

Mayor McKinney recognized the presence of State Representative Alexander Lipsey.

Adoption of the
Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted their meeting agenda with the following change:

Commissioner Cooney requested that G-5, waiver of restriction and reverter for property owned by Western Michigan University, be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Communications

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

Public Hearing re:
a PA 198
Certificate for
Flowserve FSD
Corp.

At 7:09 p.m., Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to approve the application from Flowserve FSD Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for six years for personal property valued at \$642,786 in existing Industrial Development District No. 12 located at 2100 Factory Street.

At 7:10 Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-89
re: a PA 198
Certificate for
Flowserve FSD
Corp.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the application from Flowserve FSD Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for six years for personal property valued at \$642,786 in existing Industrial Development District No. 12 located at 2100 Factory Street.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing re:
an Ordinance to
Rezone 635 S.
Drake Road

Ordinance 1813
Rezoning 635 S.
Drake Road

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

NAYS: None

At 7:11 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt an ORDINANCE to rezone the west 30 acres of 635 S. Drake Road (WMU Foundation site) from Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).

The following citizens addressed the City Commission regarding the proposed ordinance:

Pat Lennon an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, and a representative of the applicant
Doug Williams, City resident

At 7:19 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone the west 30 acres of 635 S. Drake Road (WMU Foundation site) from Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).

Prior to a vote on this motion, Commissioner Cooney discussed the need to develop a plan to address concerns about future traffic access to the site.

Vice Mayor Hopewell suggested City Commissioners review the West Side Plan so they would be well prepared to make future decisions about development, zoning, and traffic on the West Side.

Mayor McKinney stated West Side Plan was a good plan and requested that Commissioners receive copies of the Plan.

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain stated the City Commission adopted the West Side Plan on January 31, 2005 and noted the West Michigan Avenue widening project was most visible implementation of the Plan at that time. Community Planning and Development Director Chamberlain indicated a decision had not been made regarding a commuter parking lot on the WMU Foundation site and discussed the need for the City to keep commuter parking lots, bus access and traffic issues in mind when considering development scenarios for specific properties.

City Manager Collard explained that at the time the West Side Plan was adopted, the creation of an access road from Drake Road to Kendall Avenue was left on the table pending a traffic study. City Manager Collard reported he had met recently with Mr. Williams and Joe Gesmundo of the WMU Foundation, and he expressed his intention to reconvene a dialogue between the City, WMU, and the Arcadia Neighborhood Association regarding the West Side Plan and traffic issues stemming from the development of the WMU Foundation property.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

When an opportunity was given for citizen comments on non-agenda items, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

- Edward Annen Sr., City resident
- Alexander Lipsey, City resident
- Rev. Joseph Anderson, City resident
- Marian Lilian Anderson, City resident
- Dawn Sharpe, City resident
- Michael Fuller, City resident
- Jerry McNeely, City resident
- Mike Kilbourne, City resident
- Beth Lewis, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a contract with North American Salt Company for the purchase of 6,000 tons of rock salt, (NaCL), for a total expenditure of \$247,500.

Resolution 06-90

- a recommendation to adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to transfer the ownership of a 2006 Class-C liquor license from Fedesna LLC to Chicken Dan's LLC including an entertainment permit and a new outdoor service area.

Resolution 06-91

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** designating the polling facility locations for the General election to be held November 7, 2006.

Resolution 06-92

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** that: 1) accepts a Master Agreement with the State of Michigan – Department of Transportation outlining grant funding terms and conditions for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2011; and, 2) designates specific City Administrative staff to execute project authorizations during the five-year period, based on project funding levels.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE which authorizes the issuance and sale of Water Revenue Bonds and Water Revenue Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5 million for the purpose of financing capital projects included in the Fiscal Year 2006 Water Capital Improvement Program and refunding existing bonds to realize interest expense savings.

- a recommendation to hold until October 30, 2006 authorization for the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed to convey ownership of 512 Lawrence St. to Sarah Snell whose address is 1704 Woodward Avenue, Kalamazoo.
- a recommendation to hold to October 30, 2006 authorization for the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed to convey ownership of 816 Southworth Terrace from the City of Kalamazoo to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Securities, Inc., whose address is 4828 Loop Central Drive, Houston, TX 77081.

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.
With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Waiver of Restrictions and Reverter for WMU Airport Property

Commissioner Balkema, supported by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a "Waiver of Restrictions and Reverter" as it relates to property sold by the City in 1958 to Western Michigan University.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard presented the following items:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- CITYLink newsletter dated September, 2006
- Interim Financial Report for period ending August 31, 2006
- September 2006 Purchasing Report

The meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Report from the Kalamazoo Communities in Schools Foundation

Pam Kingery, Linda Greenman, Jennifer Clark, and Donna Carol of the Kalamazoo Communities in Schools Foundation (KCISF) reviewed a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Kalamazoo Communities in Schools Full Service Schools: 2005-2006 Report*. A printed version of this presentation was included with the papers for this meeting.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hopewell, Ms. Kingery stated the Promise Coaching Pilot program would help students navigate the college application process.

In response to a question from Commissioner Balkema, Ms. Kingery reported the Communities in Schools program needed more volunteers, especially men, and more tutors in math and science.

Commissioner Cooney encouraged area churches to become involved in the Kalamazoo Communities in Schools program.

Citizen Comments

A final opportunity was given for citizen comments, but none were offered.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Miller praised City staff for their hard work to implement a new financial management software package. Commissioner Miller noted she had recently witnessed the City Attorney's Office staff at work in court and commended them for their skill. Commissioner Miller thanked a journalism class from WMU for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Balkema noted a new business association, the Milwood Area Business Association, would be holding a formation meeting on Thursday, October 26th with Mayor McKinney as the keynote speaker.

Commissioner Cooney indicated ISAAC (Interfaith Strategy for Action and Advocacy in the Community) would be holding its annual meeting on Thursday, October 19th and stated Governor Granholm and area legislators would be present.

David Anderson offered remarks on the Bronco Biodiesel pilot project and the collaboration between the City and WMU.

Vice Mayor Hopewell noted the Council of Michigan Foundations annual conference was taking place in Kalamazoo and thanked Public Safety Chief Dan Weston for allowing him to ride-along with patrol officers on Friday, October 6th. Vice Mayor Hopewell offered congratulations to the Detroit Tigers and the WMU football team.

Mayor McKinney reported one of the professors involved with the Bronco Biodiesel project had been appointed to the Michigan Renewable Fuels Commission. Mayor McKinney stated volunteers were needed to canvass City neighborhoods in support of the countywide transit millage.

Closed Session

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

The City Commission went into closed session at 8:44 p.m.
The City Commission came out of closed session at 9:34 p.m.

Settlement of the
Vander Ark
Lawsuit

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle the federal court lawsuit of Jeffrey Vander Ark v the City of Kalamazoo and Daniel Weston, case number 1:06 CV 0403, by payment to Mr. Vander Ark and his attorneys the sum of \$120,000, and further to authorize the City Attorney to execute all documents necessary to settle the lawsuit. This settlement will resolve the lawsuit and will also resolve three other administrative disputes now pending between the City and the Kalamazoo Public Safety Officers Association that were filed on Mr. Vander Ark's behalf.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 30, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: October 30, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Linda Winters, Assistant Minister, Fresh Fire African Methodist Episcopal Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Guests

Mayor McKinney welcomed representatives from Belarus, who were visiting the United States with Colleagues International.

Proclamation

Commissioner Balkema, on behalf of Mayor McKinney, proclaimed October 29 – November 5, 2006 “White Ribbon Against Pornography Week.” Ms. Eileen O’Brien accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Catholic Daughters and the Kalamazoo Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families. Ms. O’Brien distributed white ribbons to the Commissioners.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Communications

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

Citizen Comments

Next, when given an opportunity to address the City Commission regarding non-agenda items, the following citizens made comments:

Monica Westover, City resident
Beth Lewis, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to: 1) approve an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the use of \$200,000 in Federal Surface Transportation funds for the rehabilitation of the intersection of Howard Street and Crosstown Parkway; and, 2) approve a purchase order to MDOT in the amount of \$219,300 to cover the City’s local share of the construction cost.

- a recommendation to approve the renewal of a three-year contact with Mercer Health & Benefits for continued consulting services with regard to health care benefit management in the amount of \$198,000.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney's Office to execute all documents necessary to acquire from the Dean A. Bender Trust a permanent easement and a temporary construction grading permit, both of which are necessary for the widening of Howard Street east of Crosstown Parkway at a cost of \$16,626.
- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed to convey ownership of 816 Southworth Terrace from the City of Kalamazoo to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Securities, Inc., whose address is 4828 Loop Central Drive, Houston, TX 77081.
- a recommendation to approve minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meetings of September 15, September 29, and October 13, 2006; the Special Meetings of September 18, September 25, and October 16, 2006; and the Regular Meetings of September 18, October 2, and October 16, 2006.
- a recommendation to hold to November 6, 2006 authorization for the acquisition of a parcel of property on the southeast corner of Bryant and James Streets for use as a parking lot by the Public Safety Station directly across the street from B.R.I.C.K. Housing, LLC at a cost of \$25,000.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1814
re: Water Revenue
and Water
Revenue
Refunding Bonds

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Balkema moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** which authorized the issuance and sale of Water Revenue Bonds and Water Revenue Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5 million for the purpose of financing capital projects included in the Fiscal Year 2006 Water Capital Improvement Program and refunding existing bonds to realize interest expense savings.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Report on State
Ballot Proposals

City Manager Collard distributed and reviewed a memo entitled *2006 Ballot Synopsis*, which described the potential effect of the state ballot proposals on City operations.

Discussion of
Proposal 06-02 re:
Affirmative Action

Commissioners discussed the potential implications of Proposal 06-02 for the City's Affirmative Action policies and programs

Vice Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Cooney urged voters to vote "No" on Proposal 06-02.

Mayor McKinney expressed support for the continuation of Affirmative Action programs and described how she had personally benefited from these programs.

Resolution 06-97
Opposing Proposal
06-05

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** opposing State Ballot Proposal 06-5. Discussion followed.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner read the text of the proposed resolution into record:

RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO STATE BALLOT
PROPOSAL 06-5

WHEREAS, The Kalamazoo City Commission is opposed to a guaranteed educational inflationary funding increase that would have first claim on the state general fund at the expense of other state funding priorities; and

WHEREAS, City Government has temporarily lost Statutory Revenue Sharing, and other local units have seen substantial reductions in Revenue Sharing, the restoration of which is seriously jeopardized if the guaranteed full inflationary increase for education is enacted by the voters in the November 2006 election; and

WHEREAS, the *American School Journal* released its "Educational Vital Signs" report indicating that the state of Michigan ranks second only to Vermont in the amount of state budget dedicated to education, with 31.5%, while the national average is 21.7%; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo City Commission is very supportive of a fair and adequate system of educational funding for Michigan's students as a means to a thriving quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo City Commission is equally supportive of fair and adequate funding of critical emergency, public safety, public health, human service and state mandated programs for Michigan's citizens as a means to a thriving quality of life as well; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature and Governor are obligated to provide funding for Michigan's counties for Statutory Revenue Sharing beginning in 2008, in order for cities to provide state mandated critical services; and

WHEREAS, if the K-16 spending mandate (Proposal 06-5) is adopted, it will cost Michigan nearly \$1 billion dollars in the current year, with annual inflationary increases in the future that will surely reduce funding of critical services provided by cities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo City Commission is opposed to the K-16 spending mandate which is known as Proposal 06-5 and further urges the citizens of Kalamazoo to carefully inform themselves about this proposal and the immediate impact upon vital public services which the state requires and local government provides and upon which citizens depend.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Discussion of the
Countywide
Transit Millage
Ballot Question

Richard Atwell, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Transit Authority Board, and Carol Fricke, Chair of the Kalamazoo City Transit Authority Board, explained the proposed transportation millage and urged Commissioners to support the millage.

Mr. Atwell and Ms. Fricke responded to questions from City Commissioners.

Resolution 06-98
Supporting the
Countywide Transit
Millage Ballot
Question

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** supporting the countywide public transit millage proposal.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor Hopewell read the text of the proposed resolution into record:

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC
TRANSIT MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the continuation and enhancement of public transit services in Kalamazoo County is vital to the quality of life of all county residents in terms of mobility and accessibility to jobs, school, medical appointments and social engagements; and

WHEREAS, quality public transit serves as an essential element for economic development as transit users are riding to either make money or spend money; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) was established on November 15, 2005, to determine a countywide millage request to support all public transit services in Kalamazoo County; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA), with the assistance of County and City staff, conducted research and analysis on a millage amount that would be most viable, affordable, and acceptable by the residents of Kalamazoo County; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) voted to place a 0.45 mil request on the November 7, 2006 ballot as the viable option to funding all public transit services in Kalamazoo County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalamazoo City Commission supports the countywide millage proposal to fund the coordinated services of the Care-A-Van, Metro Van, and Metro Transit services provided by the Kalamazoo Metro Transit System.

The following citizens addressed the City Commission regarding the proposed resolution:

Leah Dubuque, City resident
Dave Polaski, City resident and representing the Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Development

City Commissioners discussed the fiscal challenges Kalamazoo's public transportation system had faced in recent years and described the services a countywide transit system would provide.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

When a final opportunity was given for citizen comments, the following individuals addressed the City Commission:

Jack Urban, City resident

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann reminded citizens to not place campaign signs in the public right-of-way. Commissioner McCann noted the West Michigan Avenue widening project was nearly complete. Commissioner McCann commended Commissioner Anderson for his efforts to develop creative options for affordable housing. Commissioner McCann congratulated Kalamazoo Public Schools on its proposed new middle school in the Arcadia Neighborhood.

Commissioner Miller noted she welcomed the Michiana Youth Federation to Kalamazoo. Commissioner Miller reported she and Vice Mayor Hopewell had recently attended a meeting regarding the MI Child insurance program.

Commissioner Balkema offered remarks on having a safe Halloween.

Commissioner Cooney encouraged citizens to vote and to support candidates who would lead the country in the right direction.

Vice Mayor Hopewell noted Kalamazoo was not among the 10 most dangerous cities in the United States and stated communities and their leaders needed to make children a priority in their actions, as well as their words.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on December 4, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: December 4, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, November 3, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson*
Don Cooney**
Mary Balkema
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, and McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the November 6th Meeting Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, November 6, 2006.

*Commissioner Anderson arrived at 7:32 a.m.

**Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:33 a.m.

Discussion of Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested information on the tax impact of property sales and development within the City.

City Manager Collard reported he had been in contact with representatives from Western Michigan University (WMU) regarding a seminar on the Kalamazoo Promise to be held during Promise Week.

Commissioner Cooney distributed and reviewed the draft agenda for a proposed one-day conference entitled *Community Coming Together to Help Realize the Kalamazoo Promise: An Urgent Task*. A copy of this draft agenda was included with the papers for this meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed conference and the City's role in Promise Week.

Commissioner Cooney noted the Day of Fast for World Harvest would take place on Wednesday, November 15th at the Bernhard Center on WMU's campus.

Citizen Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for citizen comments.

Internal Auditor Ann Videtich distributed information regarding the 2006 Greater Kalamazoo Area Holiday Food Drive, which was scheduled to take place on November 15th and 16th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on December 4, 2006

Approved by: _____

Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor

Dated: December 4, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 7:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema*
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney

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

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Denise Posie, Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation

Vice Mayor Hopewell proclaimed November 12 - 18, 2006, "National Hunger And Homelessness Week." Mr. Michael Robertson, President, Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network was present to receive the proclamation.

*Commissioner Balkema arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted their meeting agenda.

Communications

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

Public Hearing re:
Amended Restated
Brownfield Plan

At 7:13 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION that: (a) approves the Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 12); (b) determines that it constitutes a public purpose; and, (c) contains certain mandatory findings.

At 7:14 p.m. Vice Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-93 re:
Amended Restated
Brownfield Plan

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** that: (a) approves the Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 12); (b) determines that it constitutes a public purpose; and, (c) contains certain mandatory findings.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Yolanda Neals, City resident (A copy of Ms. Neals written statement was filed with the papers for this meeting.)

Monica Westover, City resident

Dwayne Funches, non-resident

Sheran Pearson, non-resident

Stephanie Prevo, non-resident

Pastor Joseph Anderson, City resident

John McNaughton, City resident

Mike Kilbourne, City resident

Rev. Edward Pinkney, non-resident

Jerry McNeeley, City resident

Gwen Neals Hillman, City resident

Beth Lewis, City resident

Terance Moore, City resident

Bill Pell, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve the first one-year contract extension for high calcium quicklime with Carmeuse Lime Corporation in the amount of \$140,664.
- a recommendation to approve an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the acceptance of a \$303,750 federal grant to secure the acquisition of the abandoned Michigan Central Railroad South Haven Branch right-of-way now owned by the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Company.
- a recommendation to authorize the acquisition of a parcel of property on the southeast corner of Bryant and James Streets for use as a parking lot by the Public Safety Station directly across the street from B.R.I.C.K. Housing, LLC at a cost of \$25,000.
- a recommendation to schedule a public hearing on November 20, 2006 to consider a loan application from Memories Evening Wear, LLC in the amount of \$40,000 from the city's Small Business Revolving Loan Fund to acquire equipment and provide working capital associated with the expansion of that business from the current store in Stevensville, Michigan into the City of Kalamazoo.
- a recommendation to hold to November 20, 2006 a resolution to vacate the undeveloped public alley located west of Wood Street and South of Parkview Avenue.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report

Deputy City Clerk Vander Roest provided information sharing items which included:

- the receipt of minutes from the following advisory boards and commissions:
 - Community Development Act Advisory Committee
 - Thursday, July 6, 2006
 - Thursday, August 10, 2006
 - Dangerous Buildings Board
 - Thursday, August 3, 2006
 - Kalamazoo Historic District Commission
 - Tuesday, July 18, 2006
 - Tuesday, August 15, 2006
 - Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission
 - Tuesday, August 8, 2006
 - Tuesday, September 12, 2006
 - Planning Commission
 - Thursday, September 07, 2006
- the approval of the following special events in the month of October:
 - a request from 3rd Coast Metro Trek to use Mayors' Riverfront Park on Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. as the start and finish point for a new event called the 3rd Coast Metro Trek.
 - a request to use City Streets and Bronson Park on Thursday, October 5, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a march and rally coinciding with the National Day of Resistance.
 - a request to use city streets on Saturday, November 4, 2006 beginning at 9:00 a.m. for a Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis 5/K charity race.
 - A request from Allen Chapel AME Church to use City streets and sidewalks on Saturday, October 27, 2006 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for a parade to raise awareness of the Church's services.

- a request from Jerry McNeely to investigate multiple allegations against City employees and other individuals.

Discussion followed regarding Mr. McNeely's request.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to refer the Mr. McNeely's request for an investigation to the City Manager and City Attorney for review.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Vice Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: Commissioner Miller

Citizen Comments

When given a final opportunity for citizen comments, the following citizen addressed the City Commission:

Jerry McNeely, City resident

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Miller encouraged citizens to vote on November 7th and to put the word out on 211, the Gryphon Place Help-Line.

Commissioner Anderson noted discussions were underway with the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission regarding the creation of a housing trust fund.

Commissioner Cooney and Vice Mayor Hopewell encouraged citizens to vote in the November 7th Gubernatorial election.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on November 20, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: November 20, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, November 17, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Mary Balkema
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Sean McCann

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor McKinney and Commissioner McCann. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the November 20th Meeting Agendas

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, November 20, 2006.

City Manager Collard noted the 2007 neighborhood special meeting schedule would include college and university student associations.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, November 20, 2006.

Discussion of Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Vice Mayor Hopewell reminded City Commissioners and City staff of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Rave Motion Picture Theatre at 9:30 a.m.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on December 4, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: December 4, 2006

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 20, 2006 at 6:03 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney

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

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

- Oakwood Neighborhood Association
Gary Wager, President
Cheryl Lord, Director
- West Kilgore Neighborhood Association
Fred Douglas, Vice President

Oakwood Neighborhood

The Oakwood Neighborhood representatives:

Shared their Newsletter with the City Commission as well as concerns regarding their budget, after-school programs and weeds along the Parkview Avenue wall.

West Kilgore Assoc.

The West Kilgore Neighborhood Association representatives:

Discussed concerns regarding potential speeding on West Kilgore Road and the possibility of changing the blinking yellow light at Kilgore Road and Bronson Blvd to a regular stop-light.

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on December 4, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: December 4, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 20, 2006 at 7:03 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema*
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

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

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Balkema. With a voice vote, the motion carried.

*Commissioner Balkema arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Calvin Hill, Stockbridge Avenue and Northwest United Methodist Churches, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations

Mayor McKinney proclaimed November 21, 2006 "National Adoption Day in Kalamazoo." Honorable Donald R. Halstead, Chief Judge of Probate, accepted the proclamation.

Mayor McKinney read a proclamation recognizing Pridecare Ambulance for 26 years of Providing "Home for the Holiday's" Services to Kalamazoo Area Residents. Tim Onderlinde, Chief Operating Officer for Pridecare, accepted the proclamation.

Adoption of Agenda

By unanimous consent, the City Commission adopted the agenda as presented.

Public Announcements

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

Public Hearing re: Memories Evening Wear, LLC

77209

Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing at 7:23 p.m. to consider a recommendation to approve a conditional loan commitment to Memories Evening Wear, LLC in the amount of \$40,000 from the city's Small Business Revolving Loan Fund to acquire equipment and provide working capital associated with the expansion of that business from the current store in Stevensville, Michigan into the City of Kalamazoo.

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

Adrienne and Derek Wissner, owners of Memories Evening Wear, LLC addressed the City Commission.

Small Business
Loan Approved for
Memories Evening
Wear, LLC

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve a conditional loan commitment to Memories Evening Wear, LLC in the amount of \$40,000 from the city's Small Business Revolving Loan Fund to acquire equipment and provide working capital associated with the expansion of that business from the current store in Stevensville, Michigan into the City of Kalamazoo.

77210

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Emma Baidy, City resident
Yolanda Neals, City resident
Asha Khazad, City resident
Jeff Weisman, City resident
Franklin C. Thompson, non-resident
Beth Lewis, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

77211

- a recommendation to approve a one-year contract extension for the purchase of ductile iron pipe from Underground Pipe & Valve for a total amount of \$652,445.00.

77212

- a recommendation to approve a purchase for seven medium duty buses for use in the Care-A-Van program from Hoekstra Transportation in the amount of \$548,884.

77213

- a recommendation to approve a one year contract extension for Cationic Emulsion polymers Praestol K136 L and Praestol K274 FLX with Ashland, EPS (formerly Degussa Stockhausen) in the amount of \$283,285.

77214

- a recommendation to approve payment of a retrospective premium adjustment in the amount of \$217,379.32 which represents adverse shared claims experience for the two MTP policy years: December 1, 2001 through November 30, 2003 and adverse local experience for policy year December 1, 2004 through November 30, 2005.

77215

- a recommendation to approve a two-year contract for traffic signal maintenance with Windemuller Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$206,450.00.

- 77216** - a recommendation to approve a one year contract extension with Alexander Chemical Corporation for the purchase of 16% sodium hypochlorite in the amount of \$125,482.50.
- Resolution: 06-94
- 77217** - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to vacate the undeveloped public alley located west of Wood Street and South of Parkview Avenue.
- Resolution: 06-95
- 77218** - a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Resolution: 06-96
- 77219** - a recommendation to adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to add: space, two new outdoor service areas, five new additional bar permits and seven direct connections to be held in connection with a 2005 Class C-SDM Liquor License business with a Dance and Entertainment permit at 200 E. Michigan.
- 77220** - a recommendation to accept the 2006 Bulletproof Vest Grant award of \$6,555 from the Office of Justice Programs, which requires a 50% match, to be used for the purchase of 30 vests totaling \$13,110.
- 77221** - a recommendation to authorize the Public Safety Chief to continue a partnership with Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency in order to enhance educational opportunities for youth who are pursuing careers in the public safety field and sign necessary agreements on behalf of the city to continue the partnership with KRESA.
- 77222** - a recommendation to: 1) approve the appointment of Bobbe Orr to the Dangerous Buildings Board as a representative of historic district property owners for a partial term expiring on March 1, 2008; and, 2) waive City Commission Rule 12k, which prohibits dual board memberships.
- 77223** - a recommendation to approve the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting on November 6, 2006.
- 77224** - a recommendation to hold to December 4, 2006 a recommendation to adopt RESOLUTION, which authorizes the City to acquire, by eminent domain if necessary, title to a small parcel (654.2 sq. feet) and grading permits for two small nearby parcels, all from Friz, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company.
- 77225** - a recommendation to hold to December 4, 2006 a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to receive and execute a Quit Claim Deed for additional right-of-way granted by Bronson Methodist Hospital for road and streetscape improvements to South Street.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

77226

City Manager Collard provided information sharing items, which included:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- Communication
 - City Link, October 2006
- Special Reports:
 - Citizen's/Public Safety Concerns Report, 3rd Quarter
 - Interim Financial Report ending September, 2006
 - October 2006 Purchases

Citizen Comments

When given a final opportunity for citizen comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Asha Khazad, City resident
Beth Lewis, City resident

Commissioner Cooney left the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and did not return.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann encouraged attendance at the Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 24th and noted the upcoming Promise Week, December 4-8, 2006. Commissioner McCann also congratulated Martini's on their expansion and liquor license and the United Way for meeting their campaign goal. Commissioner McCann highlighted the addition of the RAVE theatre downtown and its future as the defining moment of downtown revitalization.

Commissioner Miller announced a fundraiser by the Friends of Recreation would be held on December 3, 2006.

Commissioner Balkema noted the opening of the new Social Security Administration building within the City and its impact on the community.

Commissioner Anderson spoke of family and community relationships including those between the City of Kalamazoo and the City of Portage. Commissioner Anderson announced the Stuart Neighborhood Historic Homes Tour would be held December 2, 2006.

Mayor McKinney offered thoughts and prayers to the families of those affected by the assault that occurred downtown on November 19, 2006.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on December 4, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: December 4, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, December 1, 2006 at 7:35 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Mary Balkema
Sean McCann

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Barbara Miller

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Miller. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the December 4th Meeting Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2006.

Item G-11

Regarding Item G-11, approval of bylaws for the Downtown Development Area Citizens Council, the City Commission requested that representatives from the Council be invited to the Special Meetings with neighborhood association representatives.

Item G-12

Regarding Item G-12, rezoning of properties on Drake Road, Vice Mayor Hopewell requested a staff report on this particular item as well as general information on areas of the City that were targeted for transition from residential to commercial land use in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested announcements regarding the upcoming budget work sessions and community budget presentation be added to the agenda.

Discussion of Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues.

Vice Mayor Hopewell indicated he would not be able to attend the City Commission meetings on December 16, 2006 and January 2, 2006. Vice Mayor Hopewell questioned whether the Committee of the Whole agenda heading "Community Issues" could be changed to "Commissioner Comments."

Citizen Comments

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on December 18, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: December 18, 2006

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on December 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah J. McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by commissioner Balkema, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Reverend Michael Kemper, Lutheran Church of the Savior, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Guests

Mayor McKinney recognized the presence of County Commissioner Deb Buchholz-Hiemstra and a local Boy Scout troop.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Proclamations

Commissioner McCann proclaimed December 4-8, 2006 as "Promise Week." Ms. Deb Buchholz-Hiemstra, Kalamazoo County Commissioner and Promise Week Committee member, was present to receive the proclamation. Ms. Buchholz-Hiemstra reviewed the various activities and events taking place during Promise Week.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted their meeting agenda as presented.

Communications

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

Public Hearing re:
Restated
Development Plan
& TIF Plan

At 7:14 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt an ORDINANCE to approve an amendment to the Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan") for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Kalamazoo.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Citizen Comments

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

Chrissie Matthews, City resident
Reverend J. Louis Felton, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

- a recommendation to approve a contract with Peters Construction Company of Kalamazoo for infrastructure construction at the proposed Davis Creek Business Park in the amount of \$964,000. This contract covers land balancing and construction of site infrastructure, including site-wide storm water handling system, public street with curb/gutter, associated utilities, sidewalk, signage, lighting and landscaping.
 - a recommendation to approve a two-year contract with PVS Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of ferric chloride in the amount of \$802,728.
 - a recommendation to approve a sole source purchase of water meters from Sensus Metering Systems-North America in the amount of \$160,000.
- Resolution 06-99
- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to schedule a public hearing on December 18, 2006 to consider the proposed fiscal year 2007 budget for the City of Kalamazoo.
- Resolution 06-100
- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant's Biosolids Management Policy.
- Resolution 06-101
- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** setting a public hearing on December 18, 2006 to consider an application from Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, Inc. for a PA 328 Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) exemption certificate for five years for an unlimited amount of personal property, currently estimated at \$309,658. The project is located in existing Brownfield Redevelopment Zone Site 31, also known as 242 East Kalamazoo Avenue.
 - a recommendation to approve a five-year lease agreement with William R. Pratt for approximately 1,177 net square feet of space at the Kalamazoo Transportation Center to operate a concession business, retroactive to October 1, 2006.
 - a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a Wellhead Protection Grant Assistance Contract from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to receive \$70,000 for designated wellhead protection projects for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.
 - a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Fritz, LLC and all other documents necessary for the City to acquire title to a small parcel (654.2 sq. ft.) and grading permits for two small nearby parcels located at the intersection of Portage and Fairfield Roads at a total cost of \$28,000 for the purpose of infrastructure improvements.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

- a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to receive and execute a Quit Claim Deed for additional right-of-way granted by Bronson Methodist Hospital for road and streetscape improvements to South Street.
- a recommendation to approve the Bylaws of Development Area Citizens Council.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone 104, 110 & 118 North Drake Road from Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District), and schedule a public hearing for December 18, 2006.
- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone 4328 W. Main Street from Zone CO (Commercial, Office District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District), and schedule a public hearing for December 18, 2006.
- a recommendation to approve the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meetings on November 3 and November 17, 2006; the Special Meeting on November 20, 2006; and the Regular Meetings on October 30 and November 20, 2006.
- a recommendation to hold until December 18, 2006 quit claim deeds conveying the City's interest in the following properties as a result of payment of foreclosed taxes:
 - 1616 Union St., to Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity, Inc., whose address is 525 E. Kalamazoo Ave., in consideration of \$97.79 in payment of 1989 foreclosed taxes.
 - 1514 N. Edwards, to Wilbert and Betty J. Moore, whose address is 703 Lulu St. in consideration of \$25,440.42 in payment of 1999 through 2004 foreclosed taxes.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor Hopewell

Vice Mayor Hopewell explained he abstained from voting on the Consent Agenda due to the property transaction between the City and his former employer, Bronson Methodist Hospital.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported the following items:

- the receipt of minutes from the following advisory boards and commissions:
 - Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees
 - Thursday, October 05, 2006
 - Environmental Concerns Committee
 - Wednesday, October 18, 2006
 - Friends of Recreation Board
 - Tuesday, October 24, 2006
 - Investment Committee of the Retirement System
 - Wednesday, November 08, 2006
 - Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board
 - Friday, October 27, 2006
 - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
 - Tuesday, October 03, 2006
 - Tuesday, November 07, 2006
 - Perpetual Care Investment Committee
 - Wednesday, November 08, 2006
 - Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Thursday, September 14, 2006
 - Thursday, October 12, 2006
- the approval of the following special events in the month of November:
 - a request from SLD Learning Center to use Spring Valley Park on Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a "Walkathon."
 - A request from the New Year's Fest Board of Directors to use Bronson Park and city streets from Sunday, December 31, 2006 through Monday, January 1, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for the annual New Year's Fest including hayrides and a fireworks display.
 - a request from the Kalamazoo Homeless Area Network (KHAN) to use Bronson Park overnight on Monday, November 13, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. November 14, 2006 for a "One Night Without A Home at Bronson Park" event.

Citizen Comments

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

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Miller stated the Proposed FY2007 Budget was impressive and beautiful.

Commissioner Cooney stated Promise Week was both a celebration of the gift given to the community and a challenge for the community to make sure every child was prepared for college.

Vice Mayor Hopewell thanked Commissioner Miller and Mayor McKinney for being involved with a Friends of Recreation fundraiser on Saturday, December 2nd. Vice Mayor Hopewell invited citizens to participate in the Greater Kalamazoo Holiday Food Drive, which would take place on Friday and Saturday, December 15th and 16th.

Mayor McKinney noted a Youth and Education Fair and a Town Meeting, both associated with Promise Week, would take place on Tuesday, December 5th at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on December 18, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: December 18, 2006

A work session of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. The purpose of the work session was to review the proposed FY2007 Budget.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Presentation re: the FY2007 Proposed Budget

City Manager Collard provided opening remarks and an overview of the FY2007 Proposed Budget as an introduction to a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Fiscal Year 2007 Budget: Presentation to the 46th Kalamazoo City Commission*. A printed version of this presentation was included with the papers for this meeting.

Acting Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Jerome Kisscorni presented the challenges, strengths, strategic themes, key areas of focus, and tactical highlights associated with the Economic Vitality Strategic Focus Area.

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain and Public Safety Chief Dan Weston presented the challenges, strengths, strategic themes, key areas of focus, and tactical highlights associated with the Neighborhood Development and Community Building Strategic Focus Areas.

Public Services Director Bruce Merchant presented the challenges, strengths, strategic themes, key areas of focus, and tactical highlights associated with the Environmental Stewardship Strategic Focus Area. Director Merchant displayed maps showing the planned development of non-motorized trail ways in 2007.

City Manager Collard presented the challenges, strengths, strategic themes, key areas of focus, and tactical highlights associated with the Responsible and Responsive Government Strategic Focus Area.

Budget and Evaluation Director Patsy Moore presented the challenges, strengths, strategic themes, key areas of focus, and tactical highlights associated with the Fiscal Stewardship Strategic Focus Area.

The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

Discussion of the
FY2007 Proposed
Budget

City Manager Collard made closing comments regarding the FY2007 Proposed Budget. Questions and Discussion followed.

City Commissioners identified the following topics as “parking lot issues” and requested the City Manager provide responses and updates regarding these issue prior to adoption of the budget:

- the status of the City’s healthcare management efforts, including development of a wellness plan and the effectiveness of healthcare management consultant Marsh USA.
- the impact of the State’s negative fiscal outlook on the Five-Year Fiscal Plan.
- a timetable for expenditure of the dollars allocated to the Housing Trust Fund
- the relationship between the City and County Transit Authorities and the plan for transitioning the administration and operation of the transit system from the City to the County.
- the status of the City’s wireless internet service initiative.
- the use of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards in the new Public Safety station and the development of a policy regarding the implementation of LEED standards in all City-owned buildings.

Commissioners thanked City staff for their work in preparing the budget and developing the Five-Year Fiscal Plan, and they commented on the positive outlook of the organization, the emphasis on collaboration, and the focus on the City being a catalyst for service delivery.

Commissioner Anderson and Vice Mayor Hopewell highlighted the need for good performance measure and mechanisms for reporting progress in the Strategic Focus Areas. Vice Mayor Hopewell suggested that City Commissioners be assigned to Strategic Focus Area Core Teams.

City Manager Collard stated the Business Scorecard currently in use by City departments was a reporting mechanism that would benefit from refinements to performance measures.

City Manager Collard reported the City was in the process of receiving requests from non-profit organizations for City Commission Contingency Funds and stated these the organizations were submitting reports on 2006 outputs and outcomes with their requests.

An opportunity was given for citizen comments regarding the FY2007 Proposed Budget, but no comments were offered.

Tentative Approval
of the FY2007
Budget

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Miller moved that the City Commission tentatively approve the FY2007 Proposed Budget, with the understanding that the City Administration would provide responses to Commissioners’ “parking lot issues” prior to final adoption of the budget.

With a roll call vote, this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopwell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Presentations re:
the FY2007
Component Budgets

Acting Executive Director of the EDC Kisscorni presented the FY2007 Proposed Budgets for the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA), and Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Proposed KMGA
Budget

City Manager Collard, Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association (KMGA) President Orlin Loen, and Golf Manager Jim Roschek presented the FY2007 Proposed Budget for the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association. City Manager Collard reported the KMGA and the City continued to collaborate on the sale of Eastern Hills Golf Course to a prospective buyer. City Manager Collard indicated a recommendation to sell Eastern Hills would be brought to the Commission in two stages: first, a recommendation to approve the concept of selling the golf course and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a purchase agreement; and second, approval of the terms of the sale.

In response to questions from Commissioner Balkema, Mr. Roschek stated a major element of the KMGA business plan was the acquisition of a liquor license, which would increase the ability of the Association's courses to attract events and tournaments. Mr. Roschek reported 9,000 fewer rounds of golf were played at Eastern Hills in 2006 when compared with 2005, and he attributed this reduction to uncertainty about the sale of the property.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Roschek explained KMGA received a significant amount of its "extra" revenue in the month of the December through the sale of prepaid memberships for the following year. Mr. Roschek stated he would not know until the end of the month whether KMGA would be able to make its \$100,000 contractual contribution to the City for FY2006.

Proposed DDA
Budget

Ken Nacci, Executive Director of Downtown Kalamazoo, Incorporated (DKI), distributed and presented the FY2007 Proposed Budget for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which included the Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Nacci reported the FY2007 budget anticipated a decrease in TIF revenue of \$650,000 due to the demolition of buildings on the Pfizer campus. Mr. Nacci explained carry-forwards from the 2006 budget, reductions to the façade rehabilitation program, and a reduction of 3.5 staff positions would allow the DDA to provide services at 2006 levels despite the revenue decrease.

Mr. Nacci presented the Parking System Budget and reported the proposed budget included a 5% or \$0.05/hr. rate increase for hourly parking in the parking ramps as well as a 5% or \$3/month increase in the monthly rate for ramp parking. Mr. Nacci indicated the DDA would be recommending increases to certain parking violation fines to make the fine amounts consistent.

Tentative Approval
of the FY2007
Budgets for the
LDFA, BRA, EDC
and KMGMA

Vice Mayor Hopewell left at 8:50 p.m. and did not return to the meeting.

An opportunity was given for citizen comments regarding the Component Budgets, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Balkema noted the DDA had not yet approved its budget and suggested the City Commission withhold tentative approval of this component budget until the DDA granted its approval.

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to tentatively approve the FY2007 Proposed Budgets for the Local Development Finance Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Economic Development Corporation, and Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association.

With a roll call vote, this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Following the vote, Mr. Nacci clarified that the DDA had approved its budget and stated it was the Parking System Budget that had not been approved. Mr. Nacci reported the DDA would consider approval of the Parking System Budget at its regular meeting on December 18th and explained that the DDA, not the City Commission, granted final approval to this budget.

Tentative Approval
of the FY2007
Budget for the DDA

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to tentatively approve the FY2007 Proposed Budget for the Downtown Development Authority.

With a roll call vote, this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, Miller, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner McCann

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Balkema thanked the board members of the DDA, DKI, Downtown Tomorrow, Incorporated (DTI), and Downtown Kalamazoo Association Charities (DKAC) for their service to the citizens of Kalamazoo.

Commissioner McCann thanked the members of the Retirement System Investment Committee for ensuring the City's pension system was well funded.

Adjournment

Mayor McKinney commended the board members and staff of the DDA and DKI for being able to maintain 2006 service levels in 2007 despite a significant reduction in TIF revenue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 2, 2006

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
January 2, 2006

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Lee Kirk, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the December 18th Meeting Agendas

The City Commission reviewed the agenda for its Special Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2006.

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2006.

Item E-1

Regarding Item E-1, public hearing on the proposed FY2007 budget, the Committee of the Whole requested that final adoption of the budget be scheduled for January 16, 2007 due to Vice Mayor Hopewell's anticipated absence from the January 2nd meeting.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:34 a.m.

Item G-3

Regarding Item G-3, disbursement of funds to the Public Housing Commission, Commissioner Anderson disclosed that he was chair of the Housing Commission, and he gave a brief presentation regarding the Local Housing Assistance Fund. Commissioner Anderson thanked the City Commission for earmarking funds for this project in 2004 and for challenging Kalamazoo County to address the issue of affordable housing.

City Manager Collard noted that in 2004 the City Commission had approved guidelines for the disbursement of funds to a Housing Trust Fund. City Manager Collard recommended that the City not demand strict adherence to these guidelines as the planned uses the funds had changed since 2004.

Commissioner Balkema requested a copy of the 2004 Housing Trust Fund contribution guidelines.

Commissioner Cooney requested that Item G-3 be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Discussion of
Community Issues

Next, an opportunity was given for City Commissioners to discuss community issues, but no comments were offered.

Citizen Comments

When offered an opportunity to make comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission.

Jonathan Braun, City resident
Michael Fuller, City resident
Anna Smith, City resident
Leena Haines, City resident
Max Conrad, City resident
David Artley, City resident
John Mills, City resident
Norman Young, non-resident
Joe Schmidt, non-resident
Brenda Hughes, Public Housing Commissioner
Rick Stravers, non-resident

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 2, 2007

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: January 2, 2007

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney*
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cooney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

- Eastside Neighborhood Association
Frank Barrett, President
Pat Taylor, Director
- Milwood Neighborhood Watch Association
Ken Horton, President
John Hilliard, Board Member
- Stuart Area Restoration Association
Leslie Decker, Neighborhood Administrator

Eastside Neighborhood Association

The Eastside Neighborhood Association representatives:

- thanked the City Commission for continued funding from the City's General Fund budget.
- described 2006 programs and activities of the Association, including the distribution of food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas (in partnership with St. Mary's Church), a gardening program, for youth, cooking classes, drug prevention programs, the creation of a Head Start classroom at the Youth Center, and the continued development of a strategic plan.

- reported that in 2006 The Geek Group had offered two students scholarships to learn how to build and repair computers.
- expressed appreciation for volunteers who donated 989.5 hours of service at the Neighborhood Center and Youth Center.
- indicated the Fresh Food Initiative, Summer Youth Employment Program, and Building Blocks Program were successful in 2006 and would take place again in 2007.
- reported the Association was moving forward with plans for a new Youth Center and stated the Board of Directors was working to find a funding source for the development of a feasibility study and capital campaign plan by Nancy Owen.
- indicated several community groups with proven track records had already partnered with the Association for the development of a new Youth Center.
- stated a class from Kalamazoo College was creating an inventory of the Neighborhood's assets in preparation for economic development initiatives.

Milwood
Neighborhood
Watch

The Milwood Neighborhood Watch Association representatives:

- noted the month of December marked the 12th anniversary of the Video Watch murders.
- provided an update on crime incidents in Milwood and noted a significant reduction in Part 1 crimes (theft and other crimes involving money, such as fraud).
- commended Public Safety Chief Dan Weston, Public Safety Officer (PSO) Chad Vander Klok, the PSO's at Station 2, Assistant City Attorney Marcia Jones, and Environmental Programs Specialist Kris Martin for their assistance in reducing crime and addressing various Code violations.
- stated the Milwood Business Association continued to recruit members and announced the next meeting would take place on Thursday, December 21st.
- thanked City staff for paving several streets in the neighborhood and requested the following streets be paved: Cork Street between Saint Mary's Street and Portage Street (in front of the Cork Lane Shopping Center); and Lovers Lane just south of Cork Street.
- requested that the City undertake streetscape improvements at the Cork/Sprinke/I-94 and Portage Street/I-94 gateways.

Stuart Area
Restoration
Association

The Stuart Area Restoration Association representatives:

- reported people from 20 different cities, townships and villages attended the most recent historic homes tour.
- thanked the City Commission for continued funding from the City's General Fund budget.
- highlighted events and projects planned for 2007, including a Building Blocks project, an historic homes tour in September, and improvements to West Main Park by Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) and Kalamazoo in Bloom as part of the summer youth employment program.
- reported the Association was receiving frequent inquiries about the Kalamazoo Promise.
- expressed excitement for the A+ Neighborhoods Program and indicated the SARA Board of Directors supported the practice of giving homeowners one (1) no-charge notice for outside property violations.

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner McCann remarked on recent communication from the Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce asking the City to support increased opportunity for flights from China to the Detroit Metro Airport. Commissioner McCann distributed a draft letter of support to be sent under City Manager Collard's name.

Discussion followed.

Vice Mayor Hopewell requested that a letter supporting increased opportunity for flights from China to the Detroit Metro Airport be sent to Kalamazoo's State Representatives, Governor Granholm, and officials from the City of Detroit.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 29, 2007

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: January 29, 2007

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Hannah J. McKinney
Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Mary Balkema
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Pastor Phillip McHelhenny, Kalamazoo First Assembly of God Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Guests

City Manager Collard recognized the following recipients of the City Manager 2006 *All Star Awards*: Marte Cole, Anthony Decker, Greg Doonan, Debbie Dykema, Sharon Ferraro, Michael Gonder, John Hodges, Marcia Jones, Nick Lam, Cathy Lawson, Richard Manni, Patsy Moore, Carol Olson-Babcock, Sylvia Pahl, Rebecca "Becky" Sagers, William "Bill" Schomisch, Robert "Bob" Shutty, Kathy Straits, Anthony "Tony" Wright.

Adoption of the Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Communications

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

Public Hearing re: the Proposed FY 2007 Budget

At 7:21 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding comments on the proposed fiscal year 2007 budget for the City of Kalamazoo. The following citizens addressed the City Commission:

77247

Brenda Clark, City resident
Michael Fuller, City resident
John Mueller, City resident

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

Commissioner Balkema, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to close the public hearing and schedule adoption of the FY2007 Budget for January 16, 2007.

With a roll call vote, this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Public Hearing re:
a PA 328 Tax
Exemption for
Tower Pinkster
Titus Assoc., Inc.

77248

At 7:25 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to approve the application from Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, Inc. for a PA 328 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for five years for an unlimited amount of personal property, currently estimated at \$309,658, located in existing Brownfield Redevelopment Zone Site 31, also known as 242 East Kalamazoo Avenue.

At 7:26 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Resolution 06-102
granting a PA 328
Tax Exemption for
Tower Pinkster
Titus Assoc., Inc.

77248

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to approve the application from Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, Inc. for a PA 328 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for five years for an unlimited amount of personal property, currently estimated at \$309,658, located in existing Brownfield Redevelopment Zone Site 31, also known as 242 East Kalamazoo Avenue.

With a roll call vote, this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Public Hearing re:
the Rezoning of
104, 110 & 118
N. Drake Rd.

77249

At 7:27 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 104, 110 & 118 North Drake Road from Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).

Gary Apps, City resident, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance

At 7:28 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 1815
Rezoning 104,
110 & 118 N.
Drake Rd.

77249

Commissioner McCann, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 104, 110 & 118 North Drake Road from Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).

With a roll call vote, this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Public Hearing re:
the Rezoning of
4328 W. Main St.

77250

At 7:29 p.m. Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 4328 W. Main Street from Zone CO (Commercial, Office District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).

Ellen Marie Hays, City resident and adjacent property owner, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance

J. Patrick Lennon, attorney for the rezoning applicant, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 1816
Rezoning 4328 W.
Main St.

77250

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner McCann, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 4328 W. Main Street from Zone CO (Commercial, Office District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney urged the applicant to work with neighboring property owners regarding safety and security concerns.

In response to Commissioner Miller, Deputy City Attorney Schau stated the City Commission did not review or approve site plans for new structures, and he explained any new structure built on the rezoned property would be required to comply with all City ordinances.

Commissioner McCann noted the problems described by Ms. Hays were Public Safety issues, and he encouraged Public Safety Chief Weston to follow-up with Ms. Hays on her concerns.

With a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Rex Brueggemann, City resident

Consent Agenda

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

77251

- a recommendation to approve a one-year contract renewal for Metro Transit fleet liability insurance with the Metro Transit Pool at an annual deposit premium of \$263,996 payable in four equal installments to Macatawa Bank, MTF financial representative.

77252

- a recommendation to approve a three-year contract with Rathco Safety Supply, Inc. for rental of barricades, signs, and other traffic control devices for use in detours, special event activities, and other street and utility construction and repair activities in the amount of \$162,920.88.

Resolution 06-103

77253

- a recommendation to adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the issuance of \$6,000,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes for fiscal year 2007.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

Resolution 06-104

77254

- a recommendation to adopt a performance and indemnification **RESOLUTION** designating the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk as City officials authorized to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation for a permit to place banners on the South Westnedge pedestrian overpass during the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

77255

- a recommendation to approve a budget transfer from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.

77256

- a recommendation to accept a \$1,000 Good Neighbor Grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation to help defray costs related to the 2007 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community-Wide Day of Service sponsored in part by the City of Kalamazoo.

77257

- a recommendation to approve the schedule of regular City Commission meeting dates for 2007.

77258

- a recommendation to approve a request from the New Year's Fest of Kalamazoo to publicly display fireworks at the Radisson Parking Structure on Sunday, December 31, 2006, at midnight as a part of the New Year's festivities.

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

77259

- 1616 Union St., to Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity, Inc., whose address is 525 E. Kalamazoo Ave., in consideration of \$97.79 in payment of 1989 foreclosed taxes.

77260

- 1514 N. Edwards, to Wilbert and Betty J. Moore, whose address is 703 Lulu St. in consideration of \$25,440.42 in payment of 1999 through 2004 foreclosed taxes.

- a recommendation to approve the following appointments and re-appointments to advisory boards and commissions:

77261

- the appointment of Jessica Hermann-Wilmarth to the Community Relations Board for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2010.

77262

- the reappointment of Michael Dombos to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring on January 1, 2010.

77263

- the appointment of Michael Gregor to the Transportation Authority Board for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2008.

77264

- the re-appointment of Noel Ocen to the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association Board of Governors for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2009.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

77265

- a recommendation to accept the following results of the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association election held on November 21, 2006:

- the re-election of Chuck Clinard for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2009.

77266

- the re-election of Tom Vanderberg for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2009.

77267

- the re-election of Rick Margelis for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2009.

77268

- a recommendation to approve the minutes of the City Commission Committee of the Whole meeting of December 1, 2006 and the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2006.

77269

- a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to approve an amendment to the Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan") for the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Kalamazoo extending its termination date to October 1, 2029.

Vice Mayor Hopewell, seconded by Commissioner Balkema, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Next, the Regular Agenda items were considered.

Resolution 06-105
re: Release of
Allocated Funds
for the Local
Housing
Assistance Fund

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Vice Mayor Hopewell, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** which releases \$250,000 of previously allocated funds to The Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission for the new Local Housing Assistance Fund, and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and sign necessary agreements with Kalamazoo County and the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission.

77270

Prior to a vote on the motion, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Tobie Hannah-Davis, City resident, spoke in favor of the motion
Sister Rose Cadaret, City resident, spoke in favor of the motion
David Artley, City resident, spoke in favor of the motion

Commissioner Anderson stated he would abstain from voting on the motion because he was the chair of the Public Housing Commission.

Commissioner McCann expressed hope that providing affordable housing assistance would be a pro-active step in dealing with the effects of homelessness in the community.

Commissioner Cooney expressed support for the motion and thanked City Commissioners from 2004 – present for their support of the Housing Trust Fund contribution. Commissioner Cooney stated the City needed to find a way to match the \$250,000

Commissioner Miller expressed support for the motion and stated the funding model for the Local Housing Assistance Fund was an example for other communities.

Vice Mayor Hopewell expressed support for the motion and stated the City, other jurisdictions, and community service agencies needed to provide matching funds for this affordable housing initiative.

Commissioner Balkema thanked Commissioner Anderson for his work on the Local Housing Assistance Fund and noted the contributions of service providers to homeless and low-income individuals.

Mayor McKinney stated the Local Housing Assistance Fund was a unique example of effective intergovernmental cooperation, and she thanked Commissioner Anderson, the Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN), Interfaith Strategy for Action and Advocacy in the Community (ISAAC), and Bob Brink, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners for their hard work and dedication.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Balkema, Cooney, McCann, Miller, Vice Mayor Hopewell, Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Anderson

City Manager's Report

77271

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- November 2006 Purchasing Report
- Employees' Retirement Fund Report for period ending September 30, 2006

Citizen Comments

When given a final opportunity for citizen comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Joe Schmidt, non-resident

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner McCann congratulated Janice Brown, Kalamazoo Public Schools Superintendent, on her announced retirement. Commissioner

McCann expressed excitement about the development project at the corner of Rose and South Streets. Commissioner McCann wished Commissioner Balkema "Happy Birthday."

Commissioner Miller stated the health of the pension fund provided hope for current and future City employees.

Commissioner Balkema offered remarks on the success of the City's United Way campaign, the health of the Employees' Retirement System, and the achievements of City staff under leadership of the City Commission appointees.

Commissioner Cooney thanked Detective Harold West and volunteers who organized and packed food baskets for the Greater Kalamazoo Area Holiday Food Drive. Commissioner Cooney noted the disturbing statistics in the recently released Kids Count report for Kalamazoo County.

Vice Mayor Hopewell stated the Black Police Officers' Association (BPOA) had organized the Holiday Food Drive for 14 years and reported the number of families served had grown from 40 to 1,500. Vice Mayor Hopewell thanked City Manager Collard for his vision for the community and his hard work to make that vision a reality.

Mayor McKinney stated the 46th City Commission was the best Commission on which she had served.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 16, 2007

Approved by: _____
Hannah J. McKinney, Mayor
Dated: January 16, 2007