

City of Kalamazoo

Minutes of the City Commission

2011

48th City Commission

Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell
Vice Mayor Hannah J. McKinney
David Anderson
Stephanie Bell
Bob Cinabro
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

City Commission Appointees

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

Kalamazoo City Commission 2011 Adopted Meeting Schedule

January

- 3 Business Meeting
- 14 Committee of the Whole
- 18 Business Meeting
- 28 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 31 Business Meeting

February

- 4 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 7 Business Meeting
- 18 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 21 Neighborhood Meeting
- 21 Business Meeting

March

- 4 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 7 Business Meeting
- 18 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 21 Neighborhood Meeting
- 21 Business Meeting

April

- 1 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 4 Business Meeting
- 15 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 18 Neighborhood Meeting
- 18 Business Meeting
- 29 Committee of the Whole (tentative)

May

- 2 Business Meeting
- 13 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 16 Neighborhood Meeting
- 16 Business Meeting
- 27 Committee of the Whole
- 31 Business Meeting

June

- 3 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 6 Business Meeting
- 17 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 20 Neighborhood Meeting
- 20 Business Meeting

July

- 1 Committee of the Whole
- 5 Business Meeting
- 15 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 18 Neighborhood Meeting
- 18 Business Meeting
- 29 Committee of the Whole (tentative)

August

- 1 Business Meeting
- 12 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 15 Neighborhood Meeting
- 15 Business Meeting
- 26 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 29 Business Meeting

September

- 2 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 6 Business Meeting
- 16 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 19 Neighborhood Meeting
- 19 Business Meeting
- 30 Committee of the Whole (tentative)

October

- 3 Business Meeting
- 14 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 17 Neighborhood Meeting
- 17 Business Meeting
- 28 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 31 Business Meeting

November

- 7 Business Meeting
- 14 Business Meeting/New City Commission (8:00 p.m.)
- 18 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 21 Neighborhood Meeting
- 21 Business Meeting

December

- 2 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 5 Business Meeting
- 16 Committee of the Whole (tentative)
- 19 Neighborhood Meeting
- 19 Business Meeting
- 30 Committee of the Whole

Times and Locations

Business Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers
Neighborhood Meetings - 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Community Room

Committee of the Whole Meetings listed in grey are tentatively scheduled. If the City Commission wants to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting on one of the dates listed above, a special meeting will be called and publicly noticed in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act and the City Commission Rules. Unless otherwise noticed, Committee of the Whole Meetings will take place at 7:30 a.m. in the City Hall Community Room.

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Ronnie L. Coleman, Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Public Hearing re: Ordinance for Bicycle Parking Space Regulations 78968	<p>At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding an ORDINANCE to amend Sections 6.1 and 8.3 of the Zoning Ordinance for Bicycle Parking Space Regulations.</p> <p>Ryan Simpson, Director of Advocacy for the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.</p> <p>At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Ordinance 1876 re: Bicycle Parking Space Regulations 78968	<p>Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to adopt an ORDINANCE to amend Sections 6.1 and 8.3 of the Zoning Ordinance for Bicycle Parking Space Regulations.</p> <p>Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller expressed concern about the proposed ordinance as it would present more regulation for developers.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson expressed support for the ordinance and noted the Chamber of Commerce, which did not typically support new regulations for businesses, supported the ordinance.</p> <p>Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for the proposed ordinance and stated the new requirements would not be burdensome.</p>

Commissioner Bell expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Hopewell remarked that the proposed ordinance was component of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and stated these types of requirements are stated many downtown businesses had already installed bike racks voluntarily.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

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:

- approval of a contract with LD Docsa Associates Inc. for providing and installing two coarse screens, manufactured by Amwell and containing the Duramax cast stainless steel chain, at the Water Reclamation Plant-Harrison Facility, in the amount of \$720,600.
- first reading of an ORDINANCE to amend Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Landscaping and Open Spaces regulations for site plan projects, and schedule a public hearing for January 18, 2011.
- acceptance of funding from Milwood Elementary School for \$2,581.01 to fund a Lunch n Learn program 3 days per week from January 17 – May 27, 2011 at Milwood Elementary School and ask that City Manager sign all contracts and related documents.
- acceptance of funding from Oakwood Neighborhood Association for \$2,415.67 to fund an after school tutoring program 3 days per week from January 4, 2011 – June 10, 2011 at Oakwood Neighborhood Association.
- acceptance of funding from Woods Lake Elementary School for \$1,193.00 to fund a Lunch n Learn program 2 days per week from January 18 – May 26, 2011 at Woods Lake Elementary School and ask that City Manager sign all contracts and related documents.
- approval of the minutes from the following City Commission Meetings: the Special Meetings on September 27 and December 13, 2010; the Neighborhood meetings on November 15 and December 20, 2010; and Business Meetings on September 20, November 1, November 15, November 29, and December 6, 2010.

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

Ordinance 1876 re: Bicycle Parking Space Regulations (cont'd)

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Consent Agenda

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Consent Agenda
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With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller,
and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Ordinance 1877 re:
Enforcement of Free
Time Limited Parking
and Meter Bags

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE amending Section 36-175 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances to extend the enforcement of free time limited parking and to repeal the section related to meter bags, the following people addressed the City Commission:

78975

Ryan Simpson, Director of Advocacy for the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

George Magas, City resident and downtown property manager, expressed support for the proposed ordinance. Mr. Magas also suggested the parking lot at the corner of Rose and Lovell Streets be converted to a dog park.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** amending Section 36-175 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances to extend the enforcement of free time limited parking and to repeal the section related to meter bags.

Prior to a vote on the motion, City Attorney Robinson noted the heading under Section 1 of the proposed ordinance in the agenda packet was "Sec. 36-127 Parking Meters," but this was incorrect. City Attorney Robinson indicated the heading under Section 1 should read, "Sec. 36-175 Parking Meters."

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, City Attorney Robinson stated the motion did not need to be amended

Commissioner Cooney stated he did not support the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Anderson expressed support for the proposed ordinance and stated the comments he had heard from downtown businesses were also supportive of the ordinance.

Mayor Hopewell expressed support for the proposed ordinance and noted it was recommended in the Five-Year Parking Plan.

With a roll call vote this motion passed by a vote of 4-2.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Miller, and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: Bell and Cooney

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the City's Proposed FY 2011 Budget, various fee schedules and component unit budgets, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to take the following actions to approve the City's Proposed FY 2011 Budget, various fee schedules and component unit budgets:

- adopt the Annual Appropriation **RESOLUTION** for the year 2011, set forth the number of mills to be levied, approve an interim appropriation for the year 2012 and establish policies for the administration of the budget.
- approve the proposed FY 2011 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority budget as submitted by the BRA Board.
- approve the proposed FY 2011 Economic Development Corporation budget as submitted by the EDC Board.
- approve the proposed FY 2011 Local Development Finance Authority budget as submitted by the LDFA Board.
- approve the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission Budget for 2011.
- approve the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association FY 2011 proposed budget and fee schedule.
- adopt a **RESOLUTION** to set the FY 2011 Parks and Recreation fees.
- adopt a **RESOLUTION** establishing the fees to be charged in 2011 for special event applications, late fees and service fees.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson thanked City Manager Collard and City staff for their hard work. Commissioner Anderson noted Governor Snyder's 2011-2012 state budget could have a dramatic effect on the City's budget. Commissioner Anderson offered remarks on municipal borrowing and stated more money would be available for positive purposes if the City could reduce the amount it borrowed. Commissioner Anderson urged staff to continue to seek ways to save money.

Commissioner Cooney stated the FY2011 budget was the best the City was able to do. Commissioner Cooney is the best we can do, but we must recognize the paradox of an economic recovery that has touched some segments of the population. We must advocate for a new set of priorities for the economy.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked the City Manager, Deputy City Manager and Finance Director for their clear budget presentation. Commissioner Cinabro expressed concern for the future and anticipation for the ongoing quarterly budget updates.

Adoption of the
FY2011 Budget

Resolution 11-01
Approving the Annual
Appropriation **78976**

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Resolution 11-02 re: Parks
and Recreation Fees **78982**

Resolution 11-03 re:
Special Event Fees
78983

Adoption of the
FY2011 Budget
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Commissioner Miller expressed appreciation for the hard work of City staff and stated she looked forward to the quarterly budget updates. Commissioner Miller expressed hope that the DDA budget would be approved and in place by the end of January. Commissioner Miller remarked on the Parks and Recreation Department fees.

Commissioner Bell stated the City was in a stable financial position because of the work of City Manager Collard his staff.

Mayor Hopewell stated the City was in a good place at the moment, but there would be challenges ahead. Mayor Hopewell asked department directors to stand and be recognized for their work and for taking care of the City.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard thanked City Commissioners for caring and for their support.

Citizen Comments

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

George Magas, City resident, stated many private organizations were doing great things for the community, and he discussed ways citizens and businesses could beautify the City.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cinabro made remarks about New Years Fest and the recent blizzard in New York City.

Commissioner Bell commented on New Years Fest, the philanthropists in Kalamazoo, the Martin Luther King Day (MLK) Celebration, and the City Budget. Commissioner Bell suggested the City Commission develop a way to recognize young people for their achievements.

Commissioner Miller remarked on several recent, positive, Kalamazoo Gazette articles and the successful New Years Fest event.

Commissioner Anderson recognized the City Commission Appointees for their good work.

Commissioner Cooney offered comments on the life and vision of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mayor Hopewell advised Commissioners they would be receiving an email regarding appointee evaluations. Mayor Hopewell remarked on the successful New Years Fest event and reminded people the next City

Commission meeting would take place on January 18th rather than the 17th because of MLK Day. Mayor Hopewell recognized the new Quiznos Subs that opened downtown and recent graduates of the Bronson School of Nursing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 18, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 18, 2011

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Adjournment

Roll Call

The City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell*
 Bob Cinabro

Commissioners Excused

Also present were Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Bell and Cooney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the City Commission Agenda

The City Commission reviewed the draft agenda for its Business Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

*Commissioner Bell arrived at 6:35 a.m.

Commissioner Anderson reported he was serving on the search committee to select an executive director for the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority.

Community Issues

Next, community issues were discussed.

Commissioner Bell suggested the City Commission create a process to recognize young people for their achievements during regular City Commission business meetings.

Commissioner Cooney expressed support for Commissioner Bell's idea.

Vice Mayor McKinney expressed concern about the process and criteria for selecting honorees and stated the recognition would become stale after a few months if it was done at regular City Commission business meetings. Vice Mayor McKinney recommended holding an annual joint meeting with the Kalamazoo Public School Board to youth achievements.

Commissioner Miller noted Kalamazoo Public Schools recognized young people quite often, and she stated young people should be recognized through the schools, not the City.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Commissioner Bell indicated Commissioner Cinabro was interested in the idea of the City Commission recognizing young people for their achievements.

Mayor Hopewell recommended that Commissioners Bell and Cinabro work together to develop a process for the City Commission to recognize young people. There were no objections.

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

Citizen Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 31, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 31, 2011

Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Jeff McVay, First Church of the Nazarene, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Proclamation 78984	<p>Commissioner Anderson read a proclamation recognizing the Gryphon Place 40th Anniversary. Andrew Vorbrich, Chair of the Board for Gryphon Place, and William Pell, Executive Director, received the proclamation.</p>
Social Justice Youth Awards 78985	<p>Stephen Kreider, Private Banking Market Manager for Fifth Third Bank, presented the Fifth Third Bank Social Justice Youth Award to Symphony Ollie.</p>
	<p>Alfrelynn Roberts, Special Assistant to the City Manager, presented the Dr. Lewis Walker Social Justice Youth Award to Miss Kayla Tillman.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Public Hearing re: Landscaping Ordinance 78986	<p>At 7:18 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding an ORDINANCE to amend Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Landscaping and Open Spaces regulations for site plan projects.</p>
	<p>Jennifer Frey, City resident, expressed appreciation for the proposed ordinance but also expressed the following concerns and questions: requested that the erection of a fence be the option of last resort for a developer; questioned the feasibility of a 10-foot buffer zone, given the space needed for trees to grow; and expressed concern that the ordinance did not address the issue of natural elevations.</p>
	<p>Larry Ross, City resident, stated the 10 foot buffer zone was not adequate given the structure of a tree or the growth room necessary for bushes or other vegetation. Mr. Ross stated the term "berm," as used in the ordinance, needed further clarification.</p>

Mr. Ross expressed concern that the ordinance did not include any sanctions for contractors who violated the ordinance.

Keith Roe, City resident, expressed concern about the proposed ordinance and asked if this ordinance would apply to businesses, churches, schools, or sporting facilities that abut residential areas. Mr. Rowe questioned if the ordinance addressed noise and light pollution and suggested the City consider the noise pollution it sanctioned when it approved development projects.

Doug Duncan, City resident, spoke in favor of the ordinance and suggested the ordinance also be applied to institutional and residential zoning classes.

Rick Schell, non-resident and member of R.E. Schell Enterprises, LLC, spoke about R.E. Schell's economic impact on the City of Kalamazoo and the Buffalo Wild Wings project on Stadium Drive. Mr. Schell expressed opposition to the amount of discretion and authority the proposed ordinance would give to the City Planner. Mr. Schell stated the contractor should have a say regarding the type of screening to be installed. Mr. Schell suggested the business owner and residential property owner share the burden of providing screening in the 10-foot buffer zone, as the screening was for the benefit of the resident. Mr. Schell expressed concern about the height of the required screening and opposition to the fact that the City Planner determined the type of screening to be used when it exceeded 12 feet. Mr. Schell stated the provisions of the proposed ordinance would increase development costs for contractors and businesses. Mr. Schell urged the City Commission to not adopt the ordinance.

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

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt an ORDINANCE to amend Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Landscaping and Open Spaces regulations for site plan projects.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller asked if City staff could answer the questions raised by citizens.

City Manager Collard expressed a preference for City staff to have the opportunity to respond to the citizens' questions in a measured

Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Anderson, withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to postpone until January 31, 2011 consideration of an ORDINANCE to amend Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Landscaping and Open Spaces regulations for site plan projects.

Prior to a vote on the motion to postpone, Commissioner Cinabro expressed concern about enforcement of the proposed ordinance and

Public Hearing re:
Landscaping
Ordinance (cont'd)

78986

Landscaping
Ordinance –
Original Motion

Landscaping
Ordinance – Motion
to Postpone

Landscaping Ordinance – Amended Motion to Postpone
78986

highlighted the need for the ordinance to clearly define the term “construction area.” Commissioner Cinabro expressed general support for the proposed ordinance, as it was an improvement over the status quo. Commissioner Cinabro requested that consideration of the ordinance be postponed until February 7th due to his anticipated absence on January 31st.

Commissioners Cooney and Bell also expressed support for the proposed ordinance as an improvement to the status quo.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bell, amended her motion to change the date of postponement to February 7, 2011.

Prior to a vote on the amended motion, Vice Mayor McKinney stated she supported postponement if the information provided by City staff resulted in changes to the ordinance. However, Vice Mayor McKinney noted, the postponement was unnecessary if Commissioners supported the proposed ordinance as presented, which seemed to be the case.

Commissioner Cooney state he supported the proposed ordinance but indicated he would also support improvements to the ordinance.

With a roll call vote, the motion to postpone until February 7, 2011 consideration of an ORDINANCE to amend Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

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:

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- approval a one-year contract extension with Underground Pipe & Valve for the purchase of ductile iron pipe in the amount of \$651,137.

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- approval of a one-year maintenance contract with Motorola, Inc., to provide for continued maintenance for the Department’s 800 MHz digital radio system in the amount of \$135,258.

78989

- first reading an ORDINANCE amending Section 4.1(J) “Use Table” of the City Of Kalamazoo Zoning Ordinance regarding roominghouses/boardings; and, scheduling of a public hearing for January 31, 2011.

Resolution 11-04

78990

- adoption of a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to; a) transfer ownership of escrowed Class C licensed business with dance entertainment permit located at 105-107-109 East Prairie, Vicksburg, MI, 49097 Kalamazoo County from Consumers Credit Union to Los Amigos of Kalamazoo, Inc. and; b) transfer location

governmental unit under MCL 436.1531(1) to 3317 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI.

Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- approval of the storm water easement documents with Michael Rupp Properties, L.L.C. dba Town and Country Supermarket at 1824 Portage Road.

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- acceptance of a grant of \$25,000 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and utilize \$15,000 from the Farmers' Market fund balance to support developing a master business and marketing plan for the Kalamazoo Farmers' Market and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to the acceptance of this grant.

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- approval of the minutes from the City Commission business meetings on December 20, 2010 and January 3, 2011.

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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, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

City Manager's Report

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- The November/December CITYLink Newsletter
- The December 2010 Purchasing Report

78994

Next, an opportunity was given for citizens to address the City Commission but no comments were offered.

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cinabro commented on his participation in the Martin Luther King (MLK) Communitywide Day of Service and his recent attendance at a Discover Kalamazoo Advisory Council meeting.

Commissioner Bell commented on the presence of Anna Whitten, various high school and middle school sports teams, and her upcoming appearance on a radio program with Buddy Hannah regarding health and wellness. Commissioner Bell noted free tax preparation services were available through the Community Action Agency, and February was Black History Month.

Commissioner Miller remarked on Commissioner Anderson's brother Dale and his new business on Crosstown Parkway called Confections with Convictions.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney commented on the MLK event hosted by Young Black Males at WMU and read part of a speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. about the need to restructure society.

Vice Mayor McKinney thanked Commissioner Miller for working to earn Kalamazoo a place on the list of "100 Best Places for Kids."

Mayor Hopewell recognized the positive changes in Kalamazoo Public Schools under Superintendent Michael Rice.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 31, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 31, 2011

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Roll Call

The City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, January 28, 2011 at 7:32 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney
Stephanie Bell
Bob Cinabro

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners
Excused

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioners Bell and Cinabro. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of the City
Commission Agenda

The City Commission reviewed the draft agenda for its Business Meeting on Monday, January 31, 2011.

*Vice Mayor McKinney arrived at 7:35 a.m.

Presentation on the
FY2010 and FY2011
DDA Budgets

City Manager Collard introduced Ken Nacci, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), who presented the FY2010 Amended and FY2011 Proposed Budgets for the DDA and the Parking System. Mr. Nacci described changes to the Proposed FY2011 DDA Budget relative to the FY2010 year-end-projections. Mr. Nacci noted the DDA/DAKI service agreement included a new section entitled "Freedom of Information" that confirmed DDA's records were public records.

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In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Nacci briefly explained the "School Capture" line item in the DDA budget.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Nacci explained the City's capital improvement contribution to The Parking System would shrink from \$265,800 in 2010 to \$165,800 in 2011, and then to \$0 in 2012.

Vice Mayor McKinney highlighted the partnership between the City and the DDA and stated it had been hard, but necessary, work to scrutinize expenses and priorities. Vice Mayor McKinney noted many cities in Michigan were not willing to do this work.

Commissioner Miller thanked Mayor Hopewell, Vice Mayor McKinney, and Commissioner Anderson for their work on the DDA budget over the past 13 months. Commissioner Miller disclosed that her husband was a partner in the law firm that represented the DDA.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the Proposed FY2011 Budget for the Downtown Development Authority, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2011 Budget for the Downtown Development Authority.

Tentative Approval
of the FY2011 DDA
Budget

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With a roll call vote the motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

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

Community Issues

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

Citizen Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 7, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: February 7, 2011

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Bell and Cinabro. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend John McNaughton, OSL, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Public Hearing re: Roominghouse/ Boardinghouse Ordinance 78996	<p>At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding an ORDINANCE amending Section 4.1(J) "Use Table" of the City Of Kalamazoo Zoning Ordinance regarding roominghouses/ boardinghouses</p> <p>At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Ordinance 1878 re: Roominghouses and Boardinghouses 78996	<p>Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt an ORDINANCE amending Section 4.1(J) "Use Table" of the City Of Kalamazoo Zoning Ordinance regarding roominghouses/ boardinghouses.</p> <p>Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson thanked City staff for bringing forward this ordinance amendment. Commissioner Anderson stated the amendment was a response to instances of rooming or boardinghouses operating with uses that were not consistent with the surrounding zoning.</p> <p>With a roll call vote, the motion passed.</p> <p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, and Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>

At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding a recommendation to: a) approve the proposed FY 2011 Downtown Development Authority Operating Budget as submitted by the DDA Board; b) approve a two-mill tax levy; and, c) approve the "Year-End Projection" column for 2010 as the DDA 2010 Amended Budget.

Public Hearing re:
the Proposed
FY2011 Downtown
Development
Authority Budget

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At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

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

Consent Agenda

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** of Intent to apply for annual transit financial assistance from the Michigan Department of Transportation for FY2012.

Resolution 11-05

78998

- approval of a proposed Service Agreement between the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority, the City of Kalamazoo, and the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board for CY2011.

78999

- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions, as recommended by the City Clerk:

79000

- the appointment of **Ann Schwendener** to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2014. This recommendation also includes a request to waive City Commission Rule 12(e) regarding term limits.

- the appointment of **Linda Servis** to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2013. This recommendation also includes a request to waive City Commission Rule 12(e) regarding term limits.

- the appointment of **Erica Northup** to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a partial term expiring March 31, 2011.

- the appointment of **Douglas A. Hoffmann** to the Construction Board of Appeals for a three year term expiring January 1, 2014.

- the appointment of **Mark D. McMullin** to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term expiring January 1, 2014.

- the re-appointment of **William Hughes** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring January 1, 2014.

- the re-appointment of **Keely Novotny** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring January 1, 2014.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

79001

- the appointment of **Brian Peterson** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring January 1, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Michele Richards** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring January 1, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Holley Lantz** to the Housing Board of Appeals for a term expiring January 1, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Jim Lippincott** to the Housing Board of Appeals for a term expiring January 1, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Garylee McCormick** to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Meka Phillips** to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2014.
 - the appointment of **Joseph Szuszwalak, Jr.** to the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board of Directors for a partial term expiring on December 31, 2011.
- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions, as recommended by the Mayor:
- the re-appointment of **Frederick Brown** to the Economic Development Corporation and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term expiring March 31, 2016.
 - the re-appointment of **James Escamilla** to the Economic Development Corporation and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term expiring March 31, 2016.
 - the appointment of **Patricia Owens** to the Economic Development Corporation and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a partial term expiring March 31, 2016.
 - the appointment of **Peter Carroll** to the Historic District Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2014.
 - the appointment of **Lynn Stevens** to the Historic Preservation Commission for a partial term expiring March 31, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Barbara Blissett** to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.

- the re-appointment of **Bradley Cosgrove** to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
- the appointment of **Shirley Weathers** to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2013
- approval of the minutes from the following City Commission Meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 14, 2011 and the Business Meeting on January 18, 2011.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

79002

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Next, Regular Agenda items were considered.

Regular Agenda

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the proposed Arcadia Creek Festival Place debt retirement plan, but no comments were offered.

Support for the
Arcadia Creek
Festival Place Debt
Retirement Plan

79003

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to support the proposed Arcadia Creek Festival Place debt retirement plan in concept, authorize the City Manager to take the necessary actions to develop documents that would formalize the plan and bring those documents before the City Commission for final approval no later than February 21, 2011 to retire the remaining debt on Arcadia Creek Festival Place.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Hopewell recessed the meeting at 7:14 p.m. During the recess City Commissioners moved to a table in front of the dais, where they were joined by members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors.

Meeting Recess

Mayor Hopewell reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Items of New Business were considered next.

New Business

Special Joint
Discussion with the
DDA re: the 2010 and
2011 DDA Budgets

Mayor Hopewell announced the beginning of a special joint discussion with the DDA Board regarding recommendations to a) approve the proposed FY 2011 DDA Operating Budget as submitted by the DDA Board; b) approve a two-mill tax levy; and, c) approve the "Year-End Projection" column for 2010 as the DDA 2010 Amended Budget.

DDA Board Chair Chris Shook called to order a meeting of the DDA Board of Directors.

The DDA Board took action to approve the 2010 Year End Budget Projections and the 2011 Recommended DDA Budget for submission to the City Commission.

City Commission
Approval of the
FY2010 DDA
Amended Budget,
the Proposed
FY2011 DDA
Budget, and the 2-
Mill Tax Levy

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to: a) approve the proposed FY 2011 DDA Operating Budget as submitted by the DDA Board; b) approve a two-mill tax levy; and, c) approve the "Year-End Projection" column for 2010 as the DDA 2010 Amended Budget.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the 2010 and 2011 DDA Budgets, but no comments were offered.

79004

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson explained the DDA budget was presented and discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 28th, which is why there was not much discussion at this meeting.

Commissioner Cooney thanked the DDA Board for its work, and he expressed appreciation to DDA Executive Director Ken Nacci for reaching out to the City's neighborhoods.

Mayor Hopewell noted the DDA Board members were volunteers and stated the 2010 and 2011 budgets had been challenging because of the economic downturn and the resulting drop in revenues. Mayor Hopewell remarked that Kalamazoo's downtown was the best in the state, and he reminded people the downtown area was an important part of the City.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

The DDA took additional actions to approve the 2010 and 2011 DDA and parking system budgets and to approve the 2011 Service Agreement between the DDA and Downtown Kalamazoo, Incorporated (DKI).

After offering an opportunity for citizen comments, Chairman Shook adjourned the DDA meeting.

Meeting Recess

Mayor Hopewell recessed the City Commission meeting at 7:45 p.m. During the recess the City Commission returned to the dais.

Mayor Hopewell reconvened the City Commission meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Next, an opportunity was given for citizens to address the City Commission.

Citizen Comments

Edward Nickerson, City resident, complained about being harassed by a Public Safety Officer.

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Anderson commented on the forecasted snowstorm and urged citizens to stay off the roads. Commissioner Anderson also reminded property owners to shovel their sidewalks after the storm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 7, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: February 7, 2011

Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Randy Burnett, 12th Street Baptist Church, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Presentation of the FY2010 KCTA Annual Report 79005	<p>Linda Teeter, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA), presented the <i>KCTA Annual Report, FY2010</i>. (A copy of the report was filed with the papers for this meeting.)</p> <p>In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Teeter stated Metro Transit is concerned about the decrease in ridership in 2010 and is analyzing the causes.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson requested Item F-5 (release of Draft 2011 Annual Action Plan for public comment) be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p> <p>79006 - first reading an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for water service by 3.5% effective March 1, 2011.</p> <p>79007 - first reading an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 28 of the Kalamazoo Code to increase wastewater service revenues by 2.75% effective March 1, 2011.</p>

- approval of a revised agreement with the Northside Association for Community Development for \$250,000 in CDBG-R funds originally approved by the Commission on June 15, 2009.
- authorization for the City Clerk to sign Election Coordinating Committee Reports and Agreements between the City of Kalamazoo, the Kalamazoo County Clerk, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Comstock Public Schools, Portage Public Schools, Parchment Public Schools, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, and Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency for the conduct of elections for these school districts.
- approval of the allocation of a \$140,000 grant in federal HOME funds to Presbyterian Village of Michigan for the construction of The Village of Sage Grove at 214 South Sage Street, and authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the required documents.
- approval of the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 28, 2011 and the Regular City Commission Business Meeting on January 31, 2011.

79008

79009

79010

79011

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Commissioner Anderson described the 2011 Action Plan and the City's process for allocating funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Commissioner Anderson noted the allocations of CDBG-R and HOME funds approved earlier in the meeting were examples of how HUD funds were used.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the release of the 2011 Action Plan draft for a 30-day public comment period, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to approve the release of the 2011 Action Plan draft for a 30-day public comment period as required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Prior to a vote on the motion Commissioner Cooney expressed concern about proposed reductions to the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program budget.

Regular Agenda

Release of Draft
2011 Annual
Action Plan for
Public Comment

79012

Release of Draft
2011 Annual
Action Plan for
Public Comment
(cont'd)

Commissioner Cinabro noted the requests for CDBG funding in 2011 exceeded the available funds by \$1 million.

Vice Mayor McKinney stated President Ronald Reagan tried to significantly reduce the CDBG program budget, and it was the efforts of local governments that stopped the reductions. Vice Mayor McKinney suggested the City Commission, the Community Development Advisory Committee, and City staff write letters to the City's federal representatives expressing opposition to the proposed CDBG program reductions.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Landscaping
Ordinance
Remanded to
Planning
Commission

79013

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a recommendation that the proposed changes to Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance (Landscaping and Open Space Regulations) be remanded to the Planning Commission for further modifications, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Ryan Simpson, Director of Advocacy for the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, expressed support for remanding the ordinance to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to remand to the Planning Commission proposed changes to Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance (Landscaping and Open Space Regulations) for further modifications.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for the motion because the Planning Commission was the appropriate forum for making modifications to the ordinance.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, City Manager Collard indicated he was not aware of a timeframe for the Planning Commission to complete its work on the ordinance.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report

79014

City Clerk Borling reported the following:

- the receipt of 30-day change notices from Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated regarding parking meter bag rental rates and rates at attended and unattended parking facilities.

- the receipt of minutes from various advisory boards, commissions and committees.
- the filing deadline for Kalamazoo Public School Board candidates was 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2011.

City Manager Collard congratulated the community for surviving the recent snowstorm, and he urged citizens to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice.

City Manager Collard announced a bequest from former City Commissioner Sally Appleyard resulted in \$150,000 being made available for the Parks and Recreation Department in 2011. City Manager Collard reported this bequest would be used to expand the Summer Youth Employment Program and to fund summer recreation programs and park improvements.

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

Edward Nickerson, City resident, spoke about a negative experience with the Public Safety Department.

Barbara Anderson, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed increase to water and sewer rates.

Norine Wafford, City resident, suggested the City hire homeless people and students to remove snow from the sidewalks.

Ryan Simpson, City resident, spoke regarding the Try It Local Program sponsored by the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Nathan Keup, Director of Real Estate for Presbyterian Village of Michigan, thanked the City Commission for approving HOME funding for the Village of Sage Grove project.

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

Commissioner Cinabro expressed pride in the City's response to the recent snow storm, and he described his attendance at a briefing event for the KCTA.

Commissioner Miller remarked on an upcoming open house for the new Lifelong Learning Academy being created by Western Michigan University (WMU).

Commissioner Anderson stated he was proud of Kalamazoo native Greg Jennings, his performance in the Super Bowl for the Green Bay Packers, and how he carried himself both on and off the field. Commissioner Anderson commended the Kalamazoo Gazette for deciding to publish a series of articles on the 2010 Census figures for Kalamazoo.

City Clerk's Report
(cont'd)

City Manager's
Report

79015

Citizen Comments

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney discussed the problem of childhood poverty in Kalamazoo and announced the Kalamazoo Poverty Reduction Initiative would host a press conference on February 8th for Kids Count Day.

Vice Mayor McKinney thanked Mr. Simpson for presenting the Try It Local Program. Vice Mayor McKinney highlighted 2010 Census figures that indicated young people were choosing to live in the City.

Mayor Hopewell thanked the City snow plow crews for their hard work during and after the recent snow storm. Mayor Hopewell stated a celebration was being planned for Kalamazoo native Greg Jennings, who had just won the Super Bowl with the Green Bay Packers. Mayor Hopewell reminded parents and grandparents that Wednesday was "count day" for the public schools. Mayor Hopewell urged citizens to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice.

Closed Session to
Discuss Pending
Litigation

79016

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell indicated the City Commission would be returning to open session to take action.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

The City Commission went into closed session at 8:13 p.m.
The City Commission returned to open session at 8:23 p.m.

Direction for the
City Attorney in the
Lawsuit German v
City of Kalamazoo

79017

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to direct the City Attorney to implement his recommendations with respect to the case evaluation in the matter of German v The City of Kalamazoo.

Prior to a vote on the motion an opportunity was given for citizen comments, but no comments were offered.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 21, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: February 21, 2011

	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell David Anderson Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioners Bell and Cinabro. With a voice vote, the motion passed.</p>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:</p> <p><u>Northside Neighborhood Association</u> Anthony Poplar, President Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director</p>
Northside Neighborhood Association	<p>The Northside Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expressed concerns about the licensing of new liquor store on West Paterson Street near the Douglas Community Center. - announced the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD) was working with a group to develop a 9-unit housing complex for senior citizens.
79018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - distributed copies of the <i>Neighborhood Initiative Agreement</i> between the City and NACD so the City Commission could the Association's goals and services provided. <p>Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley confirmed application had been made with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a beer and wine license at the location of a former Laundromat on West Paterson Street. Chief Hadley described the City's review process for a beer and wine license application and stated residents' concerns would be considered. Chief Hadley presented statistics on Public Safety calls for service to the liquor stores currently located in the Northside Neighborhood.</p> <p>In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Mr. Poplar stated there was a connection between the location of liquor stores and the public safety issues at those stores.</p>

Commissioner Cooney questioned whether the Commission had ever denied a liquor license due to concerns from a neighborhood association or neighborhood residents.

Northside
Neighborhood
Association (cont'd)

Mayor Hopewell recommended that neighborhood residents work with their state legislators regarding the liquor licensing process.

Mr. Poplar expressed concern about the number of homes demolished, or slated to be demolished, in the Northside Neighborhood between 2008 and 2011. Mr. Poplar stated the neighborhood wanted new homes on some of these vacant lots rather than having all of them converted to community gardens.

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

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 7, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 7, 2011

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney Stephanie Bell</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Mark Couch, Solid Grounds Student Ministries at Western Michigan University (WMU), was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Proclamation 79019	<p>Mayor Hopewell postponed reading of a proclamation expressing support for the <i>18th Walk for Warmth</i>, as nobody was present to accept the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p>
79020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the purchase of eleven Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles and two new Ford Taurus unmarked vehicles from Signature Ford of Owosso in the amount of \$277,645.
79021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of, and authorization for the City Manager to sign, a five-year contract with Charter Business for the purchase of six T1 Primary Rate Interfaces in the amount of \$172,800.
79022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a sole source purchase with Etna Supply Company for water meters in the amount of \$164,000.
79023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the purchase of eight work vehicles from Red Holman Pontiac GMC for a total expenditure of \$149,934.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one-year contract extension with Alexander Chemical Corporation for the purchase of fluorosilic acid in the amount of \$129,250. | Consent Agenda
(cont'd) 79024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - acceptance of \$27,705 from the Sarah (Sally) J. Appleyard's trust fund to augment funds from a gift accepted (\$97,155.32) June 21, 2010 and approval of recommended parks and recreation expenditures of \$124,860. | 79025 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION appointing Thomas C. Skrobola, 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 that have past due personal property taxes. | Resolution 11-06
79026 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION to set a public hearing on March 7, 2011 to consider an application from Accretive Health, Inc. for a PA 328 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for five years for personal property, currently estimated at \$322,500. The project is located within the city's Downtown Development District, at 245 North Rose Street. | Resolution 11-07
79027 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to YWCA of Kalamazoo Nonprofit Housing Corporation for two units of low-income rental housing at 2623-2625 Courtlandt Avenue (06-11-202-098), pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code. | Resolution 11-08
79028 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION to amend the 2009-2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan to include the individual master plans for Blanche Hull and Milham Parks and to authorize the City Manager to formally submit the resolution and amended plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment. | Resolution 11-09
79029 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a conditional loan commitment to Beer Exchange, LLC in the amount of \$40,000 from the city's Small Business Revolving Loan Fund to partially fund renovations and equipment related to the start up of operations at a leased facility located at 211 East Water Street. | 79030 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - acceptance of funding from Communities in Schools for \$1,490 to fund a Math/Archery program 2 days per week for 5 weeks beginning March 2011 and ask that City Manager sign all contracts and related documents. | 79031 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - authorization for the Office of the City Attorney to file a lawsuit against The Herald Company, Inc. d/b/a The Kalamazoo Gazette (Gazette) for breach of the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Agreement. | 79032 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - postponement of action on the proposed Arcadia Creek Festival Place Debt Retirement Plan until March 7, 2011. | 79033 |

Consent Agenda
(cont'd) **79034**

79035

- approval of the minutes from the Regular City Commission Business Meeting on February 7, 2011.
- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions as recommended by the City Clerk:
 - the re-appointment of Bobbe Orr to the Dangerous Buildings Board for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of Grant Fletcher To the Dangerous Buildings Board for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the appointment of David Hyde to the Dangerous Buildings Board for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of Andy Havice to the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2013.
 - the re-appointment of Garylee McCormick to the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2013.
 - the re-appointment of Karl Freed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.

79036

- approval of the following appointments by the Mayor to advisory boards and commissions:
 - the reappointment of Steve Tyler to the Friends of Recreation Board for a term expiring on March 1, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of Dan DeMent to the Retirement System Investment Committee and Perpetual Care Investment Committee for terms expiring on March 31, 2014. Included in this recommendation is a request to waive City Commission Rule 12e regarding term limits.
 - the re-appointment of Randy Eberts to the Retirement System Investment Committee and Perpetual Care Investment Committee for terms expiring on March 31, 2014. Included in this recommendation is a request to waive City Commission Rule 12e regarding term limits.
 - the re-appointment of La June Montgomery-Tabron to the Retirement System Investment Committee and Perpetual Care Investment Committee for terms expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of Robert Salisbury to the Retirement System Investment Committee and Perpetual Care Investment Committee for terms expiring on March 31, 2014.

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

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to change the rates charged for water service by 3.5% effective March 1, 2011, but no comments were offered.

Ordinance 1879
re: Water Service Rates

79037

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend certain sections of Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for water service by 3.5% effective March 1, 2011.

Prior to a vote on the motion Commissioner Miller explained City residents owned the water system and needed to pay for improvements to that system in the form of higher rate increases than non-residents.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to increase wastewater service revenues by 2.75% effective March 1, 2011, but no comments were offered.

Ordinance 1880
re: Wastewater Service Rates

79038

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend certain sections of Chapter 28 of the Kalamazoo Code to increase wastewater service revenues by 2.75% effective March 1, 2011.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

City Manager's Report

79039

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- Equal Employment/Affirmative Action Report, 4th Quarter 2010
- Employees Retirement System, 4th Quarter 2010
- January 2011 Purchases

City Manager's
Report (cont'd)

City Manager Collard commented on the recent ice storm and urged people to check on senior citizens and to clear the ice from sidewalks.

City Manager Collard remarked on the state budget and stated the City would be able to meet the criteria to earn back three-quarters of the statutory revenue sharing payments eliminated in Governor Snyder's proposed budget. City Manager Collard reported the City would lose approximately \$900,000 in revenue under the governor's plan, but this loss would be offset by expected losses and revenue increases in the amount of \$600,000, leaving a deficit of \$300,000 relative to the FY2011 Budget and the Five-Year Fiscal Plan.

Update on the
Neighborhood
Stabilization
Program 2 and the
Development of
Marketplace Plat

79039

Community Development Manager Laura Lam highlighted the following proposed uses for Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) funds:

- \$2.5 million for demolition of the Blakeslee Hospital in the Fairmont Neighborhood and the former Kalamazoo Creamery factory in the Edison Neighborhood;
- \$2.7 million for the rehabilitation and new construction of single-family homes sprinkled throughout the six core neighborhoods;
- \$500,000 for the demolition of 75 single family homes;
- \$2.6 million for the development of quality rental units for senior citizens;
- and \$4 million for the construction of 24 homes in the Marketplace Plat in the Edison Neighborhood.

Ms. Lam reported City staff were nearly finished negotiating a contract with the Homebuilders Association of Greater Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority for the construction of 24 homes in the Marketplace Plat. Ms. Lam described the design of the houses and stated the \$4 million project cost would fund the construction of 18 homes, with the hope that sale proceeds from these homes would finance the construction of six more homes. Ms. Lam explained the Homebuilders Association would be the developer for this 22-month project and would help connect ex-offenders in the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Program with quality builders who needed laborers. Ms. Lam explained the homes would cost \$200,000 each to build, but they would be sold for a much lower appraised value. Ms. Lam also explained other Stimulus funds would be used to provide mortgage assistance.

City Manager Collard remarked on the many requirements associated with using funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). City Manager Collard noted the City did not have appraisals of the completed homes in hand, but the estimated price point would be \$80,000 – \$100,000. City Manager Collard stated there would be a special meeting at noon on Monday, February 28th for the City Commission to take action on the development agreement.

Citizen Comments

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

Edward Nickerson, City resident, stated employees at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission tortured residents.

Ervin Armstrong, City resident, expressed concern about a potential new beer and wine store in the Northside Neighborhood.

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Larry Mabry, City resident, expressed concern about a potential new beer and wine store in the Northside Neighborhood.

James Green, non-resident, spoke on behalf of the Douglas Community Association and asked the City to assist the Association with blocking the issuance of a beer and wine license for a new store on West Paterson Street.

Rachael Tanner, City resident, spoke on behalf of the Interfaith Strategy for Action and Advocacy in the Community (ISAAC) and expressed opposition to the licensing of a new beer and wine store in the Northside Neighborhood.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident and Executive Director of the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD), asked the City to thoroughly investigate the applicants for a new beer and wine license on West Paterson Street. Ms. Jordan-Woods asked the City to consider the effect this store would have on young people in the Neighborhood.

Roy Spencer, non-resident, expressed opposition to the licensing of a new liquor store in the Northside Neighborhood.

Carline Stokes and Sherry Iglesias, City residents, read a letter expressing concern about speeding traffic on Maywood Street. A copy of the letter and a petition were filed with the papers for this meeting.

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Eloisa Rodriguez, City resident, described how her son had been injured by a speeding car at the corner of Maywood Street and Dewey Avenue and asked that the City install speed bumps.

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cinabro encouraged citizens to be patient with the restoration of power after the recent ice storm. Commissioner Cinabro commented on the tremendous rebound of the City's pension fund and the good work of the Investment Committee.

Commissioner Miller expressed appreciation for the State of the Downtown Address and congratulated Dick Schultz on his retirement from coaching basketball at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Commissioner Cooney thanked the citizens who had addressed the Commission and commended them for their courage.

Mayor Hopewell urged people to check on their friends and neighbors who were without power after the recent ice storm. Mayor Hopewell reported he and the City Manager had talked with Governor Snyder that afternoon about the state budget and how the proposed reductions would

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

affect cities. Mayor Hopewell stated he thought the Governor understood the need for balance, but he noted there would be pain involved in closing the state budget deficit. Mayor Hopewell indicated the City needed to continue to innovate and reduce costs relative to service provision.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 7, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 7, 2011

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Roll Call

A special business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
 Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney
 David Anderson
 Robert Cinabro
 Don Cooney
 Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell*

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absence Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Presentation on the Marketplace Plat Project

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Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain, Mary Balkema, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority, Dale Shugars, President of the Home Builders Association of Greater Kalamazoo, and Community Development Manager Laura Lam discussed the history of the Marketplace Plat, provided an overview of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2), described the purpose and function of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority, and presented the proposed development of 24 single-family homes in the Marketplace Plat using NSP2 funds. Mr. Shugars distributed the 2010 *Parade of Homes Guidebook* to Commissioners, a copy of which was filed with the papers for this meeting.

*Commissioner Bell arrived at 12:06 p.m.

Mr. Shugars and Pastor Milton Wells described the partnership between the Homebuilders Association and the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative that would allow ex-offenders to gain valuable skills and on-the-job experience working with quality builders on the Marketplace Plat project. Pastor Wells distributed copies of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative 2010 Report, a copy of which was filed with the papers for this meeting.

City Manager Collard remarked the development of the Marketplace Plat would be a unique product created by a unique partnership.

Commissioner Questions and Comments on the Marketplace Plat Project (cont'd)

Commissioner Miller thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed excitement about the project.

Commissioner Cinabro noted the Marketplace Plat project involved the public, for-profit, and non-profit sectors. Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for the project and stated it was a good use of funds.

In response to a question from Mayor McKinney, Ms. Lam stated the challenges associated with NSP2 included having a large amount of money to spend in a short time period, the spending requirements of NSP2 related to income eligibility, and the continually evolving regulations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Commissioner Anderson asked how CP&D was handling the procurement project to make sure local trades are used.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Lam stated the NSP2 regulations did not require a formal procurement process for the City or the builders, and the current understanding was that prevailing wages were not required for the construction of single family homes. Ms. Lam explained the Homebuilders Association had developed an application and screening process to find qualified and interested builders and would utilize an open, web-based system to accept bids for subcontracts. Ms. Lam reported 3% of developer fee for the Homebuilder's Association was contingent on the sale of the homes, so there was incentive for the Association to put energy and resources into marketing. Ms. Lam indicated the Land Bank Authority would be putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for realtor services for all of the NSP2 projects. Ms. Lam indicated there would be no City funds used for infrastructure changes, as a site preparation fee for each house was included in the project cost.

Commissioner Cooney commended the City and its community partners for addressing many goals with the project and noted the partners at the table spanned the ideological spectrum.

Commissioner Bell expressed support for the project and expressed appreciation for involvement of the Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Program

Mayor Hopewell noted NSP2 funds were made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and this project would create jobs, which was one of the goals of ARRA. Mayor Hopewell suggested the City work with the new medical school at Western Michigan University, the Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies, and other area employers to find owners for the new homes.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Ms. Lam reported the Homebuilders Association and Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative had already identified 10 ex-offenders who were qualified to work on the Marketplace Plat project.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Mr. Shugars stated the Homebuilders Association did not have experience as a developer, but it had acquired staff with the skill, talent, and experience to manage the Marketplace Plat project. Mr. Shugars complimented Director Chamberlain and Ms. Lam for their good work.

Mayor Hopewell stated the partners involved in this project were becoming experts and innovators in the field of community development, and people would be coming to Kalamazoo from other parts of the state and the nation to learn from this group.

Commissioner
Questions and
Comments on the
Marketplace Plat
Project (cont'd)

Citizen Comments
on the Marketplace
Plat Project

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Agreement with the Home Builders Association of Greater Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority for the development of 24 single-family homes in the Marketplace Plat, but no comments were offered.

NSP2 Agreement for
the Marketplace Plat
Project

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Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Agreement with the Home Builders Association of Greater Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority for up to \$5,380,400 in construction financing and development costs for the development of 24 single-family homes in the Marketplace Plat.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell commended City Manager Collard for his leadership and for assembling a team of shining stars in the Community Planning and Development Department.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Bob Doud, City resident, recognized Vice Mayor McKinney, Commissioner Cooney, Commissioner Cinabro, and City Manager Collard for their roles in beginning the development of Market Place Plat in 2004.

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 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 7, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 7, 2011

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Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Greg Jennings, Sr., Progressive Deliverance Ministries, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Presentation on the Local Housing Assistance Fund 79042	<p>David Artley, President of the Kalamazoo Family Nonprofit Housing Corporation, gave a presentation on the Local Housing Assistance Fund. A written report distributed by Mr. Artley was filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Cooney commended Mr. Artley and the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission for their work.</p>
Proclamations 79043	<p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed March 31, 2011 "Cesar E. Chavez Day." Juan Muniz, President of International Media Exchange, and Cristina Obrieter, ROTC at Western Michigan University, accepted the proclamation.</p>
79044	<p>Commissioner Anderson proclaimed March 2011 "National Nutrition Month." Joyce Ross, a registered dietician with Borgess Health, accepted the proclamation.</p>
79045	<p>Commissioner Cinabro proclaimed March 14, 2011 "Greg Jennings Day." Pastor Greg Jennings, Sr. accepted the proclamation on behalf of his son.</p>
	<p>Mayor Hopewell announced there would be a rally celebrating Greg Jennings on March 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Western Michigan University.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on the application from Accretive Health, Inc. for a PA 328 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for five years for personal property, currently estimated at \$322,500 located within the city's Downtown Development District at 245 North Rose Street.

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the application from Accretive Health, Inc. for a PA 328 Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for five years for personal property, currently estimated at \$322,500 located within the city's Downtown Development District at 245 North Rose Street.

With a roll call vote the motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

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:

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** under P.A. 334 of 1993 to extend existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2008-433, granted to Kalexsyn, Inc., for three additional years for personal property valued at \$298,000 in existing Industrial Development District No. 123 located at 4502 Campus Drive.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** under P.A. 334 of 1993 to extend existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2008-436, granted to HECO, Inc. Industrial Service Groups, for three additional years for personal property valued at \$200,617 and for six additional years for new real property construction valued at \$144,294 in existing Industrial Development District No. 80 located at 3509 South Burdick Street.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** under P.A. 334 of 1993 to extend existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2008-517, granted to Impact Label Corporation, for three additional years for personal property valued at \$78,000 in existing Industrial Development District No. 124 located at 3434 South Burdick Street.
- adoption of **RESOLUTIONS** granting a Payment In Lieu of Taxes for five rental properties for the Kalamazoo Family Nonprofit Housing Corporation for low income residents pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.
- approval of the settlement of a sewer back-up damage claim in the amount of \$11,662.88.

Public Hearing re: a
Tax Abatement for
Accretive Health

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Resolution 11-10
Approving a Tax
Abatement for
Accretive Health

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Consent Agenda

Resolution 11-11
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Resolution 11-12
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Resolution 11-13
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Resolutions 11-14,
11-15, 11-16, 11-17,
and 11-18
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79051

Consent Agenda
(cont'd) **79052**

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- approval of the minutes from following City Commission Meetings: the Neighborhood Meeting on February 21, 2011, the Regular Business Meeting on February 21, 2011, and the Special Meeting on February 28, 2011.
- authorization the City Manager to execute the necessary legal documents to permit the restructuring of the debt associated with the Arcadia Creek Festival Place.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

*At the time of the vote Commissioner Anderson indicated he was abstaining on Item F-4, resolutions granting a Payment In Lieu of Taxes for five rental properties for the Kalamazoo Nonprofit Housing Corporation, due to a conflict of interest.

Regular Agenda

Contract for
LaCrone Park
Improvements
79054

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell reviewed the process used to develop a master plan and raise funds for improvements to LaCrone Park. Director Jewell described the LaCrone Park improvement project and indicated Phase I would be completed by the end of June.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a contract with Visser Brothers, Inc. for Phase I improvements to LaCrone Park in the amount of \$291,200, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve a contract with Visser Brothers, Inc. for Phase I improvements to LaCrone Park in the amount of \$291,200.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor McKinney expressed support for the project and commended Director Jewell for her hard work to obtain funding. Vice Mayor McKinney noted Kalamazoo valued its parks and open spaces and invested in those areas even during tough economic times.

Commissioner Miller remarked that Parks staff had reduced overall project costs by performing demolition work themselves.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley described the partnership between the Entergy Corporation (Palisades Nuclear Power Plant) that would result in a flammable liquids burn pad being installed at the Kalamazoo Regional Training Center at no cost to the City.

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an agreement with the Entergy Corporation (Palisades Nuclear Power Plant) for the construction of a flammable liquids burn pad and associated props to be located at the Kalamazoo Regional Training Center and the acceptance of all facilities and equipment related to the project as a donation to the City of Kalamazoo, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Mike Seals, non-resident and Kalamazoo County Commissioner, expressed support for the agreement.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to: a) authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Entergy Corporation (Palisades Nuclear Power Plant) for the construction of a flammable liquids burn pad and associated props to be located at the Kalamazoo Regional Training Center; and, b) to accept all facilities and equipment related to the project as a donation to the City of Kalamazoo.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor McKinney commented on the City's ability to form great partnerships.

Commissioner Anderson noted retired Fire Marshal Marty Myers had worked a long time to make the Regional Training Center a reality.

Mayor Hopewell expressed the hope that Governor Snyder would take notice of the City's partnerships.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Jerome Kiscorni, Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation, and Tracy Dantzler of the Family Health Center, reviewed a history of the property at 1030 North Rose Street and the Family Health Center's proposed expansion and renovation project.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a redevelopment and purchase agreement to convey the property at 1030 North Rose Street to Family Health Center, Inc., but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to hold until March 17, 2011 consideration of recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION approving the redevelopment and purchase agreement to convey the property at 1030 North Rose Street to Family Health Center, Inc. for \$1.00 and due consideration for their expansion and renovation project to provide medical services to residents of the community that are

Agreement re:
Construction of a
Liquids Burn Pad
at the Kalamazoo
Public Safety
Regional Training
Center

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Redevelopment and
Purchase Agreement
with Family Health
Center for 1030 North
Rose Street - Held

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Redevelopment and
Purchase Agreement
with Family Health
Center for 1030 North
Rose Street - Held

79056

underinsured or uninsured, and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson noted the Family Health Center served critical needs in the community and was the only federally qualified health center in Kalamazoo County. Commissioner Anderson expressed support for the City's participation in the Family Health Center's expansion project.

Mayor Hopewell remarked that the City was not responsible for providing community health services, but the City was addressing those needs by partnering with the Family Health Center.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Frank Warren, City resident, spoke about high ticket prices and poor service with Delta Airlines at the Kalamazoo Battle-Creek International Airport.

Heather Koehler, City resident, expressed concern about loud music coming from vehicles.

Christopher Koehler, City resident, spoke about loud music coming from vehicles and asked the City to enforce its noise ordinance.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cinabro reported the Planning Commission would take up the landscaping ordinance at its April meeting. Commissioner Cinabro remarked on the recent Art Hop event and on a presentation he had heard at a meeting of the Discover Kalamazoo Advisory Council.

Commissioner Anderson reviewed the City Commission's meeting agenda and highlighted the work that had been done and the projects that had been approved. Commissioner Anderson expressed concern about the elimination of tax abatements and tax credits for businesses in Governor Snyder's proposed budget.

Commissioner Cooney discussed the effect of state and federal budget cuts on ordinary people.

Mayor Hopewell reminded Commissioners that City Commission Appointee evaluations were due by Friday, March 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 21, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 21, 2011

Roll Call

A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Stephanie Bell
Robert Cinabro
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

Eastside Neighborhood Association

Pat Taylor, Executive Director

Oakwood Neighborhood Association

Michael Markel, President

Cheryl Lord, Executive Director

Western Student Association

Aaron Booth, President

Eastside Neighborhood Association

The Eastside Neighborhood Association representative:

- listed the Association's goals and projects for 2011: the purchase 1301 E. Main St. from Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services; working with community partners to reduce the number of vacant houses in the Neighborhood; continuing work on quality of life issues (the Building Blocks Program, weatherization and beautification initiatives, and the community gardens); capacity building for the Association Board of Directors; establishing relationships with businesses in the Neighborhood; and the evaluation of existing programs and initiatives to determine their effectiveness.
- asked the City to continue to support the Neighborhood.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Taylor stated Lakisha Jones was working with neighborhood residents to address the problem of noise from vehicles.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, Ms. Taylor confirmed a new home had been built on Trimble Avenue with Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) 2 funds, and a buyer was lined-up.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Taylor described the community gardens in the Neighborhood.

The Oakwood Neighborhood representatives:

- distributed copies a Friends of Woods Lake brochure and the March edition of the *Oakwood Times* newsletter.
- highlighted events and initiatives described in the newsletter.
- thanked the City for picking up brush after the recent ice storm.
- asked the City to distribute Community Development Block Grant funds according to income, not neighborhood.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Lord stated foreclosures were not a significant problem in Oakwood, and no NSP funds were being used in the neighborhood.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Lord stated the Neighborhood would collaborate with other neighborhoods in the area to host a water station for the Kalamazoo Marathon.

The Western Student Association (WSA) representative:

- thanked the City Commission for meeting with student groups.
- described various philanthropic events organized by the WSA.
- reported the WSA held several events to educated students about candidates and issues for the 2010 Gubernatorial election.
- stated the WSA would participate in a student rally in Lansing to advocate for higher education funding.
- reported the Student Senate had passed resolution regarding student safety in campus neighborhoods. Mr. Booth said students were concerned and scared about the amount of crime perpetrated against students. Mr. Booth indicated students felt the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS) was quick to enforce laws against students, but officers did not actually keep students safe.

Mayor Hopewell recommended that Mr. Booth utilize the crime statistics available on the Public Safety website. Mayor Hopewell asked if the crimes against student were committed by other students or non-students.

Mr. Booth stated crimes against students were perpetrated by both students and non-students. Mr. Booth reported there was a higher crime rate in student neighborhoods in Kalamazoo compared to student neighborhoods in other Michigan cities with major universities.

Oakwood
Neighborhood
Association

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Western Student
Association

Citizen Comments

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

Sally Schermerhorn, City resident, expressed concern that bus service to Evergreen North apartments was being eliminated at the beginning of April, and stated busses would still be stopping at the Target store just across the street.

Commissioner Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 4, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 4, 2011

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Samuel Christian, Fresh Fire African American Methodist Episcopal Church, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p>
79058	<p>- approval of a recommendation to: a) approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the replacement of nine Public Safety dispatch consoles and 911 telephone system in the amount of \$1,381,303; and b) waive City Commission Ex-Offender Purchasing Policy (70.7) for this purchase.</p>
79059	<p>- approval of a one year contract extension with Lakeshore Energy for natural gas to be used to heat selected City facilities in the amount of \$450,000.</p>
Resolution 11-19 79060	<p>- adoption of a RESOLUTION approving the redevelopment and purchase agreement to convey the property at 1030 North Rose Street to Family Health Center, Inc. for \$1.00 and due consideration for their expansion and renovation project to provide medical services to residents of the community that are underinsured or uninsured, and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.</p>
79061	<p>- approval of a request to participate with the State of Michigan in a cooperative bid for the purchase of ice control salt for the 2011/2012 Winter Season.</p>

- approval of the following re-appointments to advisory boards and commissions made by Mayor Hopewell:
 - the appointment of **Curt Aardema** to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the appointment of **Chris Wright** to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Carla Chase** to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Edward Planeta** to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions as submitted by the City Clerk:
 - the appointment of **Caressa Hamby** to the Civil Service Board for a term expiring on February 1, 2015.
 - the re-appointment of **Nick Gardner** to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as the Eastside Neighborhood Representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Matt Milcarek** to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as the Vine Neighborhood Representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Buddy Hannah** to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the re-appointment of **Erica Northup** to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the appointment of **Christine Beverly** to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as the Fairmont Neighborhood Representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the appointment of **Zadie Jackson** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2014. Included with this recommendation is a request for a waiver of City Commission Rule 12k regarding dual board memberships.
 - the appointment of **Joel Pryson** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.

Consent Agenda
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Consent Agenda
(cont'd) **79064**

- approval of the minutes from the Regular City Commission Business Meeting on March 7, 2011.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager's
Report
79065

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- INSIDEtheCITY Newsletter, March/April Edition
- February 2011 Purchases

City Manager Collard highlighted elements of Governor Snyder's proposals for local government reform.

City Manager Collard commented on national and state tournament appearances by the Western Michigan University hockey team and the Kalamazoo Central High School boys basketball team.

Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley reported on the problem of late night cruising through the City's neighborhoods. Chief Hadley stated Public Safety would begin heavy enforcement activity in the neighborhoods that were affected by cruising. Chief Hadley noted officers had canvassed the neighborhoods to inform residents of the increased enforcement and to get their support.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Chief Hadley urged citizens to discourage friends, relatives and neighbors from participating in the cruising and to support officers as they were enforcing the law. Chief Hadley stated both residents and non-residents were participating in cruising, and he described ways the department was trying to be proactive in addressing the issue.

Citizen Comments

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

Beth Lewis, City resident, spoke about the inspection of her apartment by the City.

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Hector Castillo, non-resident, read a resolution opposing Michigan House Bill 4305 and asked the City Commission to adopt this resolution. A copy of the resolution was filed with the papers for this meeting.

The following citizens expressed opposition to Michigan House Bill 4305 and urged the City Commission to adopt a resolution opposing this legislation:

Larry Provancher, non-resident
Francisco Lara, City resident
Obdulia Martinez, non-resident
Maria Gomez, City resident
Iris Camarillo, City resident
Perla Ascencio, non-resident
Maria Ascencio, non-resident
Cudberto Melchor, City resident
Adrian Vasquez, City resident
Luis Leal, City resident
Juan Alvarez, City resident,

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Frank Warren, City resident, commented on the tragedy of homeless veterans.

Asha Khazad, City resident, spoke about the need for immigration reform.

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cinabro complimented Commissioner Bell on her comments in the Kalamazoo Gazette about late-night cruising in the Northside Neighborhood.

Commissioner Bell commended the Kalamazoo Phoenix High School men's basketball team, the Kalamazoo Central High School men's basketball team, and the Hillside Middle School girl's basketball team for their successful seasons. Commissioner Bell stated problems in one City neighborhood were problems for the whole community, and she urged citizens to support the City as it worked to address the problem of late night cruising. Commissioner Bell thanked representatives from the Hispanic community for coming to the meeting and addressing the City Commission.

Commissioner Anderson announced an open house on Sunday, March 27th for the recently completed Habitat for Humanity home sponsored by the Greg Jennings Foundation.

Commissioner Cooney thanked representatives from the Hispanic community for addressing the City Commission and expressed opposition to Michigan House Bill 4305. Commissioner Cooney noted U.S. Representative Fred Upton would be at City Hall on March 22nd at noon as part of his "listening tour." Commissioner Cooney stated there would be a rally in Bronson Park at noon on Friday, March 25th to express opposition to state and federal policies that were hurting working families.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on Representative Upton's visit, the work of the City Commission's Legislative Committee, the need for the City to continue handling its resources wisely, the success of Greg Jennings Day, and the many good things that were happening in the community.

Closed Session

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations. Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell indicated the City Commission would return to open session to take action.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

The City Commission went into closed session at 8:03 p.m.
The City Commission returned to open session at 8:08 p.m.

Approval of Wage Agreement with AFSCME for 2011

79067

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve the wage agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for 2011.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 4, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 4, 2011

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Virginia Vander Roest.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Rick Stravers of Open Door and Next Door Shelters, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Mr. Blain Lam, Coordinator, reported on the progress of the Borgess Run for the Health of It and the Kalamazoo Marathon.</p>
	<p>State Representative, Sean McCann, invited citizens to a Town Hall meeting on Monday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. in Brown Hall at Western Michigan University.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p>
79068	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a recommendation to approve a two-year contract with Waste Management Inc. for loading, hauling, and disposal of belt press solids from the Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant in the amount of \$5,908,825.
Resolution 11-20 79069	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the City of Kalamazoo's Brownfield Plan [Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 16)] implemented and recommended for approval by the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority following a public hearing before the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
79070	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE amending Section 15-40 of the City Code so as to reference the most current version (2009) of the International Fire Code.

- approval of a recommendation to approve an updated list of Non-Bargaining Unit Employees exempt from Civil Service Protection.
- approval of a recommendation to accept a check from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for \$12,000 for the Rose Park Capital Improvement project.
- approval of a recommendation to approve the minutes from the Regular City Commission Neighborhood and Business Meetings on Monday, March 21, 2011.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

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

Citizen Comments

Mr. Frank Warner, resident, spoke about airplane safety and inspections.

Ms. Norine Wafford, resident, invited citizens to the "Stop Raid on School Aid" event to be held on April 16th from 9 a.m. to noon. Ms. Wafford further discussed the Governor's proposed budget that includes cuts to schools and the long term affects cuts could have on children.

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cinabro praised the rally to end violence that took place on Saturday, April 2nd in the Northside neighborhood.

Commission Miller informed citizens that the Parks and Recreation brochure would be mailed to residents.

Commissioner Cooney reminded citizens of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination and how 43 years to date the fight continues for the same struggles.

Mayor Hopewell also remarked on the rally to end violence in the Northside neighborhood and reminded citizens that the State of the City address would be held on April 12, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Closed Session

79074

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations and consider material exempt from disclosure by state statute.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell indicated the City Commission would reconvene in open session following the closed session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

The City Commission went into closed session at 7:35 p.m.
The City Commission came out of closed session at 7:44 p.m.

Acceptance of
Payment from the
Kalamazoo Gazette

79075

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to accept the payment of \$1,525,000 from the Herald Company, d/b/a the Kalamazoo Gazette, as settlement in full of all claims by the City under the IFT Agreement dated November 4, 2001, and authorizes the City Manager to sign the release and any other documents effectuating this settlement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

One-year Wage
Agreement with KMEA

79076

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to approve a one-year wage agreement with the KMEA that extends from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 2, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 2, 2011

Call to Order/Roll Call

A special, joint meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission, Portage City Council, and Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kalamazoo Room at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 100 West Michigan Avenue.

Chair Deb Buchholtz called to order the meeting of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Hopewell called to order the meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Robert Cinabro
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor McKinney
Commissioner Bell

Also present for the City of Kalamazoo were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners
Excused

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

Mayor Pete Strazdas called to order the meeting of the Portage City Council.

Introductory
Comments

Mayor Strazdas and Mayor Hopewell made introductory comments on the current fiscal condition of local governments in Michigan, the history of collaboration between local units of government in Kalamazoo County, and the need to seek additional potential areas of collaboration.

Presentation on
Intergovernmental
Collaboration/
Comments by
Elected Officials

Mr. Eric Lupher, Director of Local Affairs for the Citizens' Research Council of Michigan, delivered a presentation entitled *Opportunities for Collaboration in the Kalamazoo Communities*. A copy of Mr. Lupher's PowerPoint slides was included with the papers for this meeting.

Following Mr. Lupher's presentation, the following commissioners/council members asked questions and made comments:

Brian Johnson, Kalamazoo County Commissioner
Commissioner Anderson
Jack Urban, Kalamazoo County Commissioner
Ed Sackley, Portage City Councilmember
Mayor Hopewell

79077

Next, when an opportunity was given for citizen comments, the following people spoke:

Jim Schultz
Linda Teeter
Margaret O'Brien
Jim Cripps

Chair Buckholtz reviewed the following proposed "Collaboration /Consolidation Next Steps" for the three governing bodies:

Collaboration/Consolidation Next Steps

1. Task respective City Managers and County Administrator with bringing back a list of potential areas of collaboration/consolidation within 6 weeks, with indication as to likely difficulty (timeline, barriers) and payoff for each category. A component of this may include a listing of legislative changes proposed to make such collaboration and consolidation easier and more cost effective.*
2. Convene meeting of leadership (managers/administrator, mayors/chair, vice mayor/mayor pro tem, vice chair) within 6 weeks to review and begin to prioritize the list of potential collaboration/consolidation efforts (and legislative efforts*.)
3. As soon as is practicable (1-3 weeks) present findings to respective boards for comments, changes, etc. and gain consensus for joint and individual priorities. Individual boards would review not only the joint proposal, but also separate recommendations from their administrator/manager for other items specific to their jurisdiction (i.e. inter-county, w/ townships, etc. opportunities.)
4. Consider scheduling another joint meeting to publicly set the agenda and priorities for investigating and pursuing collaboration and consolidation opportunities. Potentially create necessary committees or other avenues necessary for gaining input and assistance; this would include other local unit partners such as townships, cities, villages, surrounding counties, etc.
5. Commit to periodic (monthly?) meetings of the leadership of the City and County (and others as appropriate) to review progress on major initiatives. Update respective boards as applicable.

The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners approved a motion to adopt the Collaboration/Consolidation Next Steps.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to adopt the Collaboration/Consolidation Next Steps.

Prior to a vote on the motion an opportunity was given for citizen comments, but none were offered.

Citizen Comments

Adoption of Next Steps

79078

Adoption of Next Steps (cont'd)

With a roll call vote the motion passed.

YEAS: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

The Portage City Council approved a motion to adopt the Collaboration/Consolidation Next Steps.

Commissioner Comments

Finally, Chair Buchholtz, Mayor Hopewell, and Mayor Strazdas offered closing remarks.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 2, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 2, 2011

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Roll Call

A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Anderson
Stephanie Bell
Robert Cinabro
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

Milwood Neighborhood Watch

Ken Horton, President

John Hilliard, Board Member

Parkview Neighborhood Association

Joan Dombrowski, President

Vine Neighborhood Association

Stephen Walsh, Executive Director

Matt Milcarek, Secretary

Milwood Neighborhood Watch

The Milwood Neighborhood Watch representatives:

- stated larceny was the largest Public Safety issue in the Neighborhood.
- invited Commissioners to a Public Safety Appreciation event on May 3rd.
- commended WMU students for cleaning up 12 blocks near the Cork Lane shopping center.
- reported Part 1 Crimes in the Neighborhood were at the lowest levels in five years.
- thanked Public Works staff for cleaning up brush after the ice storm in February.
- requested the repaving of Cork Street from Portage Street to Sprinkle Road.
- thanked Public Safety Officers for helping educate residents about protecting themselves against crime and scams.

- invited Commissioners to attend the regular Neighborhood Watch meetings.
- announced the Neighborhood garage sale would take place on the 2nd Saturday in June.

Milwood
Neighborhood
Watch (cont'd)

The Parkview Neighborhood representative:

- reported the Association and Martel's would sponsor a "spirit station" for the Kalamazoo Marathon on May 8th.
- thanked City for road work completed near the entrance of Parkview Hills.
- thanked Public Safety for being helpful and for working to reduce crime in the Neighborhood.
- expressed concern about the water quality at Parkview Hills, which had become brownish-yellow since the water system flushing in April 2010. Ms. Dombrowski asked for a solution to this problem.

Parkview
Neighborhood
Association

The Vine Neighborhood Association representatives:

- thanked the staff in the Public Safety and Public Services Departments for their hard work.
- invited Commissioners to the Association's annual meeting on May 18th and an open house for El Sol School on May 16th.
- announced the Neighborhood would benefit from the Building Blocks program.
- stated there was an ongoing need to educate residents on safety issues.
- thanked the City for shutting down the Oak Street Market and requested City assistance in dealing with the abandoned building.
- described a recent meeting with members of the Historic District Commission and expressed concerns about the HDC's skewed project approval statistics, the members' lack of understanding of the current economic climate, and their inflexible attitudes.
- stated crime in the Neighborhood had been rising, especially Breaking and Entering. Mr. Milcarek rising crime was a serious issue, as it affected residents' ability to "sell" the neighborhood.

Vine Neighborhood
Association

Commissioner Anderson noted crimes in his neighborhood were perpetrated between midnight and 5 a.m., and he recognized Breaking and Entering crimes created a basic public safety issue that affected a neighborhood's ability to attract new residents. Commissioner Anderson highlighted the difficulty in balancing the preservation of structures with economic development, and he stated that he, too, had encountered inflexible attitudes in recent conversations with HDC members.

Citizen Comments

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

79079

Sally Reames, City resident and Executive Director of Community Healing Centers, distributed invitations to *Coming Together: A Community Conference on Addition and Recovery*.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 20, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 20, 2011

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Steve Johnson, Oakwood Bible Church, was followed by the pledge of allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Miller proclaimed April 28, 2011 "Day of the Child" in the City of Kalamazoo. Juan Muniz of International Media Exchange, and Ken Detloff of the YMCA received the proclamation.</p>
79080	
79081	<p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed April 29, 2011 "Arbor Day" in the City of Kalamazoo. Garrylee McCormick, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, received the proclamation.</p>
79082	<p>Commissioner Anderson read a proclamation celebrating the "Kalamazoo Junior Girls 25th Anniversary." Pamela Roland, founder of Kalamazoo Junior Girls, accepted the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p>
79083	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the purchase of Voice over Internet Protocol Telephony equipment and installation from Moss Communications in the amount of \$278,212.75.
Resolution 11-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION setting a public hearing for May 2, 2011 to adopt the Program Year 2011 Action Plan which details the funding allocations for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Shelter Grant entitlement funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION clarifying the rules for when an application for a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone New Construction Certificate shall be considered valid. | <p>Resolution 11-22
79085</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTON under P.A. 334 of 1993 to extend existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2008-438, granted to Fabri-Kal Corporation, for six additional years for the restoration and replacement of obsolete real property valued at \$4,260,500 in existing Plant Rehabilitation District No. 39 located at 4141 Manchester Road. | <p>Resolution 11-23
79086</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION under P.A. 334 of 1993 to extend existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2008-437, granted to Graphic Packaging International, for six additional years for personal property valued at \$25 million and for six additional years for new real property construction valued at \$8.5 million in existing Industrial Development District No. 10 located at 1421 North Pitcher Street. | <p>Resolution 11-24
79087</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adopt a RESOLUTION under P.A. 334 of 1993 to extend existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2008-435, granted to International Paper Company, for three additional years for personal property valued at \$2,130,000 in existing Plant Rehabilitation District No. 42 located at 4015 Emerald Drive. | <p>Resolution 11-25
79088</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adopt a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission RESOLUTION to transfer ownership of a Class C liquor license from LeMonde Bistro, LLC, located at 211 East Water Street to the Beer Exchange, LLC and a new entertainment permit and official permit (food). | <p>Resolution 11-26
79089</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a request from the Kalamazoo Amateur Athletic Federation for permission to apply for special liquor licenses for the following softball tournaments to be held at Versluis/Dickinson Park: the Can Am Festival, May 21-22, 2011 and the Kiracofe Memorial Softball Tournament, July 8-10, 2011. | <p>79090</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions as recommended by Mayor Hopewell: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the re-appointment of James Escamilla to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a term expiring on March 1, 2015. - the appointment of Stanley Steppes to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a term expiring on March 1, 2015. - the appointment of Gregory Taylor to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a term expiring on March 1, 2013. - the re-appointment of John MacKenzie to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Brownfield | <p>79091</p> |

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

79092

Redevelopment Authority (BRA) Board of Directors for a term expiring on March 31, 2017.

- approval of the appointment of **Misty C. Lartridge** to the Civil Service Board as recommended by the City Clerk for a term expiring on February 1, 2017.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda Items were considered next.

Ordinance 1881
Adopting the
International Fire
Code (2009 Edition)

79093

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ordinance amending Section 15-40 of the City Code so as to reference the most current version (2009) of the International Fire Code, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Anderson seconded by Commissioner Cinabro moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** amending Section 15-40 of the City Code so as to reference the most current version (2009) of the International Fire Code.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Resolution 11-27
Opposing Michigan
House Bill 4305

79094

When given an opportunity to comment on a resolution opposing the passage of Michigan House Bill 4305 (HB 4305), the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

The following citizens expressed opposition to HB 4305 and asked City Commissioners to adopt a resolution opposing this legislation:

Jomil Wells, City resident, read a resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo Metropolitan Branch of the NAACP opposing the passage of HB 4305. A copy of this resolution was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Jim Rodbard, City resident, on behalf of the ACLU of West Michigan

Sue Nelmes, City resident

John Vollmer, non-resident

Lauren Pott, City resident

Harmony Durden, non-resident

Iris Camarillo, City resident

Paula White, non-resident

Samantha Ascencio, non-resident
Maria Ascencio, non-resident
Alesandra Zafron, non-resident
Brenda Garcia, City resident
Angelica Garcia, City resident
Meran Rodriguez, City resident
Aido Macias, City resident
Erin Gignac, City resident
John Henry DeJesus, non-resident
Mike Quinn, non-resident
Norine Wafford, City resident
Rafael Vargas, City resident
Ashlee Traylor, City resident
Jim Tinsley, City resident
Steve Dude, City resident
Molly Clements, non-resident
Jasmine Macias, non-resident
Phillip Cruz, City resident

Resolution 11-27
Opposing Michigan
House Bill 4305
(cont'd)

79094

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a resolution opposing the adoption of Michigan House Bill 4305 as law.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Bell thanked citizens for addressing the City Commission and expressed support for the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Cinabro stated HB 4305 would impose several unfunded mandates on the City and expressed support for the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Cooney thanked citizens for addressing the City Commission on this issue and stated HB 4305 would undo the work of the Public Safety Department and the community over the past several years to build positive relationships between the police and residents. Commissioner Cooney stated the City Commission needed to speak out on behalf of its citizens and expressed support for the proposed resolution.

Vice Mayor McKinney thanked people for speaking from their hearts. Vice Mayor McKinney noted the City Commission and City Administration had been working for years to eliminate racial profiling, and HB 4305 would essentially mandate profiling.

Commissioner Anderson reminded the audience HB 4305 was a bill in the state legislature. Commissioner Anderson thanked City Attorney Robinson for his recommendation and cogent arguments. Commissioner Anderson remarked on the wage theft ordinance that had been proposed and summarized his comments made to the Nehemiah Gathering on July 1, 2010. Commissioner Anderson stated he had met with state legislators and expressed opposition to unfunded mandates and noted both HB 4305 and the proposed wage theft ordinance would add responsibilities to the City of Kalamazoo that were already being performed by the state and federal government.

Resolution 11-27
Opposing Michigan
House Bill 4305
(cont'd)

79094

Commissioner Miller expressed opposition both to HB 4305 and to the proposed resolution. Commissioner Miller stated the proposed law was bad, but it was inappropriate for the City to become involved in federal issues. Commissioner Miller remarked HB 4305 was in committee with little chance of moving, and the proposed resolution was, at best, premature and, at worst, potentially counter-productive. Commissioner Miller expressed concern that this item had come to the City Commission quickly while there were other, unresolved issues the City Commission needed to address.

Mayor Hopewell noted an item could be placed on the agenda if two Commissioners supported it. Mayor Hopewell indicated the City Commission could not address every state and federal issue, but there were state and federal issues it should address. Mayor Hopewell talked about the work of the City Commission, the upcoming budget challenges, and the need for citizens to be involved in the process to address these challenges.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: Commissioner Miller

City Manager's
Report

79095

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- March 2011 Purchases

City Manager Collard recognized City Engineer Frank Szopo for his service to the City and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

In response to a request from Commissioner Miller, City Manager Collard stated he would provide a status report on the landscaping ordinance that had been remanded to the Planning Commission. City Manager Collard indicated he would also provide information on the anticipated effects of a wage theft ordinance on City operations.

Citizen Comments

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

Jim Tinsley, City resident, questioned why there were so many liquor stores near churches and schools in Kalamazoo, despite state laws to prevent such close proximity.

Norine Wafford, City resident, spoke about Governor Snyder's proposed funding cuts for schools. Ms. Wafford invited City Commissioners to participate in the "Stop the Violence March" on April 23rd.

Adrian Vasquez, City resident, thanked the City Commission for adopting a resolution opposing HB 4305.

John Bianco, non-resident, thanked the City Commission for adopting a resolution opposing HB 4305 and stated the City Commission needed to address state and federal issues.

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Steve Dude, City resident, thanked the City Commission for adopting a resolution opposing HB 4305.

Bill Reeves, City resident, offered a remark.

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cinabro reported the Planning Commission had approved on April 7th all of the staff-recommended text amendments to the proposed landscaping ordinance.

Commissioner Bell invited citizens to participate in a "Stop the Violence March" on April 23rd.

Commissioner Miller encouraged people to attend the event *Coming Together: A Community Conference on Addiction and Recovery* on May 3rd at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo.

Commissioner Anderson offered remarks on the following topics: his experience working with City Engineer Frank Szopo; the agenda items dealing with tax abatements; the positive and negative effects of the City's good budgetary decisions; the effect of the 2010 Census figures on City revenues; the need for citizens to fight for the interests of the City as a whole, and not just their own area of interest, and the beginning of Passover.

Commissioner Cooney remarked on Governor Snyder's proposed cuts to education spending.

Mayor Hopewell commented on the need for citizens to take the initiative to address issues at the state and federal levels. Mayor Hopewell noted the City Commission needed to concentrate on City business and would not be able to advocate for or against every issue of concern to City residents.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 20, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 20, 2011

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Commissioner Cooney, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests 79096	<p>Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell invited people to a "Champions for Healthy Kids" informational summit on Wednesday, May 11th at the Fetzer Center from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>
Proclamations 79097	<p>Commissioner Miller proclaimed May 5, 2011 "National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day." Kathy Howard, Kalamazoo Wraps Co-Project Director, accepted the proclamation.</p>
79098	<p>Commissioner Cinabro proclaimed May 7, 2011 "National Train Day." Burt Tenbrink received the proclamation.</p>
79099	<p>Commissioner Anderson proclaimed May 8-15, 2011 "Salvation Army Week." Major Richard Justvig received the proclamation.</p>
79100	<p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed May, 2011 "Peace Education Month." Lois Dickason, Peace Pizzaz Co-Chair, received the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda the following change:</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson requested that Item F-6, Notice of Intent Resolution for Capital Improvement Program Bonds, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Public Hearing re: PY2011 Action Plan for HUD Funds 79101	<p>At 7:26 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments regarding the Program Year 2011 Action Plan for funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).</p> <p>Vicki Martin, Associate Director for Senior Services Inc., thanked the City for supporting Senior Services' home repair program.</p>

Jennifer Shoub, CEO for the YWCA of Kalamazoo, thanked the City for supporting the YWCA's request for HUD funds.

Bob Ells, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan, thanked the City Commission for its support.

Tim Lemansky, CEO of Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services (KNHS), thanked the City for supporting KNHS with Community Development Block Grant funding.

Don Jones, Director of Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity, thanked Community Development Act Advisory Committee (CDAAC) members for their hard work and their funding recommendations.

Rick Stravers, Open Door Ministries, thanked the City for its support.

At 7:38 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to: a) accept the recommendations of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee and adopt the Program Year 2011 Action Plan; b) approve the methodology to apply further budget changes received from HUD; c) authorize the City Manager to act as the official representative of the City and to sign all required HUD documents; and d) authorize the Director of Community Planning and Development to sign all agreements between the City and subrecipients.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Compliance Officer Julie Johnston reported HUD had reduced the City's the CDBG allocation by 16.67% and the HOME program allocation by 11.42%, while the Emergency Solutions Grant (formerly the Emergency Shelter Grant) allocation was increase 39.80% compared to the amounts the City had anticipate receiving for PY2011.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Ms. Johnston stated the total allocation from HUD was \$2.4 million, and the City had received 42 competitive grant applications for a total request of \$3.7 million, which did not include the City's anticipate use of HUD funds in the approximate amount of \$1 million.

Commissioner Bell thanked the members of CDAAC for their dedication and hard work.

Commissioner Anderson noted Keith Hernandez, former City Planner, was the Director of the HUD Detroit Field Office. Commissioner Anderson stated three pillars were needed for the effective use of HUD funds: citizen involvement, competent staff management, and excellent community non-profit organizations. Commissioner Anderson remarked on the irony of HUD investing more in emergency shelters while decreasing the funds available for affordable housing.

Vice Mayor McKinney thanked staff and CDAAC members for their work. Vice Mayor McKinney expressed anger about the funding reductions from

Public Hearing re:
PY2011 Action Plan
for HUD Funds
(cont'd)

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Approval of PY2011
Action Plan for HUD
Funds

79101

Approval of PY2011
Action Plan for HUD
Funds (cont'd)

79101

HUD and stated it was difficult to prepare a budget when funding levels were uncertain.

Commissioner Cooney thanked the non-profit organizations in the City for their work and stated the federal government needed to increase, rather than decrease, funding for cities.

Mayor Hopewell commended the excellent work of the City's non-profit organizations.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

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:

79102

- approval of a contract with Peters Construction Company for the 2011 Local Streets Paving Project in the amount of \$595,999.89.

79103

- approval of a contract with Globe Construction Company for the purchase of asphalt paving materials in the amount of \$335,080.

79104

- approval of a contract with Jeffrey Michael, LLC for the complete rehabilitation of property at: a) 923 Russell in amount not to exceed \$99,400; and, b) 1423 Clinton in amount not to exceed \$100,000.

79105

- approval of the appropriation of an additional \$75,000 of Kalamazoo Farmers' Market reserve funds to be used on needed facility repairs and improvements at the Market.

79106

- first reading of an ORDINANCE that amends Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Landscaping and Open Spaces regulations for site plan projects, and schedule a public hearing for May 16, 2011.

Resolution 11-28

79107

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** declaring Edwards Street between South and East Michigan to be closed on May 19-22 and September 8-11, 2011 and a special event area permitted for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

79108

- approval of the settlement of a sewer back-up damage claim in the amount of \$19,773.67 for a property located at 715 Keenway Circle.

79109

- acceptance of a donation of \$1,157.29 from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation's Kalamazoo Neighborhood Development Fund.

- approval of the minutes from the Regular City Commission Business Meeting on April 4, 2011 and the Special City Commission Meeting on April 14, 2011.

79110

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Commissioner Anderson highlighted the fact that borrowing funds obligated the City to a long-term payback of principle and interest. Commissioner Anderson suggested the City Commission always consider the approval of bonds under the Regular Agenda.

Resolution 11-29
re: Notice of Intent
for CIP Bonds

79111

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5 million, for the purpose of financing FY 2011 capital projects, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Miller seconded by Commissioner Anderson moved to adopt a Notice of Intent **RESOLUTION** for the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5 million, for the purpose of financing FY 2011 capital projects.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney expressed support for the resolution and noted the funds were needed to make necessary capital improvements. Commissioner Cooney expressed support for the future placement of bond approvals on the Regular Agenda.

Vice Mayor McKinney expressed support for placing bond approvals on the Regular Agenda. Vice Mayor McKinney stated the City needed to think carefully about debt, which was a good option for funding capital projects but a poor funding source for cash expenditures like pensions.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

City Clerk Borling reported the following:

City Clerk's Report

79112

- the City Commission received Annual Reports from the following advisory boards, commissions, and committees:

Civil Service Board

City Clerk's Report
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Community Development Act Advisory Committee
Downtown Development Authority
Friends of Recreation Board
Historic District Commission
Historic Preservation Commission
Housing Board of Appeals
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Zoning Board of Appeals

- on Thursday, April 28, 2011 the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC) filed its *Report of Determination* with the City Clerk regarding compensation levels for the City of Kalamazoo's elected officials.

David Pawloski, Chair of the LOCC, presented the Commission's report and offered to answered questions.

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard thanked the Kalamazoo community and the City Commission for their support of the Public Safety Department in light of the death of PSO Eric Zapata.

Citizen Comments

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

Jenny Shoub, CEO of the YWCA, remarked on the death of PSO Zapata and noted City employee Sylvia Pahl would be honored with the YWCA Woman of Achievement award.

Frank Warren, City resident, commented on recent shootings in the City and stated the City Commission needed to pay attention to what was happening.

79113

Reverend William Stein, remarked on the "Million Gallon Gasoline March," a national campaign to buy 1 million gallons of gas for poor families, and announced there would be a fundraising event for this initiative on Friday, May 6th at Bronson Park. Documents distributed by Reverend Stein were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director of NACD, offered remarks on the death of PSO Zapata and noted former PSO Roger McDowell had recently passed away.

Asha Khzad, City resident, stated people who attended City Commission meetings should stay for the whole meeting and not leave after their own particular issues were addressed.

Norine Wafford, City resident, remarked on recent shootings in the City.

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cinabro commented on the death of PSO Zapata, the way Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley and City Manager Collard handled this situation, and the need for citizens to support their Public Safety Officers.

Commissioner Bell offered remarks on the death of PSO Zapata and thanked City Manager Collard and City staff for supporting the Stop the Violence Rally. Commissioner Bell reminded people to vote on May 3rd.

Commissioner Miller expressed condolences to the Zapata family and noted Kalamazoo Rotary members had read the book *I Know I Can* to 1,000 Second Graders. Commissioner Miller urged people to vote.

Commissioner Anderson reminded people about the Kalamazoo Marathon on May 8th and asked them to be patient with street closures.

Commissioner Cooney commented on the death of PSO Zapata and the funeral. Commissioner Cooney urged people to vote "yes" on the KRESA millage.

Vice Mayor McKinney thanked the police officers from other jurisdictions for attending the funeral of PSO Zapata and covering shifts so KDPS Officers were able to attend the funeral. Vice Mayor McKinney congratulated the graduates of Western Michigan University.

Mayor Hopewell expressed support for the Public Safety Department and stated the City Commission dealt with community issues every time it met. Mayor Hopewell congratulated the Public Safety Explorers for receiving the Governor's Award at a recent competition. Mayor Hopewell urged people to vote on May 3rd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 20, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 20, 2011

Roll Call

A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
David Anderson
Stephanie Bell
Robert Cinabro
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney

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

Commissioner Excused

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

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

Edison Neighborhood Association

Bill Wells, Board President
Tammy Taylor, Executive Director

Fairmont Neighborhood Association

Joy Russcher, President
Melissa Linkfield, Neighborhood Administrator

Stuart Area Restoration Association

Jay Bonsignore, Vice Chairperson
Dana Underwood, Board of Directors

Edison
Neighborhood
Association
79114

The Edison Neighborhood Association representatives:

- reported that construction had begun on the Marketplace homes, that the Kalamazoo Creamery building would be torn down before the end of the year, that Loaves and Fishes was taking over the Kloosterman property, the process for a new Washington Writer's Academy was moving along, sidewalk repairs on Hays Park were nearly complete, the Kalamazoo County Sherriff's office would be providing horse patrols this summer, and Community Credit Union would be moving into the old Déjà Vu building.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Tammy Taylor reported that the Kalamazoo Creamery Design Charrette had approximately one hundred people in attendance, many of whom were young. Ms. Taylor reported they created an incredible drawing.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, Tammy Taylor stated that they had not had complaints or reports of X-lines.

The Fairmont Neighborhood Association representatives:

- reported a smooth transition with their new neighborhood liaison Public Safety Officer Schemenauer, crime statistics are very low, Housing Inspector, Nancy Hess, continues to attend their meetings and assist with blight concerns, a disc golf group has begun using the Fairmont Center and has offered to provide lessons, and that the Building Blocks winterization program went very well and will continue on Blakeslee Street.
- further reported their pleasure in seeing the Blakeslee property demolition moving forward, the Fairmont Dog Park is open and residents are providing positive feedback, expressed appreciation for Community Planning & Development Director, Jeff Chamberlain and his staff for streamlining neighborhood reports and providing an electronic format, and that the neighborhood board participated in board training at their last meeting.

Fairmont
Neighborhood
Association

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Kelly Clarke, Executive Director for the Kalamazoo County Land Bank explained the proposed development slated for the Blakeslee property.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Frances Jewell, Parks and Recreation Director, explained the main gates of the Fairmont Dog Park were opened by Parks staff but residents have to obtain an electronic fob at the Parks Department for full access to the park.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, the Neighborhood representatives stated Fox Ridge apartments were still the largest source of criminal complaints.

The Stuart Area Restoration Association representatives:

- reported a new strategic plan had been developed that included goals to obtain independent financial sustainability and developing connections between neighbors to create a sense of community.
- further reported a community garden was being planted on Willard Street, Douglass would be the target of the Building Blocks program this summer, beautification projects continued on the street corners, representatives were contributing to the Kalamazoo College master plan and the Arcadia Commons West meetings.
- reported problems of loud parties at the property on the corner of Douglass and North streets purchased by Life Ministries and requested cooperation from the Buildings Department, Fire Marshall and Public Safety to deter this activity in the future.

Stuart Area
Restoration
Association

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, representatives stated that three properties on Willard Street were slated for destruction through the Neighborhood Stabilization Project.

Citizen Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 20, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 20, 2011

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	<p>A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.</p>
<p>Roll Call</p>	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Virginia Vander Roest.</p>
<p>Invocation/Pledge</p>	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Dr. Douglas Vernon, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
<p>Proclamations 79115</p>	<p>Commissioner Anderson proclaimed May 16-20, 2011 "National Bike to Work week."</p>
<p>79116</p>	<p>Commissioner Cinabro proclaimed May 2011 "National Preservation Month." Chris Wright, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, accepted the proclamation.</p>
<p>Adoption of the Agenda</p>	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
<p>Communications</p>	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
<p>Public Hearing re: Landscaping Ordinance 79117</p>	<p>At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on a recommendation to adopt an ORDINANCE that amends Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Landscaping and Open Spaces regulations for site plan projects.</p> <p>Rick Shell and Richard Shell, city residents, requested changes to the buffer requirements of the proposed ordinance.</p> <p>At 7:18 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
<p>Ordinance 1882 re: Landscaping and Open Spaces 79117</p>	<p>Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Cooney, and Mayor Hopewell all expressed appreciation for the diligence and hard work of the Planning Commission in preparing the ordinance.</p> <p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an ORDINANCE that amends Section 6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Landscaping and Open Spaces regulations for site plan projects.</p>

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Bell

Commissioner Anderson requested an opinion from City Attorney Robinson regarding the need for a Commissioner to state a reason when abstaining from a vote.

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:

- approval of a contract with BlackBerry Systems Inc., of Kalamazoo, to replace the interior storm windows and renovate the exterior aluminum windows at City Hall in the amount of \$360,293.75.
- approval of a three-year contract with Time Emergency Equipment Incorporated for the purchase of fire turnout gear for Public Safety Officers in the amount of \$139,052.70.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving an amendment to the City of Kalamazoo's Brownfield Plan [Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 17)] implemented and recommended for approval by the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority following a public hearing before the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recognizing Fontana Chamber Arts as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
- approval of an "Annual Delegation of School Inspection Authority to a Local Unit of Government" for Lakeside Academy, and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.
- acceptance of a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation/Dr. and Mrs. Harley Sears Memorial Fund for \$1,000 to fund an overnight camping experience for youth and authorization is also requested for the City Manager to sign all appropriate documents.

Vice Mayor McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

Ordinance 1882
re: Landscaping
and Open Spaces

79117

Opinion
Requested

Consent Agenda

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Resolution 11-30

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Resolution 11-31

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Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Bell

Regular Agenda

Regular agenda items were considered next.

NSP 2 Contract for
Demolition of the
Blakeslee State
Hospital

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlin, Western Michigan University (WMU) Vice President of Community Outreach Bob Miller, and Community Development Manager Laura Lam spoke regarding the demolition and environmental remediation of the former Blakeslee State Hospital.

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Commissioner Anderson commended the Community Planning and Development Department and Western Michigan University for their creative thinking and dedication to this project.

Commissioner Cooney expressed appreciation for the group's willingness to work with the Fairmont neighborhood.

Vice Mayor McKinney commented on the danger of the property.

Commissioner Miller pointed out Pastor J. Louis Felton had proposed senior housing as a possibility for the site as well.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked the group for a job well done.

When given an opportunity to comment on a Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Agreement with WMU for the demolition and environmental remediation of the former Blakeslee State Hospital, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Ms. Beth Lewis, resident, requested concern and care for the wildlife on the site and to consider their habitat.

Ms. Norine Waffard, resident, suggested the property would be a good location for a haunted house if it was not torn down.

Mr. Malcolm Earhart, resident, expressed concerns that City property was being given to the County to manage and the density of the proposed development.

Opinion on
Abstentions

Attorney Robinson reported back to the Commission that an abstention by a City Commissioner without providing a reason is a gray area of the law and that the City Charter, Commission Rules, and Robert's Rules did not specifically require disclosure of a reason when abstaining.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Agreement with the Board of Trustees of Western Michigan University for up to \$2,000,000 for the demolition and environmental remediation of the former Blakeslee State Hospital.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- Employment Activity – First Quarter 2011
- April 2011 Purchases

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

Mr. Frank Warner, City resident, lodged a complaint regarding a property at the corner of Mills Street and Michigan Avenue that appeared to be a junk yard with disassembled trucks on the property.

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

Commissioner Cinabro praised Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley's Letter to the Editor in the Kalamazoo Gazette.

Commissioner Bell explained her reason for abstention was due to an inability to access information to make an informed vote. Commissioner Bell congratulated Mayor Hopewell for receiving the Tony Griffin Golden Word Award. Commissioner Bell invited citizens to attend the fundraiser at the Ecumenical Center on May 20 & 21 and the Stop the Violence event at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on May 26 at 7 p.m. Commissioner Bell reminded citizens that the Douglas Community Center has a farmers market on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Commissioner Miller congratulated Historic Preservation Coordinator, Sharon Ferraro for being awarded the Citizens Award from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network award and Mayor Hopewell for receiving the Common Good Award from Open Door/Next Door Shelter. Commissioner Miller also expressed appreciation for the steps being taken in the Winchell neighborhood to slow traffic. Commissioner Miller also praised the Kalamazoo Marathon.

Commissioner Anderson apologized to Commissioner Bell and explained that his request of Attorney Robinson to clarify if giving a reason for abstention was required was not personal but rather what he thought was required of Commissioners.

Commissioner Cooney reminded citizens of the Freedom Rides that took place 50 years to date and how the struggle for justice continues. Commissioner Cooney invited members of the public to view the documentary "Inside Job" at the Kalamazoo Public Library's Van Dusen Room on May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

NSP 2 Contract for Demolition of the Blakeslee State Hospital (cont'd)

City Manager's Report

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Citizen Comments

City Commissioner Comments

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Mayor Hopewell remarked that the Kalamazoo Marathon was a great event for the community. Mayor Hopewell also congratulated Human Resources/Labor Relations Director, Jerome Post for receiving the YWCA Genevieve U. Gilmore Volunteer Leadership award, Senior Buyer, Sylvia Pahl for receiving the YWCA Women of Achievement award, and Historic Preservation Coordinator, Sharon Ferraro for receiving the Citizens Award from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Mayor Hopewell also encouraged citizens to speak to their State Senators regarding school funding and mentioned that it was Emergency Medical Services Week.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 20, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 20, 2011

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Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Robert Cinabro Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell* Don Cooney**</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Bell and Cooney. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Proclamations 79126	<p>Commissioner Miller read a proclamation celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts (KIA) Art Fair. Joe Bower, Director of Development for the KIA, accepted the proclamation.</p>
	<p>*Commissioner Bell arrived at 8:03 a.m. **Commissioner Cooney arrived at 8:05 a.m.</p>
	<p>79127 Commissioner Anderson read a proclamation <i>Honoring Judy Markee's 22 Years of Service to the Community.</i></p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p>
	<p>Mayor Hopewell added to the Consent Agenda a recommendation to cancel the City Commission meetings on May 27 and May 31, 2011.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p>
	<p>79128</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of: 1) an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation in which the City receives \$459,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Funds for the resurfacing of Douglas Avenue from Kalamazoo Avenue to the north City Limit; and, b) approve a purchase order with MDOT in the amount of \$144,600 to cover the City's share of the projects' construction costs.
Resolution 11-32 79129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission RESOLUTION to allow for the New Micro Brewer License and New Small Wine Maker

License to Kraftbau Brewing, LLC to be located at 2712 Portage Road.	Consent Agenda (cont'd)
- acceptance of a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation in the amount of \$50,000 for the support of the 2011 Summer Youth Employment Program, and entrance into a contract with Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency to operate the Summer Youth Employment Program.	79130
- acceptance of a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation / Youth United Way for \$927 to assist in funding the Summer Plays in the Park Theatre program.	79131
- approval of the appointment of Jason Novotny to the Historic District Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2014.	79132
- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions:	79133
- the appointment of Mishelle Young to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as the Northside neighborhood representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.	
- the appointment of Michael Markel, Jr. to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2013.	
- cancellation of the regularly scheduled City Commission meetings on Friday, May 27 and Tuesday, May 31, 2011.	79134
Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.	
With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.	
AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell	
NAYS: None	
Regular Agenda items were considered next.	Regular Agenda
Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley presented highlights of a proposed racial profiling study for the Public Safety Department.	Contract for Racial Profiling Study
In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Chief Hadley stated the study would focus on traffic stops and post-traffic stop activity. Chief Hadley explained other Public Safety activities were considered, but traffic stops were chosen because of the availability of data for analysis.	79135
In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Chief Hadley stated officers would be required to collect data on race when making traffic stops, and they would collect this data through a visual assessment.	

Contract for Racial Profiling Study (cont'd)

79135

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Chief Hadley stated the Citizens Public Safety Review and Appeal Board (CPSRAB) met on a quarterly basis, but they would meet more frequently, if needed, during the term of the study.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, Chief Hadley stated \$88,000 of the \$112,990 contract price would come from a JAG grant, with the remainder coming from the Public Safety Budget.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Chief Hadley stated the study would use data for the upcoming year because Public Safety Officers did not currently collect data on race during traffic stops.

In response to questions from Commissioner Bell, Chief Hadley stated the study would analyze post-traffic stop activity, and the collection of data would continue to allow for on-going analysis. Chief Hadley explained the CPSRAB would be the interface with the community during the study and would seek public input on the issue of racial profiling even prior to the results being released.

Commissioner Collard noted the CPSRAB was an advisory board to the City Manager, and he stated it was his intent to have the Board, not the City Administration, take ownership of the study and drive it so that the Board would be able to advise him on the findings and recommendations.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an agreement with Lamberth Consulting LLC to complete a racial profiling study for the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, but no comments were offered.

Vice Mayor McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to approve an agreement with Lamberth Consulting LLC to complete a racial profiling study for the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$112,990.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

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.

Commissioner Miller recommended the City Commission change its regular meeting schedule to eliminate meetings immediately before and after the Independence Day and Labor Day holidays. Commissioner Miller expressed a desire to help with plans to honor Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata.

Commissioner Bell noted it was the first day for the Farmers Market at the Douglas Community Center and reported there would be a meeting of the Poverty Reduction Initiative that evening. Commissioner Bell enquired about the status of a request to hold a gun buy-back program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 6, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 6, 2011

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Adjournment

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell* Robert Cinabro</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau, and Deputy City Clerk Virginia Vander Roest.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bell moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Cinabro.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Minister R. S. Coleman from Galilee Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations 79136	<p>Commissioner Miller proclaimed "Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan 30th Anniversary." Laura Latiolais, Director of Community Relations and Redevelopment at Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, accepted the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission moved items F4, F5, F9, and F10 to the Regular agenda, removed item F8 and adopted the remainder of the meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda 79137	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a contract with Globe Construction Company for the 2011 Major Streets Paving Program in the amount of \$823,055.55
79138	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval a contract extension with Maxwell & Associates for the Cemetery Wall Replacement Project in the amount of \$140,000.
Resolution 11-33 79139	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption a RESOLUTION approving the request of the Downtown Development Authority to levy a tax rate of 1.9638 mills.
79140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - first reading of the following ordinances and scheduling of separate public hearings for both ordinances on June 20, 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an ORDINANCE to repeal Article IV, Planning Commission (Sections 2-58 through 2-67), in Chapter Two, Administration, of the Code of the City of Kalamazoo, and to replace Section 11.2, Planning Commission, Chapter 11 of Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance; and

- an ORDINANCE to amend provisions of Chapter 8, Review and Approval Procedures, and Chapter 11, Review and Decision Making Bodies, of Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance.
- acceptance of funding from Milwood Elementary School for \$605.00 to fund a BUG Reward program four days per week from June 6 – 9, 2011, at Milwood Elementary School and ask that City Manager sign all contracts and related documents.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

79141

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Commissioner Anderson explained the importance of the assessment roll and the need to pay attention to it.

Resolution 11-34
Confirming the 2011
Assessment Roll

79142

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** confirming the 2011 Assessment Roll.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Commissioner Anderson recognized the Family Health Center as the only federally funded health organization in the City but noted the City's vacation of streets and donation of properties to non-profit organizations also meant giving up State Equalized Value (SEV).

First Reading of an
Ordinance to Rezone
Six Parcels for the
Family Health Center

79143

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, offered for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone six parcels from Zone RM-36 (Residential, Multi-Dwelling District) to Zone CO (Commercial, Office District), and to schedule a public hearing for June 20, 2011.

Denise Crawford, President and CEO of Family Health Center, remarked that the donation of the former Public Safety station on Rose Street to the Family Health Center was a very supportive and helpful gesture by the City to aid in their efforts to expand.

First Reading of an Ordinance to Rezone Six Parcels for the Family Health Center (cont'd)

79143

Commissioner Cooney congratulated Ms. Crawford on her efforts and stated the Family Health Center not only provided a valuable service but they did it in a kind manner.

Commissioner Bell stated she always heard positive feedback regarding the work done at the Family Health Center.

Vice Mayor McKinney explained that many communities larger than Kalamazoo did not have a facility like the Family Health Center and that it was an example of great entrepreneurship.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Donation of Five Properties to Kalamazoo County Housing Choices

79144

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to hold until June 20, 2011 consideration of recommendation to donate 624 Ada Street, 219 West Frank Street, 1220 Hays Park Avenue, 1318 Hays Park Avenue, and 724 Hibbard Avenue to Kalamazoo County Housing Choices (sponsored by Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission) and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to the donation.

David Artley of Kalamazoo County Housing Choices stated these properties were good houses and the organization's intent was to assist families with lower incomes to move into the houses. Mr. Artley also stated that neighbors were excited to see the homes occupied and that next year these properties would be on the City's tax rolls.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director of the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD), requested the homes be designated as single family homes.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he would abstain from voting on this item.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Anderson

Vacation of West Bush Street between North Rose and North Burdick Streets

79145

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to hold until June 20, 2011 consideration of a RESOLUTION to vacate West Bush Street between North Rose and North Burdick Street.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds in the amount of \$4,685,000.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Manager Collard stated the term of the bond was 15 years and the life of the resurfacing project would outlast the terms of the debt.

Commission Cooney stated the streets needed to be fixed.

Vice Mayor McKinney explained the thought process on borrowing for capital improvements is that future residents will aid in paying for those improvements as well. Vice Mayor McKinney also stated that the streets needed to be fixed but warned that the City would need to find ways to sustain fixed assets in the future without borrowing.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

*Mayor Hopewell arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Mayor Hopewell, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to provide for the issuance and sale of Michigan Transportation Fund Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.

Commissioner Anderson explained that the bond was a refinancing of current bonds.

Commissioner Miller gave kudos to City staff for being proactive in this process.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Vacation of West Bush Street between North Rose and North Burdick Streets (cont'd)

Resolution 11-35
Authorizing the Issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds

79146

Resolution 11-36
Authorizing the Issuance of Michigan Transportation Fund Refunding Bonds

79147

City Clerk's Report
79148

Deputy City Clerk Vander Roest informed the Commission that Initiatory petitions to make marijuana the lowest enforcement priority of Public Safety have been certified and with the aid of City Attorney Robinson will be submitted to the Attorney General and Governor's office as required.

Citizen Comments

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

Mr. Dennis Anderson, City resident, recommended renaming the Justice Center on Crosstown Parkway to honor fallen Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata.

Ms. Gwen Lanier, City resident, thanked the City for its support of the Mother's of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion.

Mr. Frank Warner, City resident, lodged a complaint regarding the misuse of monuments in Bronson Park.

Ms. Norine Wafford, City resident, stated Mr. Blackmore was alive and well at The Laurels of Galesburg.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Bell encouraged organizations to become a part of the VIP Mentoring program, congratulated 2011 graduates, stated the Douglass Community Association would have free food on June 15 from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m., congratulated Anthony Poplar for opening the Boys to Men Group Home, invited residents to attend the Kalamazoo's Finest Softball Game on June 17th at Mayor's Riverfront Park, reminded citizens that the Douglass Community Association would have a farmers market on the fourth Tuesday of each month, invited citizens to attend the Kalamazoo Pride Festival on June 11 at the Arcadia Festival site, mentioned the many free programs offered by Healthy Babies/Healthy Starts, stated the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion would be August 6 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Spring Valley Park, and sent condolences to Lloyd Johnson's family.

Commissioner Cooney commended the Family Health Center for the great work that they do and services that they provide and Ministry in Community for their efforts in feeding those in need.

Mayor Hopewell expressed satisfaction with the great things happening in the community and the success of Super Saturday. Mayor Hopewell also explained that many recommendations have been made to honor Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata and that all are being carefully considered. Mayor Hopewell also announced the City was listed in the "Top 25 Cities for Recent Grads" by the Daily Beast.

Commissioner Anderson announced the passing of Dorothy Markusse, founder of Ministry with Community and expressed his condolences and appreciation for her contribution to the community.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia M. Vander Roest
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 20, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 20, 2011

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bell moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.</p>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:</p>
	<p><u>Arcadia Neighborhood Association</u> Hans Engelke, Treasurer Doug Williams, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator</p>
	<p><u>Westmain Hill Neighborhood Association</u> Bob Stauffer, President</p>
Arcadia Neighborhood Association	<p>The Arcadia Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expressed opposition to the proposed elimination of rental registration requirements for owner-occupied homes and noted the Westside Plan supported rigorous code enforcement in Arcadia. - commended Housing Inspector Nancy Hess and Community Police Officer (CPO) Jeremy Schaffer for their work in the Neighborhood. - stated the Association appreciated the need for the City to make budget reductions and indicated the Board of Directors would be closely following the development of the FY2012 Budget and the effect of staffing reductions in the CPO unit. - expressed concern that the developer of the Arboretum property would not keep open space accessible to the public and commented on the developer's participation in the creation of the West Side Plan as a member of the Western Michigan University Foundation board.

In response to questions from Commissioners, Director Jeff Chamberlain stated his staff was researching the issue of rental inspections for owner-occupied homes, but no policy decisions had been made. In addition, Director Chamberlain stated there was no plan to change the definition of "family" as it related to the rental registration process.

The Westmain Hill Neighborhood Association representative:

- described recent and upcoming Neighborhood events.
- reported K-College had included representatives from the Neighborhood on its Angel Field renovation and campus master plan committees.
- discussed the proposed design of the new Arcus Foundation building and how that design would impact the Neighborhood.
- expressed concern about the elimination of the CPO unit but stated the Association board was going to take a "wait-and-see" approach and reserve its comments.
- reported the Neighborhood had experienced a recent wave of breaking-and-entering crimes.

Westmain Hill
Neighborhood
Association

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

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 5, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: July 5, 2011

Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend John McNaughton, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>Commissioner Miller requested that Item F-4, grants for improvements to Woods Lake Beach and LaCrone Park, be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Public Hearing re: 79149	<p>At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding the following ordinances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an ORDINANCE to repeal Article IV, Planning Commission (Sections 2-58 through 2-67), in Chapter Two, Administration, of the Code of the City of Kalamazoo, and to replace Section 11.2, Planning Commission, Chapter 11 of Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance. - an ORDINANCE to amend provisions of Chapter 8, Review and Approval Procedures, and Chapter 11, Review and Decision Making Bodies, of Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance.
	<p>At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Ordinance 1883 re: the Planning Commission 79149	<p>Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to adopt the following ordinances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an ORDINANCE to repeal Article IV, Planning Commission (Sections 2-58 through 2-67), in Chapter Two, Administration, of the Code of the City of Kalamazoo, and to replace Section 11.2,

Planning Commission, Chapter 11 of Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance; and

- an **ORDINANCE** to amend provisions of Chapter 8, Review and Approval Procedures, and Chapter 11, Review and Decision Making Bodies, of Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to received comments regarding an ORDINANCE to rezone six parcels from Zone RM-36 (Residential, Multi-Dwelling District) to Zone CO (Commercial, Office District).

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone six parcels from Zone RM-36 (Residential, Multi-Dwelling District) to Zone CO (Commercial, Office District).

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

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:

- approval of a purchase order with Peters Construction Company of Kalamazoo for the construction of a new access road and water main to F.M. Envelope from Alcott Street to facility for the relocation of Portage Creek into a newly established floodplain and assist in the long-term development of the former Performance Paper site owned by the BRA in the amount of in the amount of \$174,982.98; and approval of increasing the Local Streets and Water capital budgets by \$145,380.47 and \$44,602.51 respectively to reflect the transfer of BRA funding to pay for construction.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to vacate W. Bush Street between N. Rose and N. Burdick Street.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing on July 5, 2011 to consider the application from Fabri-Kal Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for four years (with a four-year extension) for personal property valued at

Ordinance 1884 re: Planning and Zoning Review and Approval Procedures

79149

Public Hearing re: an Ordinance to Rezone Six Parcels for the Family Health Center

79150

Ordinance 1885 Rezoning Six Parcels for the Family Health Center

79150

Consent Agenda

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Resolution 11-37

79152

Resolution 11-38

79153

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

\$17,112,700 and for six years (with a six-year extension) for real property valued at \$187,300 in existing Industrial Development District No. 57 located at 4141 Manchester Road.

Resolution 11-39
79154

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to amend Resolution 08-46, which granted a Payment in Lieu of Taxes in 2008 to Kalamazoo Crosstown Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership to amend the legal description.

Resolution 11-40
79155

- adoption of a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to approve a new outdoor service to be held in conjunction with the existing 2010 Class C & SDM Licensed business with dance-entertainment permit for Epic Bistro located at 359 South Burdick Street.

79156

- approval of and authorize the City Manager to sign the First Amendment to Escrow Agreement extending the Escrow Agreement until September 30, 2011.

79157

- approval of a one-year agreement with EDR Western Michigan, LP, d/b/a The Pointe at Western, to provide bus service to The Pointe at Western apartment complex for the 2011-2012 school year for the contracted annual amount of \$94,608.

79158

- approval of the donation of 624 Ada Street, 219 West Frank Street, 1220 Hays Park Avenue, 1318 Hays Park Avenue, and 724 Hibbard Avenue to Kalamazoo County Housing Choices (sponsored by Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission) and authorization for the City Manager to sign all documents related to the donation.

79159

- approval of a request from the Kalamazoo Country Club for a permit to publicly display fireworks at 1609 Whites Road on Monday, July 4, 2011 with a rain date of Saturday, July 16, 2011.

79160

- acceptance of a grant from Kalamazoo Community Mental Health Services for \$88,000 to fund a Summer Youth Adventure Program and authorization for the City Manager to sign all documents related to the grant.

79161

- approval of the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the neighborhood meetings on April 18 and May 16, 2011; the business meetings on April 18, May 2, May 16, and June 6, 2011; and the special meeting on May 24, 2011.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson*, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

*At the time of the roll call Commissioner Anderson indicated he was abstaining from voting on items F-9 (donation of properties to Kalamazoo County Housing Choices) and F-11 (acceptance of a grant from Kalamazoo Community Mental Health Services) due to conflicts of interest.

Regular agenda items were considered next.

Commissioner Miller highlighted the City's success in obtaining grants to improve Woods Lake Beach Park and LaCrone Park.

Parks Manager Mark Polega described the planned improvements to Woods Lake Beach Park and noted the City of Kalamazoo's grant application received the highest score in the state.

Commissioner Bell expressed pride at the City receiving this grant and stated LaCrone Park looked beautiful.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a RESOLUTION accepting two matching grants for the redevelopment of Woods Lake Beach Park and for improvements to LaCrone Park, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** accepting two matching grants: 1) for the redevelopment of Woods Lake Beach Park through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of \$363,200 and 2) for improvements to LaCrone Park through the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$100,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents on behalf of the City of Kalamazoo.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- Inside the City newsletter, June/July Edition
- May, 2011 Purchasing Report

Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley described his proposal to move four Community Police Officers (CPO's) and two sergeants from the CPO unit to the operations division to help meet minimum staffing requirements. Chief Hadley reported the new CPO unit would be comprised of four core officers, who would be assigned to the Edison, Northside, Eastside, and Vine Neighborhoods, as well as the two officers assigned to the Kalamazoo Transportation Center and the officer assigned to the downtown area. Chief Hadley stated had had been tasked with reducing the Public Safety Department budget by \$4 million for the 2012 and 2013 budget years, and the CPO proposal was the first of several proposals that would be rolled out over the next 24 months. Chief Hadley explained

Regular Agenda

Resolution 11-41
Accepting Grants
to Improve Woods
Lake Beach and
LaCrone Parks

79162

City Manager's
Report

79163

City Manager's
Report (cont'd)

the shifting of officers to the operations division would ensure adequate staffing for patrols while reducing expenditures for overtime. Chief Hadley noted community policing was a philosophy, not a specific unit, and he reaffirmed his commitment to advance community policing as the primary mode of law enforcement for Kalamazoo's officers and citizens.

Commissioner Anderson noted the proposed reduction of CPO's had created a great deal of concern in the community, and he commended Chief Hadley for addressing it head-on and in a smart way.

Commissioner Cooney stated the community was concerned about reductions to the CPO unit because it had been very successful. Commissioner Cooney expressed confidence in Chief Hadley and stated people needed to understand the difficult fiscal situation for cities.

Commissioner Cinabro stated he liked the emphasis on Public Safety as the number one priority in the community, and he agreed it was better to address this issue now rather than later in the year. Commissioner Cinabro expressed confidence in Chief Hadley.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Chief Hadley stated he would bring forward multiple budget reduction proposals for Public Safety for the 2012 and 2013 budget years.

Mayor Hopewell noted the City would need to cut \$6 million from its \$50 million General Fund budget over the next two years, and he urged people to think about changes they made as their own budgets were reduced over the past few years. Mayor Hopewell noted the Public Safety Department budget was 60% of the General Fund budget, so it was unrealistic to think this department would be unaffected by budget reductions. Mayor Hopewell indicated the City would continue to provide excellent services, but the way those services were provided would look different.

Citizen Comments

Next, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Jim Tinsley, City resident, invited people to attend the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion at Spring Valley Park on August 6th.

79164

Clarence Atkins, City resident, submitted a petition from property owners on Cobb Avenue asking the City to help resolve drainage problems that resulted in the annual flooding of their properties.

Orlando Little, City resident, announced the Community United Against Violence gun buy-back program would take place from July 9th – 16th with a celebration event in Bronson Park on July 16th from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Leon Jones, City resident, asked the City Commission to abolish the junk auto ordinance.

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

City Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cinabro noted he had toured the United Kennel Club facility at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bell remarked on recent and upcoming events: the Junior Girls graduation ceremony; MAPS celebration; the American Cancer Society Relay for Life; the Michigan Organizing Project's Nehemiah Assembly; the Swish 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament; a Memorial Tribute to Dr. Matthew Wright at Second Baptist Church; the Farmers Market at the Douglas Community Center; the Community United Against Violence gun buy-back program; and the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion.

Commissioner Miller invited people to participate in the Friends of Recreation Golf Classic and online auction on July 15th.

Commissioner Cooney commended Commissioner Anderson for his work with the Public Housing Commission and Mayor Hopewell for his work with the Kalamazoo Learning Network. Commissioner Cooney commented on a resolution by the National Conference of Mayors calling on the federal government to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and to redirect these funds for domestic priorities.

Mayor Hopewell commented on the good news and events happening in Kalamazoo despite difficult economic times.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 5, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: July 5, 2011

Roll Call	<p>The City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, July 1, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Bob Cinabro Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell Don Cooney</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Review of the City Commission Agenda	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Bell and Cooney. With a voice vote, the motion passed.</p>
	<p>The Committee of the Whole reviewed the draft agenda for the Regular City Commission Business Meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2011.</p>
	<p>Mayor Hopewell reported the following item would be added to the Consent Agenda:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed in favor of Clarence Gates, Jr. regarding property located at 1908 N. Edwards Street.
	<p>Commissioner Miller requested Item F-8, a resolution supporting the cleanup of the former Allied Paper Site, be moved to the Regular Agenda and that staff give a brief presentation on this item. There were no objections</p>
	<p>Commissioner Anderson noted he would be absent from the July 5th meeting and offered remarks on Item F-9, in-kind contributions to the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS).</p>
Community Issues	<p>Next, an opportunity was given for Commissioners to discuss community issues.</p>
	<p>Discussion took place about the July 5th meeting and whether there would be a quorum of Commissioners present. Mayor Hopewell was able to confirm that he and Commissioners Bell, Cinabro, and Miller would be present.</p>
Citizen Comments	<p>Finally, an opportunity was given for citizen comments, but no comments were offered.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:35 a.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 5, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: July 5, 2011

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
<p>Roll Call</p>	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
<p>Commissioners Excused</p>	<p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Anderson. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
<p>Invocation</p>	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Dan Sarkipato, Southern Heights Christian Reformed Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
<p>Introduction of Guests 79165</p>	<p>Dr. Janice Brown, Executive Director of The Kalamazoo Promise, announced the Kalamazoo community had received the Michigan Association of School Administrators' "Champion for Children" award and presented the City with a crystal vase to display for two months.</p>
<p>Adoption of the Agenda</p>	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
<p>Communications</p>	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
<p>Public Hearing re: a Tax Abatement for Fabri-Kal, Corp. 79166</p>	<p>At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION to approve an application from Fabri-Kal Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for four years (with a four-year extension) for personal property valued at \$17,112,700 and for six years (with a six-year extension) for real property valued at \$187,300 in existing Industrial Development District (IDD) No. 57 located at 4141 Manchester Road.</p> <p>Gary Galia, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Fabri-Kal, spoke in favor of the proposed resolution and described the development project.</p>
	<p>At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
<p>Resolution 11-42 Approving a Tax Abatement for Fabri-Kal, Corp. 79166</p>	<p>Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to adopt a RESOLUTION to approve an application from Fabri-Kal Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for four years (with a four-year extension) for personal property valued at \$17,112,700 and for six years (with a six-year extension) for real property valued at \$187,300 in existing Industrial Development District (IDD) No. 57 located at 4141 Manchester Road.</p>

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney thanked Mr. Galia and Fabri-Kal for creating jobs that paid living wages and provided healthcare benefits.

Mayor Hopewell thanked Fabri-Kal for investing in the community.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

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:

- approval of a one-year extension term contract agreement with AMPCO System Parking, locally known as Central City Parking, for parking enforcement services outside the central business district in an amount of \$316,800.
- approval of one year contracts for the purchase of water maintenance and construction materials with: a) Etna Supply Company in the amount of \$251,030; and b) Underground Pipe and Valve in the amount of \$74,835.
- approval of a contract with E.T. MacKenzie Company for the construction of sanitary sewer and water main of the Belford Street Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of \$197,897.80; and, approve increasing the Wastewater and Water capital budgets by \$165,254.70 and \$32,643.10 respectively to reflect the transfer of BRA funding to pay for construction.
- Consideration of a recommendation to: 1) approve a change order in the amount of \$145,000.00 to the 2011 Major Streets paving contract with Globe Construction Company for the addition of the resurfacing of Campus Drive in the WMU BTR Park and, 2) approve an increase in the 2011 Major Streets Capital budget of \$150,000 to reflect the transfer of funds from the BTR Local District Finance Authority to pay for the work.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving an amendment to the City of Kalamazoo's Brownfield Plan [Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 18)] implemented and recommended for approval by the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority following a public hearing before the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
- adoption of a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** to transfer ownership of a Class C & SDM license, along with entertainment permit from Contineza, Inc. to Nun's On Trampolines, Inc. for businesses located at 411 and 459 North Westnedge.

Resolution 11-42
Approving a Tax
Abatement for
Fabri-Kal, Corp.
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Resolution 11-43

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- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** of support for the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy activities to enhance the natural qualities of the Bow-in-the-Clouds preserve.

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- approval of a Third-Party In-Kind Contribution Notification and Assurances with the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study.

79175

- authorization for the City Manager to sign an "Easement for Underground Electric Lines and Gas Pipelines" and an "Agreement Concerning Installation of Utilities in Alley."

79176

- authorization for the City Manager to sign a Metro Act Right-of-Way Permit Extension with Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

79177

- approval of the minutes from the regular City Commission meetings on Monday, June 20, 2011 and the Committee of the Whole meeting on Friday, July 1, 2011.

79178

- hold until July 18, 2011 consideration of a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed in favor of Clarence Gates, Jr. regarding property located at 1908 N. Edwards Street.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular agenda items were considered next.

Resolution 11-46
Supporting the
Cleanup of the Former
Allied Paper Site
79179

Public Services Director Bruce Merchant delivered a presentation on the status of the Former Allied Paper Site and reported staff was recommending the total waste removal option at a lower cost than what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had projected for this type of removal.

Commissioner Cinabro asked if this was a separate Superfund Site? Does the resolution just deal with this site?

In response to questions from Commissioner Cinabro, Director Merchant stated the resolution dealt with the Allied Paper Site only, which was a separate Superfund Site.

Commissioner Cooney remarked on the close proximity the PCB contaminated soil to a residential neighborhood.

Commissioner Miller expressed support for the resolution and commended Director Merchant for finding a lower cost removal option.

City Manager Collard remarked on the engagement of the City Commission and the community when the EPA wanted to deposit additional PCB contaminated soil at the Former Allied Paper Site in 2007.

Mayor Hopewell stated the complete removal of contaminated soil was the only acceptable option for the Former Allied Paper Site. Mayor Hopewell expressed appreciation for City employees who had worked behind the scenes on this issue to make life better for City residents.

An opportunity was given for public comments on a RESOLUTION supporting the cleanup of the Former Allied Paper Site, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** supporting the cleanup of the Former Allied Paper Site by the selection of the total removal of all PCB-contaminated materials, identified in alternative #3 of EPA's array of alternatives.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, and Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

When given an opportunity to make general comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Asha Khazad, City resident, asked why the fountain in Bronson Park was not functioning.

Zadie Jackson, City resident and Chair of the Friends of Recreation Board, invited people to participate in the Friends of Recreation Golf Classic and the online auction.

Linda Teeter, City resident and member of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority, reported the state legislature had passed two bills (HB4366 and HB4367) that would allow for the creation of a new transportation authority. Ms. Teeter stated the bills were waiting for the governor's signature.

Wendy Johnston, City resident, thanked the City for honoring former Kalamazoo firefighter Loy Johnson with a proclamation.

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

Commissioner Cinabro commented on the paper industry in Kalamazoo and thanked Linda Teeter for her work on transportation issues in the community.

Commissioner Bell commented on the ongoing work of former City Commissioners Linda Teeter and Zadie Jackson. Commissioner Bell commented on the following upcoming events: the Black Arts and Cultural Festival on July 28-30; Cash and Gas for Guns, July 9-16th; the

Resolution 11-46
Supporting the
Cleanup of the Former
Allied Paper Site
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Citizen Comments

City Commissioner
Comments

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Block Party on July 9th; Ministry with Community's Annual Kickball Game on July 15th; a listening session about health care for women at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on August 5th; the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion on August 6th; and the Sisters on the Move "Unity Roundup" in the fall.

Commissioner Miller remarked on the Mayor's participation in the Friends of Recreation Golf Classic.

Commissioner Cooney noted a citizens group had been formed to address the issue of PCB's at the Former Allied Paper Site. Commissioner Cooney remarked that Kalamazoo native and Major League Baseball player Derek Jeter was nearing 3000 hits.

Mayor Hopewell invited people to participate in the Friends of Recreation Golf Classic and commented on the Farmers Market, the BTR Park Criterium bike race, and Kik Pook. Mayor Hopewell explained the fountain in Bronson Park was not turned on due to structural and mechanical problems.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 15, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: August, 15, 2011

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Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote, the motion passed.</p>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:</p>
	<p><u>Homecrest Circle Neighborhood Association</u> Larry Delach, Treasurer</p>
	<p><u>Oakwood Neighborhood Association</u> Michael Markel, President</p>
	<p><u>Parker/Duke Neighborhood Association</u> Bill Hughes, President</p>
	<p>*Commissioner Bell arrived at 6:02 p.m.</p>
Homecrest Circle Neighborhood Association	<p>The Homecrest Circle Neighborhood Association representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - thanked the City Commission for its assistance regarding the Former Allied Paper Site. - noted the Association was organized 40 years ago.
Oakwood Neighborhood Association	<p>The Oakwood Neighborhood Association representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stated the Association had been accepted into the Recover Michigan program. - described Neighborhood events that had taken place in the spring and summer. - expressed concern about a sidewalk that had been removed near Public Safety Station 7, leaving a large hole in the ground.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, Mr. Markel stated the Association was not hosting a National Night Out event due to poor turnout in prior years. Mr. Markel stated board members would be attending events at other neighborhoods to get ideas.

Oakwood
Neighborhood
Association
(cont'd)

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Markel stated 12-15 children regularly participated in the summer art program.

The Parker/Duke Neighborhood Association representative:

Parker/Duke
Neighborhood
Association

- stated there was much housing transition in the Neighborhood.
- reported there were two Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 homes in the Neighborhood.
- stated the Neighborhood garage sale would take place at the beginning of August.

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

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 15, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: August 15, 2011

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Matthew Laney, First Congregational United Church of Christ, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p>
79180	<p>City Manager Collard asked that Item F-10, a request to rename Butler Court, be removed from the agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p>
79181	<p>- approval of a three-year contract for the purchase of sodium hexametaphosphate from F2 Industries, LLC in the total amount of \$433,277.</p>
79182	<p>- approval of a one-year contract extension for ready mixed concrete with Consumers Concrete Corporation in the amount of \$148,300.</p>
Resolution 11-47 79183	<p>- adoption of a RESOLUTION concurring with the provisions of a Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Brownfield Plan for the 232, LLC project located at 232 West Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.</p>
Resolution 11-48 79184	<p>- adoption of a RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Clyde J. Robinson and the reappointments of Kenneth P. Collard and Thomas C. Skrobola to the City of Kalamazoo Hospital Finance Authority.</p>
Resolution 11-49 79185	<p>- adoption of a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission RESOLUTION to allow for a new continuing care and retirement center licensed under MCL</p>

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| 436.1545 with official food and facility operation to be located at Friendship Village (Retirement Home) at 1400 North Drake. | Consent Agenda
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| - adoption of a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission RESOLUTION to transfer ownership of 2010 Class C, issued under MCL 436.1521 A (1) B, non-transferable and SDM license business with outdoor service (1 area), entertainment permit and off-premise storage, located at 161 East Michigan, Suite 110 and Suite 115, Kalamazoo from West Michigan Wine Loft, Inc. | Resolution 11-50
79186 |
| - acceptance of an award of \$20,000 from the US Department of Justice to further Public Safety's participation in the Western District of Michigan Project Safe Neighborhoods program FY 2010. | 79187 |
| - authorization for the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed in favor of Clarence Gates, Jr. regarding property located at 1908 N. Edwards Street. | 79188 |
| - authorization for the City Manager to sign an AT&T easement, which relates to the Rickman Housing program. | 79189 |
| - the granting of a special permit for a potbellied pig to be kept at 211 W. Cedar Street, subject to compliance with applicable statutes, ordinances, and health codes. | 79190 |
| - approval of the following appointments by the Mayor to advisory boards and commissions: | 79191 |
| - the appointment of Zachary Thayer to the Friends of Recreation Board for a term expiring on March 1, 2014. | |
| - the appointment of Grant Fletcher to the Historic District Commission (HDC) for a term expiring on January 1, 2014. | |
| - the re-appointment of Joan Dombrowski to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) for a term expiring on March 31, 2015. | |
| - the appointment of Claire Eager to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) for a term expiring on March 31, 2015. | |
| - the appointment of Tom Skrobola to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) for a term expiring on March 31, 2015. | |
| - the appointment of Geoffrey Cripe to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2014. | |
| - approval of a recommendation to hold until August 1, 2011 authorization for the City Manager to sign quit claim deeds and other related sale documents so as to convey to third parties five | 79192 |

Consent Agenda
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City-owned properties as part of the County Treasurer's Public Land Auction to be held on August 3, 2011, provided the minimum bid is met.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Endorsement of
the Consolidation-
Collaboration
Concept and
Action Plan

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the Intergovernmental Consolidation-Collaboration concept and action plan, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to endorse the Intergovernmental Consolidation-Collaboration concept and action plan.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson expressed support for the motion and stated the action plan laid the groundwork for serious discussions about collaboration and consolidation.

Commissioner Cinabro stated he was sensing a new energy at the local level to look at ways local governments could provide services through collaboration and consolidation.

Commissioner Cooney offered the Public Media Network and the Community Action Board as current examples of intergovernmental collaboration. Commissioner Cooney urged the City to be careful with consolidation and collaboration due to the effects on personnel, and he stated there needed to be real savings from these efforts.

Vice Mayor McKinney cautioned against emphasizing cost-savings over effective service delivery, and she stated local governments needed to identify centers of excellence in service provision. Vice Mayor McKinney expressed the belief that much collaboration would take place through new authorities.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

79193

City Clerk Borling reported the City received the proposed Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Region 3A Area Agency on Aging 2012 Annual Implementation Plan. City Clerk Borling noted the Plan had been referred to the City Administration for review and comment.

City Clerk's Report

79194

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- Report on June 2011 Purchases

City Manager's Report

79195

When given an opportunity to make general comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Citizen Comments

Michael Seals, City resident and President of the Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition, thanked the City for urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to completely remove contaminated material from the Former Allied Paper Site.

Frank Warren, City resident, spoke about a veteran who was having problems dealing with the City.

Asha Khazad, City resident, thanked the City Commission for fixing the fountain in Bronson Park.

Zachary Thayer, City resident, suggested the City provide a report on its website that showed the reallocation of savings resulting from collaboration/consolidation with other units of government.

Susan Andrews, City resident thanked the City for taking a strong position with the U.S. EPA regarding the Former Allied Paper Site.

Michael Seals, City resident, invited City Commissioners to attend the National Night Out event in the Eastside Neighborhood.

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

City Commissioner Comments

79196

Commissioner Cinabro thanked Vice Mayor McKinney for writing a Viewpoint article on the City's budget that was published in the Kalamazoo Gazette on July 10, 2011. Commissioner Cinabro expressed excitement about recently passed transportation legislation and reported he had toured Fabri-Kal's production facility that afternoon.

Commissioner Bell urged citizens to read petitions being circulated in the community for a charter amendment, as some circulators were not accurately portraying the content of the proposed amendment. Commissioner Bell commented on these upcoming events: National Night Out; a healthcare roundtable for black women; the Farmer's Market at the Douglas Community Center; the Hispanic American Council's series of luncheons for community leaders; and the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion.

Commissioner Cooney commented on the Edison Hoops program at the Boys and Girls Club.

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Vice Mayor McKinney offered remarks on the City's budget and the anticipated \$6 million shortfall in 2012 and 2013. Vice Mayor McKinney stated nationally known experts on urban issues did not want to address the lack of funding for cities because they did not know what to do about the problem. Vice Mayor McKinney observed the City of Kalamazoo was ahead of many other cities because its leaders had identified the problem and were facing it. Vice Mayor McKinney said the City needed to reinvent itself in the coming years.

Mayor Hopewell reported he and City Manager Collard had attended a meeting with Michigan business leaders in Lansing, and he said the City Commission would need to show leadership and have an excellent communication plan with regard to Kalamazoo's fiscal challenges. Mayor Hopewell urged people to check on their neighbors during times of extreme heat. Mayor Hopewell thanked State Representative Sean McCann for sponsoring recently passed legislation on transportation funding. Mayor Hopewell commented on his upcoming attendance at a Jeter's Leaders conference, the successful gun buy-back program organized by Commissioner Bell, and the 90th birthday of former City Commissioner Lance Ferraro.

Closed Session
79197

Vice Mayor McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Prior to a vote on the motion Mayor Hopewell indicated the City Commission would not return to open session following the closed session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 29, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: August 29, 2011

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Father Evangelos S. Pepps, Orthodox Christian Outreach to Greater Portage, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamation 79198	<p>Mayor Hopewell reported he had issued a proclamation naming August 4-10, 2011 <i>Big League Softball World Series Week</i> in the City of Kalamazoo. The proclamation was not read because a recipient was not present.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda 79199	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>City Manager Collard requested that Item F-2, a contract with Avail Technologies, Inc. for an Intelligent Transportation System, be removed from the agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda 79200	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one-year contract extension with Consumers Energy Company, for the reading of water and sewer meters in the amount of \$134,496.
Resolution 11-51 79201	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION accepting MDOT Grant Contract #2011-0332 in the amount of \$40,600 for the Local Ridesharing Program for FY2011.
79202	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION authorizing the interconnection of Public Media Network's Public, Education and Government cable television access channels to the AT&T U-verse video service.
Resolutions 11-53, 11-54, 11-55 79203	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of RESOLUTIONS 1, 2, and 3 for the purpose of approving the 2010 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$13.022 including the scheduling of a public hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to: 1) accept a Master Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation outlining grant funding terms and conditions for the period of October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2016; and, 2) designate specific City Administrative staff to execute project authorizations during the five-year period, based on project funding levels.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to the LIFT Foundation, doing business as New Horizon Village at 2400 St. Albans Way, pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code. This new resolution replaces Resolution No. 10-83.
- approval of the following items: 1) an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation in which the City receives \$300,300 in Federal Surface Transportation Funds for the reconstruction of Balch Street from Park Street to Burdick Street; and, 2) a purchase order with MDOT in the amount of \$66,600 to cover the City's share of the projects construction costs.
- authorization for the City Manager to sign a "Kalamazoo River/Lake Allegan Watershed Cooperative Agreement for the Reduction of Phosphorus Loading" dated June 1, 2011.
- authorization for the City Manager to sign quit claim deeds and other related sale documents so as to convey to third parties five City-owned properties as part of the County Treasurer's Public Land Auction to be held on August 3, 2011, provided the minimum bid is met.

Resolution 11-56

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Resolution 11-57

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

*At the time of the vote Commissioner Anderson abstained from voting on Item F-7, a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the LIFT Foundation, due to a conflict of interest.

When given an opportunity to make general comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Citizen Comments

Kellice Spencer, City resident, described how she had been attacked by her neighbors after reporting their crimes, how she had lost her housing voucher as a result of these attacks, and how she was homeless and had lost custody of her children.

79209

Gwen Lanier, City resident, invited people to the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion on Saturday, August 6th.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cinabro commented on the death of Kalamazoo College tennis coach George Acker, the opening of the Fairmont Dog Park, and the closing of Henderson Castle.

Commissioner Bell commented on the plight of Ms. Spencer, invited people to attend National Night Out events, and wished Commissioner Anderson "Happy Birthday."

Commissioner Miller invited citizens to attend Ribfest, Arthop, and the Edison Neighborhood garage sales.

Commissioner Cooney congratulated Sid Ellis on a successful Black Arts Fest and invited people to attend the Ultimate Family Reunion.

Mayor Hopewell commented on the Ultimate Family Reunion, the plight of Ms. Spencer, Grant Fletcher and Damon Dickerson's participation in the recent Warrior Dash race in Flint, and the upcoming Pretty Lake Camp alumni event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 15, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: August 15, 2011

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Roll Call

A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Bobby Hopewell
 Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney
 David Anderson
 Stephanie Bell
 Robert Cinabro
 Don Cooney
 Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Neighborhood Communications

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

Northside Neighborhood Association

Anthony Poplar, President

Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director

Parkwyn Village Association

Patricia Williams, Board Member

Northside Neighborhood Association

The Northside Neighborhood Association representatives:

- reported 47 trees were planted as result of an \$11,000 CDBG grant.
- circulated photos taken by 12 young people who participated in a photography class taught by Aaron Cantrell.
- thanked Public Safety for their responsiveness to neighborhood issues despite elimination of Community Police Officers dedicated to the Neighborhood.
- stated the City street cleaners were doing a great job.
- reported the Community Planning and Development Department would be renovating the home at 615 W. North Street.
- provided an update on the senior housing project at the corner of North and Park Streets.
- noted the blighted house next to water playground was slated for demolition.
- announced the NACD 30th anniversary celebration event would take place on October 29th at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, Ms. Jordan-Woods stated eight young people had participated in the summer youth employment program.

Northside
Neighborhood
Association
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In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Ms. Jordan-Woods stated 12 children and 8 adults participated in the healthy cooking class.

The Parkwyn Village Association representative:

Parkwyn Village
Association

- reported the Association had no complaints.
- stated the Parkwyn Village Association was the oldest neighborhood association in the United States.
- stated the Association was self-funded and held regular meetings.
- reported the association had funded the creation and placement of granite signs at the entrances to the Neighborhood.
- expressed concern about the condition of streets in the Neighborhood.

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

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on September 6, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: September 6, 2011

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Nan Anderson, Community of Christ, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p>
79210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one-year fire apparatus maintenance and refurbishment contract with Emergency Vehicle Products in the amount of \$180,000.
Resolution 11-58 79211	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption a RESOLUTION setting the maximum service fees wrecker and towing companies may charge when removing vehicles from private property as governed by City Ordinances Sections 40-11 and 40-12.
Resolution 11-59 79212	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission RESOLUTION to allow for transfer of a new Class C license, with new bar and restaurant, located at 5235 Portage Road, within the Kalamazoo County Airport.
79213	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a request from Western Michigan University to publicly display fireworks at Hyames Field on Saturday, September 10, 2011 during halftime of the CommUniverCity Night football game.
79214	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Regular Neighborhood Meeting on July 18, 2011; and the Regular Business Meetings on July 5 and August 1, 2011.

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

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Transportation Director Bill Schomisch provided an overview of the Intelligent Transportation System project.

Approval of a
Contract for an
Intelligent
Transportation
System

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Schomisch stated the project was being funded by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant.

79215

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, Director Schomisch reported no general fund dollars would be expended on the project, and he said the cities of Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor were already using this technology.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Director Schomisch explained the Intelligent Transportation System would allow paratransit services to transport more than one passenger per trip, making the system more efficient.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Director Schomisch stated the Intelligent Transportation System would be installed in phases and would be completely operational in two years.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a contract with Avail Technologies, Inc., for an Intelligent Transportation System, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve a contract with Avail Technologies, Inc., for an Intelligent Transportation System for the Kalamazoo Transportation Department, including the Metro Transit System and Metro County Connect in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,874,165.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson stated this technology would be a great addition to the Metro Transit System. Commissioner Anderson noted the grants funds being used for this project could be used only for this type of technology upgrade and could not be used to defray the anticipated budget reductions in 2012 and 2013.

Vice Mayor McKinney reported her European students thought Kalamazoo's public transit system was very good for a city of its size, and she said people should not compare the system to an unrealistic standard. Vice Mayor McKinney noted the ARRA money would be spent by someone, and she expressed a desire for it to be spent in Kalamazoo.

Approval of a Contract for an Intelligent Transportation System (cont'd)	Mayor Hopewell thanked the President Obama for the ARRA grant and said this project was part of a continuing process to make Kalamazoo great.
79215	With a roll call vote this motion passed.
	AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell
	NAYS: None
City Clerk's Report	City Clerk Borling reported the following:
79216	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the City Commission had received a response to Resolution 11-27 from State Representative Sean McCann. - the City Clerk had received an "Initiatory Petition to Amend the City Charter by Adding a New Section 199" from Mr. Christopher Chiles. The proposed ballot language would read, "Shall the Kalamazoo City Charter be amended such that three (3) medical cannabis dispensaries are permitted within the city limits?"
City Manager's Report	City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:
79217	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Departmental Reports and Project Updates - Inside the City newsletter, July/August 2011 edition - Retirement Investment Committee Report, June 2011 - Employment Activity Report – Second Quarter 2011 - July 2011 Purchasing Report
Citizen Comments	When given an opportunity to make general comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:
	Asha Khazad, City resident, spoke about people who address the City Commission and then leave the meeting as soon as they are finished with their remarks.
City Commissioner Comments	Next, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners.
	Commissioner Cinabro commended the Retirement System Investment Committee for their talent and excellent work. Commissioner Cinabro congratulated former City Commissioner Lance Ferraro on his 90 th birthday, and he congratulated Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated on their new office space.
	Commissioner Bell commented on various back-to-school events, the recent basketball tournament at LaCrone Park, the Sisters Can We Talk? women's wellness event, the Ultimate Family Reunion, and National Night Out.
	Commissioner Miller remarked on the grand opening of Sage Grove Village and the Farmers' Market survey event on August 13 th . Commissioner Miller presented Mayor Hopewell with a picture of the Sage Grove Village ground breaking ceremony.

Commissioner Anderson thanked the City Administration for proposing an ambitious calendar for approving the 2012 budget. Commissioner Anderson stated the FY2011 Budget Report for the second quarter of the year was available on the City's website, and he noted the report pointed to challenges ahead.

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney congratulated the Mothers of Hope on a successful Ultimate Family Reunion. Commissioner Cooney also offered remarks on the recently concluded USTA tournament.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on the USTA tournament, the Little League Softball World Series and the retirement of Bud VandenBerg as tournament director, the staff/camper reunion at Pretty Lake Camp, and Commissioner Anderson's 60th birthday. Mayor Hopewell thanked Commissioners for attending events on his behalf. Mayor Hopewell stated the City was working on a communication plan for the 2012 budget process, and he highlighted the importance of keeping citizens informed about the good things happening in the community.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on September 6, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: September 6, 2011

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Mary Beth Sarhatt, First Baptist Church of Kalamazoo, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:</p>
Resolution 11-60 79218	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission RESOLUTION to transfer ownership of an escrowed 2010 Class C and SDM licensed business with entertainment permit and outdoor service (1 area) located at 12503 E D Ave., Richland, MI 49083, Ross Township, Kalamazoo County from Continenza Inc. to Nun's On Trampolines, Inc., for a location at 411 and 459 N Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI, cancel existing outdoor service (1 area) and requests new dance permit and new outdoor service (2 areas) and two bars.
Resolution 11-61 79219	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission RESOLUTION to allow for a new Micro Brewer License to Sunset Boulevard Brewing Company to be located at 4213 Portage Street.
79220	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the appointment of John Johnson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2013.
79221	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the minutes from the Regular City Commission Business Meeting on July 18, 2011.
79222	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a recommendation to hold until September 6, 2011 the sale of 1114 Lane Street to NaStashia Green for \$53,000.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

City Manager Collard reviewed the proposed mid-year budget amendments for FY2011.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a recommendation to: a) amend the FY 2011 Adopted budget to increase one-time revenue estimates; and b) amend the FY 2011 full time position allocation. However, no comments were offered.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to approve the following: a) to amend the FY 2011 Adopted budget to increase one-time revenue estimates in the amount of \$1,397,626 affecting the following funds – General Fund \$968,730, Solid Waste Fund \$30,113, Transportation Fund \$11,617, and Brownfield Redevelopment Fund \$387,166; and, b) to amend the FY 2011 full time position allocation of 753 by eliminating seven full time positions for a revised allocation of 746 yielding an annualized savings in the amount of \$439,229.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller noted the positions being eliminated were vacant and stated the difficult decisions were yet to come.

Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for the motion but remarked the position eliminations would have a definite effect on the employees in those departments and offices.

Commissioner Cooney stated the City had been “dealt a bad hand” and that the City Administration had been doing good work to ameliorate the effects of revenue losses on staff and citizens. Commissioner Cooney explained the City had not been irresponsible but had been put in this position as a result of decisions made by state and federal legislators. Commissioner Cooney urged citizens to contact their legislators regarding the decline in funding for cities.

Vice Mayor McKinney stated the City was eliminating positions due to revenue losses, which were the direct result of broken promises by state and federal legislators over several decades. Vice Mayor McKinney highlighted the City’s inability to raise revenue and noted the rules were stacked against cities in this area. Vice Mayor McKinney indicated the additional revenue was welcome, but it was one-time revenue and would not address the structural deficit facing the City. Vice Mayor McKinney remarked that City officials did not create the structural deficit, and City employees worked hard to stretch existing revenue as far as possible.

Consent Agenda
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Regular Agenda

Approval of FY2011
Mid-Year Budget
Amendments

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Approval of FY2011
Mid-Year Budget
Amendments (cont'd)

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Commissioner Bell expressed support for the City Manager and his staff, and offered compassion for citizens and City employees. Commissioner Bell urged citizens to participate in elections for public officials at all levels of government, and she urged people to be involved in the City's budget process.

In response to questions from Mayor Hopewell, City Manager Collard reported the City had over 900 employees in 2001, and he stated the proposed position eliminations would affect service delivery.

Mayor Hopewell described the City's efforts to negotiate the challenges posed by declining revenues. Mayor Hopewell stated the City was developing a communication process to engage citizens in the budget process.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

When given an opportunity to make general comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Christopher Chiles, City resident, reported a charter amendment petition he had submitted was lacking 73 valid signatures to place the question on the November 8th ballot. Mr. Chiles stated he had gathered 150 additional signatures, and he requested the City Commission place on the ballot his proposal for a charter amendment that would allow the establishment of three medical marijuana dispensaries in the City.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cinabro thanked Mayor Hopewell for hosting the "Bobby-Q" fundraiser at Pretty Lake Camp.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the recent shooting death of a young man and expressed hope that the community would pull together like a family.

Commissioner Cooney remarked on the new Martin Luther King memorial in Washington DC and invited people to attend a gathering at Martin Luther King Park on Labor Day.

Closed Session

79224

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Prior to a vote on the motion Mayor Hopewell indicated the City Commission would return to open session following the closed session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

At 7:40 p.m. the City Commission went into closed session.
At 8:07 p.m. the City Commission returned to open session.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo Police Supervisors' Association (KPSA) for the dates of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013.

An opportunity was given for both citizens and Commissioners to comment on the motion, but no comments were offered.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on September 6, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: September 6, 2011

Closed Session
(cont'd)

Approval of a
Contract with the
KPSA for 2010-2013

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Adjournment

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Deacon Pat Hall, Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Remarks on Terrorist Attacks	<p>Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley delivered remarks in remembrance of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.</p>
Proclamation 79226	<p>Vice Mayor McKinney read a resolution recognizing the <i>Kalamazoo Downtown Lions Club 90th Anniversary</i>. Al Walker, President, received the proclamation and distributed commemorative pins to Commissioners.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Public Hearing re: 2010 Mall Maintenance Assessment 79227	<p>At 7:14 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to received comments on the 2010 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment.</p> <p>At 7:15 Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Resolution 11-62 Approving the 2010 Mall Maintenance Assessment 79227	<p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt RESOLUTION #4 for the purpose of approving the 2010 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$13.022.</p> <p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p> <p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>

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:

- approval of a change order with Peters Construction Company for the replacement of water main on Lake Street from Portage Street to Walter Street in the amount of \$253,430.30.
- approval of a one-year term contract with Great Lakes Lubricants, Inc. for the purchase of various types of lubricants at a total cost not to exceed \$166,000.
- approval of a one-year contract extension with KA Steel Chemicals, Inc. for the purchase of 16% sodium hypochlorite, by volume, at a total cost of \$149,637.80.
- authorization for the City Manager to execute an Amendment to the "Urban Cooperation Agreement" to establish a Public Arts Commission of October 20, 1981, as amended on May 6, 1986, to repeal Section 4.(c) of the Agreement pertaining to the appointment of Public Arts Commission member by the Chamber of Commerce, and replace with a new Section 4.(c) that states: "A member of the Board of Discover Kalamazoo who shall be appointed by said Board."
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving an amendment to the City of Kalamazoo's Brownfield Plan [Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 19)] implemented and recommended for approval by the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority following a public hearing before the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
- acceptance of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award from the U.S. Justice Department in the amount of \$92,870 and to authorize the City Manager to sign the Grant award and special conditions document.
- approval of the sale of 1114 Lane Street to NaStashia Green for \$53,000.
- approval of the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Regular Neighborhood Meeting on August 15, 2011; and the Regular Business Meetings on August 15 and August 29, 2011.

Consent Agenda

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Resolution 11-63

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report
79236

City Clerk Borling reported the following:

- the City had received correspondence from the Michigan Attorney General's Office and Governor Rick Snyder regarding an initiatory petition to amend the City Charter by adding Section 198, which would make the enforcement of certain marihuana laws the lowest law enforcement priority in the City of Kalamazoo. City Clerk Borling summarized the content of the letters.
- on August 10, 2011 the City Election Commission voted to permanently combine Precinct with Precinct 2, thereby eliminating Precinct 28.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Attorney Robinson explained the attorney general reviewed and approved the ballot language for the proposed charter amendment while the governor provided a recommendation based on the content of the proposed amendment. City Attorney Robinson noted the law required a charter amendment initiated by a petition to appear on the ballot even if the governor objected.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, City Clerk Borling stated voters in the old Precinct 28 had voted at the Bernhard Center and would continue to do so, as this was the same polling facility that was used by voters in Precinct 2.

Citizen Comments

When given an opportunity to make general comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Rondel Yarbrough, City resident, announced a community event at Rockwell Park on September 21st and requested the City Commission waive the park fee for this event.

Tamisha [last name unknown], City resident, expressed concern about the high cost of City bus fares.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cinabro congratulated the organization Volunteer Kalamazoo on remaking and reinventing itself. Commissioner Cinabro noted this organization was encouraging people to donate 10 volunteer hours over the next year in remembrance of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Commissioner Miller reported she had welcomed children back to school that morning at Arcadia Elementary School.

Commissioner Cooney thanked Pat Hall and Chief Hadley for their remarks on the September 11th terrorist attacks. Commissioner Cooney stated people needed to pay for use of a park only if they wanted to reserve it, and he encouraged Mr. Yarbrough to use Rockwell Park for his event without a reservation.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Closed Session

79237

Prior to a vote on the motion Mayor Hopewell indicated the City Commission would return to open session following the closed session.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the motion, but no comments were offered.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

At 7:31 p.m. the City Commission went into closed session.

At 8:10 p.m. the City Commission returned to open session.

Open Session

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo Public Safety Officers' Association (KPSOA) for the dates of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013.

Approval of a Contract with KPSOA for 2010-2013

79238

An opportunity was given for both citizens and Commissioners to comment on the motion, but no comments were offered.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo Municipal Employees' Association (KMEA) for the dates of September 7, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

Approval of a Contract with KMEA for 2011-2013

79239

An opportunity was given for both citizens and Commissioners to comment on the motion, but no comments were offered.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Division No. 1093 for the dates of February 14, 2011 through February 13, 2014.

Approval of a Contract with ATU for 2011-2014

79240

Approval of a Contract with ATU for 2011-2014 (cont'd)

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An opportunity was given for both citizens and Commissioners to comment on the motion, but no comments were offered.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Approval of a Contract with AFSCME for 2011-2014

79241

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local No. 2775 for the dates of September 12, 2011 through October 2, 2014.

An opportunity was given for both citizens and Commissioners to comment on the motion, but no comments were offered.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on September 19, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: September 19, 2011

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	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Robert Cinabro Don Cooney</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell* Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>Also present were Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Bell and Miller. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:</p> <p><u>Eastside Neighborhood Association</u> Nick Gardner, President Pat Taylor, Executive Director</p> <p><u>Oakland Drive/Winchell Neighborhood Association</u> Peter Kushner, Secretary</p>
Eastside Neighborhood Association	<p>The Eastside Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reported the Association had become the owners of their facility at 1301 East Main Street. <p>*Commissioner Bell arrived at 6:03 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - described the Association's summer activities. - stated the Community Planning and Development Department would be providing training for board members in the fall. <p>In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Taylor stated there many organizations serving young people in the Neighborhood, and an initiative had been started to bring together these organizations and coordinate their services.</p>

The Oakland Drive/Winchell Neighborhood Association representative:

- described the Association and its organization.
- reported the Association was in the process of reviewing and updating its constitution.
- stated the Association had a website, published a monthly newsletter, and held monthly meetings.
- expressed concern about the following topics: traffic control, especially near Winchell Avenue Elementary School; illegal rental properties; proper buffers between properties with very different uses; and the fact that Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) members did not disclose their reasons for approving variances.
- distributed a schedule of upcoming Association meetings. (This schedule and a written version of Mr. Kushner's remarks were filed with the papers for this meeting.)

Oakland Drive/Winchell Neighborhood Association

79242

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Kushner clarified that Neighborhood residents had been notified of ZBA hearings but were disappointed that ZBA members did not provide justification for their approval of variances.

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

Citizen Comments

Asha Khazad, City resident, spoke regarding the need for a trash receptacle at the Family Dollar Store on Portage Street.

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

Commissioner Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 3, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: October 3, 2011

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Douglas King, Grace Covenant Ministries, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>Deputy City Manager Barnett-Moore invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:</p>
79243	<p>- approval of contracts for the purchase of rock salt for the 2011/2012 Winter Season: a) North American Salt Company for the purchase of seasonal back up quantities in the amount of \$325,250; and, b) Morton Salt, Inc. for the purchase of early delivery quantities in the amount of \$109,620.</p>
79244	<p>- approval of a contract extension for the purchase of Waterous fire hydrants from ETNA Supply Company in an amount not to exceed \$184,800.</p>
79245	<p>- acceptance of the Southwest Commercial Auto Recovery matching grant award of \$49,804 for continued funding for an auto theft investigator for one year from the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority at the Michigan State Police.</p>
79246	<p>- acceptance of funding from Milwood Elementary for \$2,024.89 and Woods Lake Elementary for \$664.00 to fund a Lunch n Learn program at each of these schools and authorize the City Manager to sign all contracts and related documents.</p>
79247	<p>- acceptance of funding from Maple Street Magnet School for \$596.80 to fund a 6th grade Intramural coed soccer program for students at Maple Street Magnet School and authorize the City Manager to sign all contracts and related documents.</p>

- acceptance of funding from Oakwood Neighborhood Association for \$1,726.49 to fund after school tutoring program 3 days per week from September 26 – December 16, 2011 at Oakwood Neighborhood Association and authorize the City Manager to sign all contracts and related documents.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

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- approval of the minutes from the Regular City Commission Business Meeting on September 6, 2011.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Deputy City Manager Barnett-Moore provided the following reports and updates:

City Manager's
Report

79250

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- Inside the City newsletter, September/October 2011 edition
- August 2011 Purchasing Report

When given an opportunity to make general comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Citizen Comments

Ryan Simpson, Director of Advocacy for the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, distributed invitations to a Sustainable Business Expo on September 22nd and announced the Chamber had received the "Green Education and Outreach Award" from Michigan Business Review.

79251

Frank Warren, City resident, expressed concern about the parking situation on Lynn Avenue when parents were picking-up or dropping-off their students at Paramount Charter Academy. Mr. Warren also complained about the lack of curbside trash pick-up services for residents of his condominium complex.

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

City Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cinabro congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for receiving the green education and outreach award, and he commended the City Administration for successfully negotiating collective bargaining agreements with all five of the City's unions.

Commissioner Bell invited people to attend the following events: a public forum with U.S. Representative Fred Upton at the Kalamazoo Public Library on September 26th; a job/health/education fair and public forum for men on October 20th; and a job/health/education fair and public forum for women on October 21st. Commissioner Bell requested that signs welcoming people to Kalamazoo and the downtown area be installed

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

along North Burdick Street, and she requested that the City communicate the planned installation of restrooms and parking areas at LaCrone Park so that residents would understand the renovation of the park was still in process.

Commissioner Miller remarked on the decision by the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association (KMGA) Board of Governors to not renew the employment agreement with Director of Golf Steve Tyler. Commissioner Miller stated the KMGA was looking at different management models and would be releasing a request for proposal in the near future.

Commissioner Cooney invited citizens to participate in a forum on September 26th at the Kalamazoo Public Library concerning the state of the economy and the federal government's role in the economic recovery. Commissioner Cooney noted U.S. Representative Fred Upton had been invited and would be sent a video of the forum if he were not able to attend.

Mayor Hopewell commended the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity for their humanitarian and relief work.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 3, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: October 3, 2011

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Roll Call

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

David Anderson
Stephanie Bell
Robert Cinabro
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney*

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners
Excused

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Vice Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Miscellaneous
Communications

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

Legislative Update

Peter Ruddell of Wiener Associates provided an update on activities of the state legislature. First Mr. Ruddell reviewed the following significant actions already taken:

- adoption of the 2011-2012 budget at the end of May
- approval of a major reduction in corporate income taxes, which was funded by a new tax on pensions
- approval of a lifetime limit on welfare benefits

Next, Mr. Ruddell discussed the following items that were of particular interest to the City of Kalamazoo:

- State Shared Revenue/Economic Vitality Incentive Program
- Fire Protection Grants

*Vice Mayor McKinney arrived at 6:14 p.m.

- recent changes to Public Act 312 (police/firefighter arbitration)
- new laws affecting collective bargaining
- new limits on what the City can pay towards public employee healthcare costs.
- the prohibition on minimum staffing requirements in City charters

Then Mr. Ruddell reported Governor Snyder would be delivering the last of his scheduled messages to the legislature in October (on infrastructure) and November (on talent and workforce development).

Finally, Mr. Ruddell discussed the proposed elimination of the Personal Property Tax (PPT) and stated his discussions with Lt. Governor Brian Calley had led him to believe the following components would be part of the legislation to eliminate this tax: 1) no new personal property would be

added to the tax rolls; 2) the elimination of PPT would be phased in over a period of time, possibly 10 years; and 3) there would be some type of replacement revenue for cities, townships and villages, but it would not fully replace the PPT. Mr. Ruddell estimated the City of Kalamazoo was in the worst possible position relative to the elimination of the PPT as 18-20% of the City's tax receipts were from the PPT. Mr. Ruddell explained this percentage was not high enough to force legislators to fully replace the lost revenue, but the lost revenue would create a serious problem for the City if it was not replaced.

Legislative Update
(cont'd)

Discussion followed.

With regard to developing a legislative agenda, Mr. Ruddell asked Commissioners to begin by considering what the City of Kalamazoo needed and wanted from state government.

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

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 17, 2011

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: October 17, 2011

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Bishop P. Tyndale Alexander, By His Grace Church of God, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p>
79252	<p>City Manager Collard requested Item F-3 (PILOT resolution for the Apple Ridge Apartments) be removed from the agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:</p>
79253	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a two year contract extension with Mulder's Landscape Supplies to perform monthly residential brush collection during the months of April through October in the amount of \$146,930.
79254	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - authorization for the City Manager to sign a contract with Spartan Enterprises for the complete rehabilitation of the property at 818 Egleston in an amount not to exceed \$124,170.
79255	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the renewal agreement of Life EMS Ambulance as the City's designated 9-1-1 Emergency Medical Services Responder.
79256	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - authorization for the City Manager to sign a Wellhead Protection Grant Assistance Contract from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to receive \$54,400 for designated wellhead protection projects for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

- authorization for the City Manager to sign a permanent easement granting the Michigan Department of Transportation the use of a strip of City owned property on the east side of Park Street where it crosses Axtell Creek for the purpose of building and maintaining a new bridge.
- approval of the minutes from the Neighborhood and Regular City Commission Business Meetings of September 19, 2011.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

79257

79258

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a RESOLUTION approving the issuance, sale, and delivery of bonds by the Hospital Finance Authority in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 on behalf of Bronson Methodist Hospital, but no comments were offered.

Resolution 11-64
Approving Hospital
Finance Authority
Bonds for Bronson
Hospital

79259

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the issuance, sale, and delivery of bonds by the Hospital Finance Authority in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 on behalf of Bronson Methodist Hospital.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson noted the bonds would be used to improve a facility in Antwerp Township, and the City was involved because of a state law which allowed the hospital to benefit from reduced financing costs by borrowing money through the Hospital Finance Authority.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard reported he had issued a written response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro regarding the implementation of the proposed charter amendment to make the enforcement of certain marihuana laws the lowest law enforcement priority for Kalamazoo Public Safety Officers (PSO's). City Manager Collard stated it was his opinion that, if approved, the charter amendment would have no effect on the enforcement of marihuana laws as the City did not have an ordinance prohibiting marihuana use and possession, and PSO's would still be able to enforce state and federal laws regarding marihuana.

City Manager's
Report

79260

Citizen Comments

When given an opportunity to make general comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Frank Warren, City resident, thanked Public Services Director Bruce Merchant for addressing parking problems on Lynn Avenue.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Cinabro remarked on the Boiling Pots Music Festival.

Commissioner Bell invited people to attend a job/health/education fair and public forum for men on October 20th at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and a job/health/education fair and public forum for women on October 21st at the Hispanic American Council.

Commissioner Cooney invited citizens to attend a City Commission candidate forum at the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD) on Tuesday, October 4th.

Closed Session

79261

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Prior to a vote on the motion Vice Mayor McKinney indicated the City Commission would not return to open session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 17, 2011

Approved by: _____

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor

Dated: October 17, 2011

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Roll Call

The City Commission met in special session as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, October 14, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
 Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney
 David Anderson
 Stephanie Bell
 Robert Cinabro

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Don Cooney**
 Barbara Miller*

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioners Excused

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

Miscellaneous Communications

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

Review of Agendas for October 17th

City Manager Collard reviewed the agendas for the Regular City Commission Neighborhood and Business Meetings on Monday, October 17, 2011.

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

Commissioner Miller requested Item F-7, (acceptance of a grant from the America's Promise Alliance, 100 Best Communities for Young People) be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Commissioner Anderson requested Items F-1 (the purchase of hybrid busses) and F-6 (acceptance of a grant for the installation of bike lockers downtown) be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

There were no objections to these requests.

**Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:38 a.m.

Fiscal Plan Update and Introduction of an Early Retirement Initiative

City Manager Collard distributed and reviewed an agenda report and proposed ordinance for the Early Retirement Initiative (ERI).

Management Services Director Tom Skrobola delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Five Year Fiscal Plan entitled "How Times Have Changed."

Human Resources Director Jerome Post delivered a PowerPoint Presentation on the Early Retirement Initiative.

Vice Mayor McKinney left at 8:45 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the effect of the ERI on the Pension Fund, the role of the ERI in filling the \$6 million budget gap, and the need for a proactive communication plan to inform the community about staffing reductions and the resulting changes in service levels.

Fiscal Plan Update and Introduction of an Early Retirement Initiative (cont'd)

By consensus the City Commission asked that Director Post and Director Skrobola give truncated versions of their presentations at the Regular Business Meeting on October 17th.

Mayor Hopewell stated the ERI ordinance would be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. Mayor Hopewell requested that the City Administration and City Commission move outside of their normal communication patterns to engage the community on the issue of the ERI and the 2012 budget.

City Manager Collard suggested the City spend more effort communicating about the 2012 budget and the refinement of the new organizational plan. City Manager Collard noted the decision before the Commission was to make staff reductions through the ERI or through layoffs.

Mayor Hopewell suggested a subcommittee of Commissioners Anderson, Bell, and Cooney work with City Manager Collard on communication plan.

After further discussion, Commissioners asked that Directors Post and Skrobola deliver the entirety of their presentations at the October 17th Business Meeting.

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

Discussion of Community Issues

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

Citizen Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 17, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 17, 2012

	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Stephanie Bell*</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p> <p>*Commissioner Bell arrived at 6:01 p.m.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:</p> <p><u>Arcadia Neighborhood Association</u> Doug Williams, Neighborhood Watch David Bruninks, Board Member</p> <p><u>Milwood Neighborhood Watch</u> Ken Horton, President John Hilliard, Board Member</p> <p><u>Vine Neighborhood Association</u> Matt Milcarek, Neighborhood Development Coordinator Jeff Evergreen, Board Chair</p>
Arcadia Neighborhood Association	<p>The Arcadia Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stated the neighborhood watch was somewhat inactive and state residents did not have many public safety concerns. - expressed concern about the reduction or loss of City services in 2012, especially in the area of code enforcement. - reported rental registrations were up but stated they did not know if this represented a true increase in the number of rental units or simply an increase in the number of existing rental units becoming code compliant. - indicated residents were questioning the City's methods for delivering public services.

- expressed concern about zoning issues along the Michigan Avenue corridor and the development of the Arboretum property.

Arcadia
Neighborhood
Association (cont'd)

In response to questions from Commissioner Cooney, Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain indicated a house was considered a rental unit if there was any exchange or consideration between the resident and owner for use of the property, regardless of whether the owner was also a resident at the property. Regarding the development of the Arboretum property, Director Chamberlain explained it was being done as a single-family cluster development, which did not require review or approval by the City Commission or Planning Commission. Director Chamberlain reported an initial site plan had been submitted, reviewed, and sent back to the developer with suggested changes.

Commissioner Miller reported the Arboretum property developer had indicated the open space in the new development would not be open to the public.

The Milwood Neighborhood Watch representatives:

Milwood
Neighborhood
Watch

- reported crime was down for several apartment complexes in the Neighborhood.
- noted the high number of calls for service to the Alamo Hills apartment complex in the Fairmont Neighborhood and expressed frustration that a significant amount of Public Safety resources were being directed to this one location.
- expressed concern about the number of Public Safety responses to false alarms.
- stated the Public Safety Department had been very responsive to Neighborhood concerns but expressed a desire to see the return of a dedicated Community Police Officer (CPO).
- expressed concern about a decline in code enforcement activities with the upcoming budget reductions.
- indicated the number of for-sale and foreclosed homes in the Neighborhood was declining.
- reported small businesses in the Neighborhood were seeing growth and asked the City to work collaboratively with small businesses to help them.
- stated the City's budget priorities should be Public Safety and infrastructure.

Commissioner Bell reported that she and Commissioner Cooney had initiated conversations about dealing with public safety issues in the Northside collaboratively with thought given to the impact on the rest of the community.

Vine
Neighborhood
Association

The Vine Neighborhood Association representatives:

- announced Mr. Milcarek was the Association's new Project Manager.
- described the state of the Oak Street Market property and suggested adoption of an ordinance that would allow the City to cover the blight.
- commended City staff for their work to pick up trash in the Neighborhood and noted there was a problem with people putting trash on property owned by others, most frequently in private courts.
- stated it was not sustainable to expect property owners on private courts to maintain and repair the courts.
- reported Historic Preservation Coordinator Sharon Ferraro was working well with the Association.
- asked the City Commission to consider appointing members to the Historic District Commission who were interested in saving the Neighborhood, not just individual homes.

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 by City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 17, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 17, 2012

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Moment of Silence	<p>A moment of silence was observed for Officer Trevor Slot, a member of the Walker, MI Police Department who was killed in the line of duty on October 13, 2011.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Dr. Seth Weeldreyer, Kalamazoo First Presbyterian Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Resolutions 79262	<p>Commissioner Bell read a resolution honoring the Northside Ministerial Alliance on its 35th anniversary. Reverend Denise Posie, President of the Northside Ministerial Alliance, accepted the proclamation.</p>
79263	<p>Mayor Hopewell read a resolution congratulating Pretty Lake Vacation Camp on its 95th anniversary. Mitch Wilson, Executive Director of Pretty Lake Vacation Camp, received the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:</p>
Resolution 11-65 79264	<p>- adoption of a RESOLUTION granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to MHT Housing, Inc., Continental Management LLC, and Village of Kalamazoo Limited Dividend Association Limited Partnership for Apple Ridge Apartments at 2233 Flower Street, pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.</p>
Resolutions 11-66 thru 11-80 79265	<p>- adoption of RESOLUTIONS approving applications for Neighborhood Enterprise Zone certificates in the Edison Neighborhood Enterprise Zone for new construction in the Marketplace Plat as follows:</p>

- 500 Collins Street
- 506 Collins Street
- 503 Marketplace Blvd.
- 504 Marketplace Blvd.
- 509 Marketplace Blvd.
- 510 Marketplace Blvd.
- 517 Marketplace Blvd.
- 518 Marketplace Blvd.
- 525 Marketplace Blvd.
- 526 Marketplace Blvd.
- 603 Marketplace Blvd.
- 604 Marketplace Blvd.
- 611 Marketplace Blvd.
- 612 Marketplace Blvd.
- 616 Marketplace Blvd.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

- approval of a recommendation to: a) authorize the City Manager to enter the City of Kalamazoo into a two-year term contract with Constellation Energy to supply electricity for selected City facilities, contingent upon the City's being accepted to participate in the State of Michigan Electric Choice Program; and b) that Glacial Energy and Option Energy be named alternate suppliers should the City choose not to contract with Constellation Energy because of price or other material considerations.
- approval of the minutes from the Special and Regular City Commission Meetings of October 3, 2011.
- approval of a recommendation hold until October 31, 2011 consideration of the sale of 623 Fairbanks to Kaneshewa Hampton for \$73,000.

79266

79267

79268

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

Prior to a vote on the motion, City Attorney Robinson noted the following correction to paragraph two on page two of the PILOT resolution for Apple Ridge Apartments: the date December 30, 2046 should read, "December 30, 2047."

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the purchase of three 35' hybrid buses from the Gillig Corporation for an estimated amount of \$1,706,274, but no comments were offered.

Purchase of Hybrid Buses

79269

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the purchase of three 35' hybrid buses from the Gillig Corporation in an estimated amount of \$1,706,274.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson thanked Transportation Director Bill Schomisch for his continuing efforts to find energy efficient vehicles and fuels.

Acceptance of
Grant for Bike
Lockers

79270

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the acceptance of a \$22,000 Michigan Department of Transportation grant to install 5 bike lockers in the downtown area, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to accept a \$22,000 Michigan Department of Transportation grant to install 5 bike lockers in the downtown area.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson noted this grant award was the result of hard work and persistence by the Environmental Concerns Committee.

Mayor stated the installation of bike lockers was a great opportunity to add to the uniqueness of downtown Kalamazoo.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Acceptance of *100
Best Communities
for Young People*
Award

79271

Parks and Recreation Director described the America's Promise Alliance and presented Mayor Hopewell with the *100 Best Communities for Young People* award.

Commissioner Miller thanked Director Jewell and Michelle Miller Adams for preparing the application for this award.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to accept a \$2,500 grant from the America's Promise Alliance, 100 Best Communities for Young People, to assist in funding youth programs and host a celebration event.

Prior to a vote on the motion Mayor Hopewell commended Commissioner Miller for her work on the award application.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard provided background information on a proposed Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) for City employees. City Manager Collard stated the purpose of the incentive was to deal with two challenges: a \$6 million structural budget deficit, and the City's aging workforce. City Manager Collard explained the pension system would be repaid so that it would be held harmless.

Management Services Director Tom Skrobola delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Five Year Fiscal Plan and the role of the ERI in addressing the City's budget shortfall in 2012 and beyond. A copy of the slides from this presentation were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Human Resources Director Jerome Post delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the specific elements of the ERI. A copy of the slides from this presentation were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Following the staff presentations an opportunity was given for questions and comments by City Commissioners.

In response to question from Commissioner Miller, City Manager Collard stated repayments to the pension system would begin in 2012, and it was not the City Administration's intent to rehire retired employees.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, City Attorney Robinson stated substantive changes to the ordinance made after the first reading would require the ordinance to be re-introduced with another first reading.

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to amend Section 2-237.1 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances regarding the one time (2011) Enhanced Retirement Option, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Nick Boyd, City resident, stated the City's budget challenges presented an opportunity to be creative and visionary with the provision of public services.

Andrew Worden, City resident, suggested the City eliminate more positions than proposed to provide a buffer against future revenue losses.

Philip Royster, City resident, expressed concern about reductions in the Public Safety Department and suggested the City look at other revenue sources, like an income tax.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, offered for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend Section 2-237.1 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances regarding the one time (2011) Enhanced Retirement Option.

Prior to a vote on the motion Commissioners discussed the significance of the ERI, the effect of the ERI on the 2012 and 2013 budgets, and both the challenges and opportunities the ERI would present for changing the way the City delivered public services.

First Reading of an
Ordinance for an
Early Retirement
Incentive

79272

First Reading of an Ordinance for an Early Retirement Incentive (cont'd)

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling announced Deputy City Clerk Virginia Vander Roest had accepted a position with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, and her last day with the City would be October 21st.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

79273

Departmental Reports and Project Updates
September 2011 Purchases

Report on the ARRA Funded Programs

79274

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain, Kalamazoo County Treasurer Mary Balkema, Dale Shugars, President of the Homebuilders Association of Greater Kalamazoo, and Bob Miller, Associate Vice President for Community Relations at Western Michigan University, provided an update on programs funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), including the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 (NSP1), and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2). A copy of Director Chamberlain's PowerPoint slides was filed with the papers for this meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Chamberlain stated February, 2013 was the deadline for spending NSP2 funds.

Commissioner Bell congratulated Director Chamberlain and his staff for their successes and accomplishments. Commissioner Bell stated it would take a healing of hearts and minds and not just streetscape enhancements to bring real change to the Florence Street/Burrell Avenue area. Commissioner Bell invited County Treasurer Balkema to start having conversations about improving this area.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on the partnerships that had been created or strengthened to make the NSP projects successful.

Citizen Comments

Next an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident, comments on home foreclosures and commended CSM Group and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for staying with the senior housing project on the Northside when other development partners left.

Nick Boyd, City resident, noted he was a candidate for City Commission and spoke about the importance of small businesses and job creation.

Heather and Chris Kohler, City residents, submitted a petition asking the City to “take a tougher stance with people who drive with extremely loud car stereos...”

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

79275

Frank Warren, City resident, commented on pensions for General Motors’ retirees, Pretty Lake Vacation Camp, and parking on Lynn Avenue.

Andrew Worden, City resident, commented on the City Administration’s proposals for addressing budget shortfalls in 2012 and beyond.

The following individuals commented on open space in the Arcadia Neighborhood and asked the City to ensure public access to the open space in the new Arboretum development as stipulated in the West Side Plan:

Richard Roy, City resident
 Rex Bruggemann, City resident
 Tom Thornburg, City resident (A copy of a letter distributed by Mr. Thornburg was included with the papers for this meeting.)
 Ken Larson, City resident
 Todd Barkman, City resident
 Jared Glover, City resident

79276

The following individual identified themselves with the Occupy Kalamazoo movement and requested permission to sleep overnight in Bronson Park and to have park use fees waived:

Zac Orr, non-resident
 LeAnn Johnson, City resident
 Carin Dybek, City resident
 Sarah Molenaar, City resident
 Karl Andrzejewski, non-resident
 Fred Coonfer, City resident
 Lou McCroskey, City resident
 John Curran, City resident
 Katherine Willard, City resident
 Chris Wahmhoff, City resident
 Jen Brown, City resident
 Ashton Robertson, City resident

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Bell remarked on the upcoming Harvest Fest, the job skill training program at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, the NACD 30th Anniversary Celebration, and the Parade of Homes. Commissioner Bell invited people to attend a job/health/education fair and public forum for men on November 10th at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and a job/health/education fair and public forum for women on November 11th at the Hispanic American Council.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney thanked people for raising the issue of open space in the Arcadia Neighborhood and stated the City would be considering the request from Occupy Kalamazoo to use Bronson Park.

Mayor Hopewell expressed support for democracy and peoples' First Amendment rights. Mayor Hopewell stated he was trying to arrange a meeting with American Village Builders (AVB) regarding the Arboretum development.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 17, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 17, 2012

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 31, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Denise Hartmann-Echterling, Hart to Heart Ministries, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:</p>
79277	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a change order with Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering for demolition field services management of the Northwest Unit Hospital on Blakeslee Street in the amount of \$147,100.
79278	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a contract extension with Unique Paving Materials Corporation for the purchase of 1,200 tons of asphalt patching material in the amount of \$127,800.
79279	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approve a one-year term contract with Office Depot, Inc. for the purchase of office supplies at a total cost not to exceed \$110,000.
Resolution 11-81 79280	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION under P.A. 334 of 1993 to extend existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2008-432, granted to Sweet Manufacturing Company, Inc., for three additional years for personal property originally valued at \$248,500; the IFEC renewal is estimated to save the company \$4,625 over the three-year extension.
Resolution 11-82 79281	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION under P.A. 334 of 1993 to extend existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2008-434, granted to Wright Coating Company, Inc., for three additional years for personal property valued at \$142,040; the IFEC renewal is estimated to save the company \$2,643 over the three-year extension.

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** for administrative corrections to all 2011 approved resolutions that extended Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates for Fabri-Kal Corporation (08-438), Graphic Packaging International (08-437), HECO – Industrial Service Groups (08-436), Impact Label Corporation (08-517), International Paper Company (08-435) and Kalexsyn (08-433).
- approval of the sale of 623 Fairbanks to Kaneshewa Hampton for \$73,000.
- approval of the Mayor’s appointment of Angela Reynolds to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2012.
- appointment of the following citizens to advisory boards and commissions:
 - the appointment of Lee Adams to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the appointment of Eric Cunningham to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.

Consent Agenda
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Resolution 11-83
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Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to amend Section 2-237.1 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances regarding an early retirement initiative, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Ordinance 1886 re:
an Early Retirement Initiative

79286

Fred Lawrence, City resident, stated the City needed to provide healthcare for its retirees and expressed opposition to the two-tier wage scale that would be in place beginning in 2012. Mr. Lawrence stated residents needed to be informed about the impact of early retirements on City services.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend Section 2-237.1 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances regarding an early retirement initiative.

Ordinance 1886 re:
an Early Retirement
Initiative (cont'd)
79286

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cinabro remarked on the risk to the pension system and the risk involved in losing experienced staff. Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for the ordinance and stated this was the first step towards reducing a large budget deficit.

Commissioner Bell expressed support for the ordinance and identified the need for a balanced budget and good public services. Commissioner Bell expressed concern about the loss of diversity and the recruitment process for positions that would need to be filled.

Commissioner Cooney stated the heart of the issue was the City's lack of resources. Commissioner Cooney indicated he did not like the two-tier wage system, but it was necessary to deal with on-going budget shortfalls.

Vice Mayor McKinney stated the leading experts in local government finance did not have answers to the problems of an eroding tax base, crumbling infrastructure, and an aging workforce. Vice Mayor McKinney explained the early retirement initiative and a healthy pension fund would allow the City of Kalamazoo to address the issues of an aging workforce and structural budget deficits. Vice Mayor McKinney noted the choice was between an early retirement initiative or laying off 80 employees.

Commissioner Anderson expressed support for the ordinance and noted every Commissioner had met separately with City staff and had their questions answered. Commissioner Anderson this was the first step in an important process and noted the early retirement incentive would give employees a choice.

Commissioner Miller expressed support for the ordinance but expressed regret for City employees who had retired earlier in the year. Commissioner Miller stated the City needed to really look at how it conducted its business.

Mayor Hopewell stated City staff would need to work hard in the days ahead, and he encouraged everyone involved to think towards the future, recognize the tremendous opportunities available, and put all of their bright ideas on the table.

Update on Personal
Property Tax Reform

Economic Development Director Jerome Kisscorni provided an update on the proposed elimination of Personal Property Tax (PPT) in Michigan.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Kisscorni stated he did not know the amount of Personal Property Tax currently being abated by the City.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Director Kisscorni confirmed the City received \$4.9 million per year in PPT revenue. Director Kisscorni predicted that new revenue directed to local governments would probably not fully replace the lost PPT revenue.

Next an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Fred Lawrence, City resident, commented on the need for the City to engage in its own economic development efforts and not rely on Southwest Michigan First.

Nick Boyd, City resident, spoke about the importance of job creation and asked people to vote for him for City Commission.

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

City Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cinabro offered remarks on the life and career of former City Commissioner and U.S. Representative Howard Wolpe.

Commissioner Bell remarked on the death of Howard Wolpe, upcoming Harvest Fest, the Amici Michigan mentor program, the receipt of a grant by Mt. Zion Baptist Church, the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet at the Bernhard Center, and the job skill training program for healthcare professions being sponsored by Bronson Hospital on November 5th. Commissioner Bell invited people to attend a job/health/education fair and public forum for men on November 10th at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and a job/health/education fair and public forum for women on November 11th at the Hispanic American Council. Commissioner Bell acknowledged the receipt of a letter from former City employee Mike Miller about the early retirement initiative.

Commissioner Anderson remarked on the 30th anniversary celebration for the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD) and noted the Blakeslee Hospital was being demolished.

Commissioner Cooney commented on the recent death of Howard Wolpe and paid tribute to the former City Commissioner and U.S. Representative. Commissioner Cooney noted Richard Rothstein, an expert on the connection between education and poverty, would be speaking at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Vice Mayor McKinney offered remarks on the death of Howard Wolpe. Vice Mayor McKinney commented on Governor Rick Snyder's infrastructure plan and expressed concern about the elimination of County Road Commissions, the lack of new funding for cities, and the proposed \$120 increase in vehicle fees. Vice Mayor McKinney stated the City Commission should take part in the discussion of these issues.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on the recent deaths of public servants from Kalamazoo. Mayor Hopewell stated the City needed to improve its communication with citizens and on behalf of citizens in Lansing. Mayor Hopewell encouraged citizens to make their voices heard and noted the legislature was elected to represent the interests of all citizens.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 17, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 17, 2012

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend John McNaughton, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamation 79287	<p>Commissioner Miller read a proclamation honoring the 30th Anniversary of <i>Wellspring/Cori Terry Dancers, 1981-2011</i>. Cori Terry received the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda 79288	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of : a) an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation in which the City receives \$144,148 in Federal Surface Transportation Funds for the resurfacing of Howard Street from Oakland Drive to Merrill Street; and, b) a purchase order with MDOT in the amount of \$62,252 to cover the City's share of the projects' construction costs.
79289	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a recommendation to increase the Sanitary Sewer capital budget by \$33,321.00 to reflect the transfer of Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) funding to pay for construction of a sanitary sewer grinder station to serve FM Envelope, which will assist the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality led efforts to relocate Portage Creek into a newly established floodplain within the former Performance Paper site owned by the BRA. <p>Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.</p>

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

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

Citizen Comments

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

City Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cinabro thanked Commissioners for giving him an opportunity to serve on the City Commission, and he urged citizens to vote in the municipal election on November 8th.

Commissioner Bell invited people to attend a job/health/education fair and public forum for men on November 10th at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and a job/health/education fair and public forum for women on November 11th at the Hispanic American Council. Commissioner Bell encouraged people to vote in the municipal election.

Commissioner Miller remarked that the previous day was 11-6-11, which was the employee number of Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata, who was killed in the line of duty on April 18th.

Commissioner Cooney noted the City's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance had been adopted two years ago and reported a bill had been introduced in the state legislature that would prohibit local units of government from adopting such ordinances. Commissioner Cooney urged citizens to vote in the municipal election.

Mayor Hopewell commended Commissioners for their public service and encouraged people to vote in the municipal election.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 17, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 17, 2012

Roll Call – 48th City
Commission

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday November 14, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Stephanie Bell
Bob Cinabro
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Board of Canvassers'
Report

City Clerk Borling read into the record the following report from the Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers:

The Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers has certified the following individuals were elected to the Kalamazoo City Commission on November 8, 2011: Bobby J. Hopewell, having received 6,066 votes, was elected Mayor; Hannah J. McKinney, having received 5,053 votes, was elected Vice Mayor; Don Cooney, having received 4,937 votes, was elected City Commissioner; Barbara Hamilton Miller, having received 4,384 votes, was elected City Commissioner; David Anderson, having received 4,210 votes, was elected City Commissioner; Robert Cinabro, having received 3,838 votes, was elected City Commissioner; and Stephanie Bell, having received 2,883 votes, was elected City Commissioner.

Adjournment

Mayor Hopewell adjourned the meeting, *sine die*, at 8:01 p.m.

Oaths of Office

City Clerk Borling administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to newly elected City Commissioners David Anderson, Stephanie Bell, Robert Cinabro, Don Cooney, and Barbara Hamilton Miller; newly elected Vice Mayor Hannah J. McKinney; and newly elected Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell.

At 8:02 p.m. Mayor Hopewell called to order the first meeting of the 49th City Commission of the City of Kalamazoo.

Roll Call – 49th City
Commission

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Stephanie Bell
Bob Cinabro
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Invocation/Pledge

The invocation, given by Pastor Doug Vernon, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A written copy of Pastor Vernon's invocation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Mayor Hopewell noted the presence of the following guests:

Introduction of Guests

- Peter Battani, Kalamazoo County Administrator
- Mary Balkema, Kalamazoo County Treasurer
- Carolyn Alford, Kalamazoo County Commissioner
- Bob Miller, Associate Vice President for Community Outreach, Western Michigan University (WMU)
- Ken Nacci, Executive Director, Kalamazoo Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
- Alexander Lipsey, Circuit Court Judge
- Jack Urban, Kalamazoo County Commissioner
- Mike Seals, Kalamazoo County Commissioner
- Richard Fuller, Kalamazoo County Sheriff
- Al Heilman, former Vice Mayor and City Commissioner
- Brandt Iden, Kalamazoo County Commissioner
- Carolyn McGlenn, Kalamazoo Public Schools Trustee
- Greg Ayers, President, Discover Kalamazoo

Next, when given an opportunity to offer congratulatory remarks, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Congratulatory Remarks

- Andrew Worden, City resident
- Patty Owens, non-resident
- Representatives from Kalamazoo County Government, including Jack Urban, Carolyn Alford, Mary Balkema, Michael Seals, Brandt Hyden, and Peter Battani

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Adoption of the Agenda

Next, an opportunity was given for citizens to make general comments.

Citizen Comments

Frank Warren, City resident, commented on the Holiday Parade and Veterans' Day

Jacqueline Robinson, City resident, expressed opposition to the placement of "No Parking" signs on Ransom and North Streets.

Onetress Thompson, City resident, expressed opposition to the placement of "No Parking" signs on Ransom and North Streets.

Doris Hemphill, City resident, expressed opposition to the placement of "No Parking" signs on Ransom and North Streets.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Bell thanked her family, friends and voters for supporting her. Commissioner Bell stated she was looking forward to working with her colleagues again and continuing her public service. Commissioner Bell indicated she had an agenda for justice, for working people, and for jobs.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked friends, family, and Kalamazoo voters for their support. Commissioner Cinabro emphasized that he was not beholden to anyone and would make his own decisions as a City Commissioner.

Commissioner Anderson remarked on how the electoral process provided an opportunity for incumbent Commissioners to renew their commitment to the City as they engaged citizens at candidate forums and on the campaign trail. Commissioner Anderson thanked the unelected candidates who were present for their graciousness.

Commissioner Miller thanked her family, friends, and supporters. Commissioner Miller stated her focus areas for the next two years included the Historic District Commission, the use of green space in the Arcadia Neighborhood, Parks and Recreation issues, intergovernmental collaboration, and charter amendments, including a charter amendment that would make the mayor a separately elected office.

Commissioner Cooney thanked voters for their confidence in the City Commission. Commissioner Cooney stated he wanted to enhance the quality of life for City residents, especially those who were in need.

Vice Mayor McKinney thanked voters and stated she ran for office for two reasons: 1) to figure out the City's budget shortfall, and 2) to work on collaborative efforts to change the way Kalamazoo does government. Vice Mayor McKinney stated the campaign season was a special time as Commissioners shared their hopes and dreams for the community.

Mayor Hopewell thanked his family, friends, supporters, and the other candidates. Mayor Hopewell stated it was a new day with new opportunities, and the City needed to move forward towards "the possible." Mayor Hopewell urged citizens to give City leaders their good ideas to address the challenges ahead.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 17, 2012

Approved by: _____

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor

Dated January 17, 2012

	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Attendance	<p>The following Commissioners were recorded as being present and absent:</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
No Quorum	<p>Vice Mayor McKinney announced the City Commission would not conduct business due to the lack of a quorum.</p>
Citizen Comments	<p>An opportunity was given for citizen comments, but no comments were offered.</p>
Commissioner Comments	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.</p>
	<p>Respectfully submitted,</p>
	<p>Scott A. Borling City Clerk</p>
	<p>For City Commission approval on January 17, 2012</p>
	<p>Approved by: _____ Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor Dated: January 17, 2012</p>

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Larry Brelje, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamation 79290	<p>Commissioner Miller read a proclamation <i>Honoring Orlin K. Loen for Dedication and Service to the City of Kalamazoo</i>. Mr. Loen was present and received the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda 79291	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one-year contract, expiring December 31, 2012, for gasoline and diesel fuel with Knapp Energy, Inc. an amount not to exceed \$965,000.
79292	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the reappointments of Shawn A. Brier and Natalie Patchell to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for terms expiring on January 1, 2015.
	<p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the consent agenda requests.</p> <p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p>
	<p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- October 2011 Purchases
- Investment Committee Reports for the Employees' Retirement System and Perpetual Care Fund, 3rd Quarter 2011

City Manager's Report
79293

Management Services Director Tom Skrobola reviewed and summarized the FY2011 Budget 3rd Quarter Report. Discussion followed.

Next an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Patricia Aldering, City resident, encouraged the City Commission to adopt an ordinance prohibiting dog tethering.

Beth Lewis, City resident, wished people "Happy Thanksgiving" and made other comments.

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

City Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bell wished people a blessed holiday season and congratulated Orlin Loen on his service to the City.

Commissioner Cinabro wished everyone, "Happy Thanksgiving."

Commissioner Cooney noted the Thanksgiving holiday was difficult for people who had been going through tough times. Commissioner Cooney welcomed social work students who were present and stated social workers were responsible for developing many of the nation's social and health policies.

Mayor Hopewell thanked the Park Street Market for giving food baskets to families in need, and he invited people to the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bronson Park on Friday, November 25th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 17, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 17, 2012

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>																		
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell David Anderson Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>																		
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Michael Wang, Kalamazoo Chinese Christian Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>																		
Proclamation 79294	<p>Mayor Hopewell read a proclamation <i>Honoring Arthur Washington, Jr. for Dedication and Service to the City of Kalamazoo</i>. Mr. Washington's daughter, Tiffany Johnson, and other family members were present and received the proclamation.</p>																		
Presentation of City Employee All Star Awards	<p>City Manager Collard recognized the following City employees and groups of employees as the 2011 "All Stars":</p> <p><u>Individuals</u> Andrea Augustine, Community Planning and Development Department Joshua Breese, Public Safety Department Brett Lewis, Public Safety Department</p> <p><u>Groups</u> The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Honor Guard:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Donald Benthin</td> <td>Keaton Nielson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul Bianco</td> <td>Kelvin Oliver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Todd Christensen</td> <td>Charles Porn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anthony Dixon</td> <td>Chris Rieser</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matthew Elzinga</td> <td>Kenneth Skibbe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tyler Fall</td> <td>Daniel Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Victor Ledbetter</td> <td>Steve Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott Merlo</td> <td>Joel Van Zytveld</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laura Misner</td> <td>Harold West</td> </tr> </table>	Donald Benthin	Keaton Nielson	Paul Bianco	Kelvin Oliver	Todd Christensen	Charles Porn	Anthony Dixon	Chris Rieser	Matthew Elzinga	Kenneth Skibbe	Tyler Fall	Daniel Smith	Victor Ledbetter	Steve Smith	Scott Merlo	Joel Van Zytveld	Laura Misner	Harold West
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Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>																		
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>																		
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:</p>																		

- approval of a one-year contract with the Michigan Transit Pool for Metro Transit fleet liability insurance at an annual premium of \$199,392, payable in four equal installments of \$49,848 to Macatawa Bank, the MTF financial representative.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting a public hearing for December 19, 2011 to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget for the City of Kalamazoo.
- acceptance of funding from Kalamazoo Communities in Schools to fund a Math/Archery program one day per week for eight weeks, beginning the end of December 2011, in the amount of \$3,003 and authorize the City Manager to sign all contracts and related documents.

Consent Agenda
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Resolution 11-84

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Resolution 11-85

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard reported the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would hold a public meeting on December 15th at the Radisson Plaza Hotel to review and discuss the agency's draft findings regarding the cleanup of the former Allied Paper Site. City Manager Collard urged Commissioners and citizens to use this opportunity to provide feedback to the EPA.

City Manager's
Report

Next an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Asha Khazad, City resident, remarked on City Commission candidates who had been attending Commission meetings prior to the election but were now absent after not being elected.

Frank Warren, City resident, remarked that December 7, 2011 was the 70th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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

City Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cinabro remarked on the successful fundraising event for Ministry with Community at Borgess Hospital.

Commissioner Cooney urged citizens to attend the public meeting with EPA representatives on December 15th.

Adjournment

Mayor Hopewell announced the Hispanic American Council would hold its annual meeting on Friday, December 9th, and the Greater Kalamazoo Holiday Food Drive would take place on December 16th and 17th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 17, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 17, 2012

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