

City of Kalamazoo

Minutes of the City Commission

2012

49th 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

Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:02 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>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Don DeYoung, 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: Riverfront Overlay Zoning District Ordinance	<p>At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding an ORDINANCE that amends Section 3.7 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Riverfront Overlay Zoning District.</p> <p>At 7:08 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Ordinance 1887 re: the Riverfront Overlay Zoning District	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to adopt an ORDINANCE that amends Section 3.7 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the Riverfront Overlay Zoning District.</p> <p>Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson commended City staff for their work on this ordinance.</p> <p>With a roll call vote the motion passed.</p>
	<p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell</p>
	<p>NAYS: None</p>
Public Hearing re: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments	<p>At 7:08 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding an ORDINANCE to amend Section 12.3 of the Zoning Ordinance for the definitions of sit-down restaurant and tavern.</p> <p>At 7:09 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend Section 12.3 of the Zoning Ordinance for the definitions of sit-down restaurant and tavern.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson acknowledged City staff had worked hard to review the language of this ordinance and had responded quickly and thoroughly to Commissioners' questions.

Mayor Hopewell stated he had received good answers to his questions about the ordinance from Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain.

With a roll call vote the 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 two year contract extension with Republic Services of Western Michigan for weekly curbside recycling, multi-unit recycling collection, monthly curbside collection of bulk trash and garbage packer rental for fall leaf collection for a total estimated expenditure of \$2,055,973.48.
- approval of a three-year contract with Rathco Safety Supply, Inc. for rental of temporary traffic control devices for use in detours, special event activities, and other street and utility construction and repair activities in the amount of \$270,000.
- approval of a nine month contract with AMPCO System Parking, locally known as Central City Parking, for parking enforcement services outside the Central Business District in the amount of \$237,276.72.
- approval of the sale of the city-owned vacant lot at 761 Portage Street to Heinz Schroeder for \$30.
- approve of the sale of 555 Wallace Avenue to Lupe M. Vasquez for \$30 and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- acceptance of funding in the amount of \$30,000 from the Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment to offset the expenses of the part time Youth Program Assistant position.
- the granting of a special permit for a micro miniature pig to be kept at 1405 Long Road, subject to compliance with applicable statutes, ordinances, and health codes.

Ordinance 1888 re:
Definition of Sit-Down
Restaurant and Tavern
in the Zoning Code

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney, 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,
Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Adoption of the
FY2012 Budget

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the City's Proposed FY 2012 Budget, various fee schedules and component unit budgets, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to take the following actions to approve the City's Proposed FY2012 Budget, various fee schedules and component unit budgets:

Resolution 12-01

- adoption of the Annual Appropriation **RESOLUTION** for the year 2012, setting forth the number of mills to be levied, approving an interim appropriation for the year 2012 and establishing policies for the administration of the budget.
- approval of the proposed FY 2012 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority budget as submitted by the BRA Board.
- approval of the proposed FY 2012 Economic Development Corporation budget as submitted by the EDC Board.
- approval of the proposed FY 2012 Local Development Finance Authority budget as submitted by the LDFA Board.
- approval of the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission's budget for 2012.
- approval of the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association FY 2012 proposed budget and fee schedule.
- approval of the proposed FY 2012 Downtown Development Authority Operating Budget as submitted by the DDA Board and approve a two-mill tax levy.

Resolution 12-02

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to establish Department of Parks and Recreation fees and charges for 2012.

Resolution 12-03

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** establishing the fees to be charged in 2012 for special event applications, late fees and service fees.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson stated work on the budget was just beginning as staff began planning for implementation of the Early Retirement Initiative (ERI).

Commissioner Cooney stated this budget was the best the City could do with the available resources. Commissioner Cooney noted there was a proposal for the federal budget to cut Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding by \$1 billion. Commissioner Cooney expressed sorrow that some employees were losing their jobs, and he thanked Victor Taylor for his work as the youth program specialist.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked City staff for their work in putting together the budget and thanked Commissioners for their collegiality. Commissioner Cinabro warned there would be great challenges ahead.

Commissioner Miller thanked City staff for their work on the budget. Commissioner Miller remarked on the City's points of pride and stated City employees would do their best to keep standards and spirits high. We have much to be proud of around the City. Commissioner Miller discussed the need to increase revenues in light of the large number of tax-exempt properties in the City.

Commissioner Bell thanked City Manager Collard for his work on budget. Commissioner Bell stated it would be difficult to see individuals transition from employment with the City to layoff status or retirement. Commissioner Bell indicated the City would need to do its best to help the most vulnerable people in the community, despite the significant changes that were ahead. Commissioner Bell urged people in the community to support each other.

Mayor Hopewell stated the City was at a point of transformation, with regard to the delivery of public services. Mayor Hopewell indicated Kalamazoo was in better shape than many cities but noted it would not be simple or easy to deliver services moving forward due to the loss of experienced leadership. Mayor Hopewell expressed his believe in the community and encouraged people to keep aspiring.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Hopewell summarized the proposed changes to the Internal Auditor's salary.

City Attorney Robinson stated he had prepared the following resolutions as a result of discussions during the December 14th budget work session and additional conversations after this meeting between Internal Auditor, Finance Director, Audit Committee, and the City Manager: 1) the resolution in the agenda packet, which was based on the tentative approval of the Internal Auditor's budget on December 14th; 2) a revised resolution that maintained the salary tentatively approved on December 14th with the added clarification that the Auditor would work a reduced number of hours in 2012; and 3) an alternate resolution that would move approximately \$1,500 from the Auditor's operating budget to the salary line item, which would decrease the number of days off from 19 to 13.

Adoption of the FY2012 Budget (cont'd)

Resolution 12-04 Setting the 2012 Salary for the Internal Auditor

Resolution 12-04
Setting the 2012 Salary
for the Internal Auditor
(cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney, supported by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to adopt the alternate **RESOLUTION** setting forth the salary of the Internal Auditor effective January 4, 2012.

Prior to a vote on the motion and opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the proposed resolution, but no comments were offered.

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Bell expressed opposition to the motion and stated she did not like focusing on one person's salary. Commissioner Bell stated it was not fair to other City employees that the Auditor was able to negotiate her salary with the City Commission.

Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for the motion and stated the proposed salary was supported by the Internal Audit Committee. Commissioner Cinabro noted the Auditor's salary still would be reduced under this proposal.

Commissioner Anderson remarked that the discussion of the Auditor's salary was messy and public because she was a City Commission Appointee and a one-person department with very few expenses besides salary and benefits. Commissioner Anderson indicated he wanted to be more involved with the work of the Internal Auditor. Commissioner Anderson stated the Internal Audit Committee supported the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Bell stated she understood the differences between the Internal Auditor position and other positions within the City organization. Commissioner Bell objected to reducing the Auditor's operating budget to almost nothing and stated the City needed to enable its employees to be effective and efficient.

Mayor Hopewell indicated Commissioners needed to be more involved with the appointees' budgets. Mayor Hopewell expressed his expectation that the Internal Auditor perform the duties assigned to her, even with reduced hours. Mayor Hopewell noted the budget was a guide that could be changed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Bell

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported absentee ballot applications for the February 28th Presidential Primary election would be mailed within the next day or two, and he emphasized that absentee voters would need to select a political party on the application form.

Citizen Comments

Next an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Asha Khazad, City resident, spoke about the benefits of motor cycles and suggested the City designate an area downtown for free motor cycle parking.

Arlene Larson and Iris Potter, both City residents and members of Fluoride Free Kalamazoo, spoke about the dangers and expense of adding fluoride to the water supply. Ms. Larson and Ms. Potter asked that the City stop adding fluoride to the water. Documents provided by Ms. Larson were filed with the papers for the meeting.

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

City Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Miller congratulated Gazelle Sports for winning The North Face Explore Fund Never Stop Exploring Award. Commissioner Miller expressed well-wishes to retiring Public Safety Lieutenant Mike McCaw and former Kalamazoo Gazette reporter Paula Davis. Commissioner Miller welcomed Fritz Klug as the new City Hall reporter for the Gazette.

Commissioner Cooney honored the life of Dan Lee, a student and activist who had passed away the previous week.

Mayor Hopewell congratulated Public Safety Officer Sue Youngs on her retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 19, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 19, 2012

Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 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	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Jamie Tucker, Higher Heights Ministries, International, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Presentation of Racial Justice Youth Awards	<p>Commissioner Anderson introduced the following individuals who presented Social Justice Youth Awards for community service:</p> <p>Kimberly Middleton, Community Relations Coordinator for Life EMS, presented the Life EMS Social Justice Youth Award to Mr. Adam Tagget.</p> <p>Mason Coleman, Community President of 5th/3rd Bank, presented the 5th/3rd Bank Social Justice Youth Awards to Ms. Lenisha Bell and Mr. Antonio Tigues.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson presented the Dr. Lewis Walker Social Justice Youth Award to Ms. Amber Baker.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>City Attorney Robinson requested that the closed session 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the replacement of the Park Street Bridge over Axtell Creek, whereby MDOT receives \$1,465,300 in federal Surface Transportation funding and the City of Kalamazoo agrees to participate in the project at an estimated cost of \$40,800.00.

- approval of the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 14, 2011; the Neighborhood Meetings on October 17 and November 21, 2011; and the Regular Business Meetings on October 17, October 31, November 7, November 14, November 21, and December 5, 2011.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- December 2011 Purchases
- *The City of Kalamazoo 2011 Affirmative Action Plan*

Parks Manager Mark Polega introduced Lynee Wells from Williams & Works and Mark Miller from Nederveld, Inc. who presented an update on the Farmers' Market Master Plan process.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Miller stated adequate parking was a challenge, and the idea of expanding the site had been vetted. Ms. Wells stated there would be more parking spaces at the new market and the layout would be more efficient, which might lead to fewer vehicle/pedestrian encounters and reduce the perception that parking was a "problem."

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Ms. Wells stated preliminary construction cost estimates were \$1.4-1.5 million. Ms. Wells encouraged the City to explore creative fundraising options such as selling naming rights and establishing a non-profit organization dedicated to fundraising for the market.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Wells stated the Master plan did not make a commitment to a year round market, but the design would allow for flexible programming options.

Mayor Hopewell stated Ms. Wells and Mr. Williams had answered most of his questions and noted the Springfield market had indoor space, which accommodated year-round activities. Mayor Hopewell thanked the planners for including an outdoor performance space and bike racks. Mayor Hopewell stated he was still concerned about traffic safety and expressed interest in seeing where the Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway way would touch the market.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

City Manager's Report

Farmer's Market
Master Plan Update

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Anderson noted the former Blakeslee Hospital was completely gone, and he expressed appreciation to Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain for his work in getting this abandoned structure removed from the Fairmont Neighborhood.

Commissioner Cooney offered remarks on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his vision for political and economic democracy.

Mayor Hopewell noted Kalamazoo College had received a \$23 million grant from the Arcus Foundation to fund the Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership. Mayor Hopewell recognized Jon Stryker for his generosity and contributions to the community.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 19, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 19, 2012

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Roll Call	<p>A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6:00 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>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Cooney, 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>
	<p>*Commissioner Bell arrived at 6:01 p.m.</p>
Presentation and Discussion of Diversity and the Early Retirement Incentive	<p>City Manager Collard presented an overview of the challenges and opportunities related to the implementation of the Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) from a human resources perspective. City Manager Collard noted this special meeting was a direct response to Commissioners' concerns about the ERI and the diversity.</p>
	<p>Human Resources Director Jerome Post delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled <i>Human Resources Update to the City Commission, January 30, 2012</i>. Director Post's presentation included a review of the City's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) statistics, the City's Affirmative Action Plan, and data that illustrated the impact of the ERI on various employment groups. A copy of PowerPoint slides presented by Director Post was filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>
	<p>Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley described his department's efforts to recruit diverse applicant pools over the past few years.</p>
	<p>In response to questions from Commissioners, Chief Hadley explained the applicant scoring system gave an advantage to applicants with life experiences in urban settings, and the department had a diverse recruitment team that attended career fairs. Chief Hadley stated the Citizen Public Safety Review and Appeal Board participated in the applicant review process.</p>
	<p>In response to the presentation by Director Post and Chief Hadley, Commissioners suggested the City utilize the ideas and experiences of current employees, especially minority employees, in developing and executing recruitment strategies, and that the City target its recruiting efforts at specific job groups.</p>

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

Citizen Comments

Jim Tinsley, City resident, expressed concern that minorities and females were counted twice on the diversity reports.

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

Commissioner Comments

Mayor Hopewell recognized the presence of Eric Wimbley, Commander of the State Police post in Paw Paw.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 19, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 19, 2012

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 30, 2012 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 Bill Ferguson, Westwood Church of God, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Presentation of "City Employee of the Year" Award	<p>Gary Wager and Linda Wiener presented the Kalamazoo Neighborhood Coalition's <i>City Employee of the Year Award</i> to Community Development Manager Laura Lam.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a contract with S&S Directional Boring, Ltd. for the installation of two directionally drilled sewer force main lines and one directionally drilled water main in the amount of \$229,750. - approve a property maintenance contract extension with JH Maintenance for mowing City properties, City Cemeteries and properties cited for nuisance violations in the amount of \$193,654. - approval of a one-year contract extension with Polydyne Inc. for Cationic Emulsion Polymer in the amount of \$187,110. - approval of a three-year contract with R.N.A. Janitorial Inc. to provide janitorial services at both the Metro Transit Administration Building and the Kalamazoo Transportation Center, located at 530 North Rose Street and 459 North Burdick Street, in the total amount of \$162,370.
Resolution 12-05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a Notice of Intent RESOLUTION to issue Wastewater System Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6.1 million for the purpose of financing capital improvements and equipment.

- adoption of a Notice of Intent **RESOLUTION** for the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4.4 million, for the purpose of financing various capital improvements and equipment.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** of Intent to apply for annual transit financial assistance from the Michigan Department of Transportation for FY2013; and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents pertaining to the 2013 grant application.
- first reading of an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for water service to increase water service revenues by 5%, effective March 1, 2012.
- first reading an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 28 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for wastewater service to increase wastewater service revenues by 5%, effective March 1, 2012.
- approval of the Mayor's appointment of Max Tibbits and Sally Reynolds to the Historic District Commission for terms expiring on January 1, 2015.
- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions:
 - the appointment of **William Roschek** to the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association Board of Governors for a term expiring on January 1, 2015.
 - the reappointment of **Nicholas Boyd** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2015.
 - the appointment of **Jeremy Cole** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2013.
 - the appointment of **Kristine Malabed** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2013.
 - the reappointment of **Charles Martell** to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member (Alternate #1) for a term expiring on March 31, 2015.

Consent Agenda (cont'd)

Resolution 12-06

Resolution 12-07

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

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported the City had received the following correspondence:

- a letter from the Kalamazoo County Department of Buildings and Grounds requesting the installation and enforcement of "No Parking" signs along the Kalamazoo County owned property side of Humphrey Street. This request was referred to the City's Traffic Engineer.
- a letter from State Representative Sean McCann in response to the resolution adopted by the City Commission on December 19th opposing House Bill 5039.
- a letter from State Representative Sean McCann in response to the resolution adopted by the City Commission on December 19th requesting that Governor Snyder veto House Bills 4770 and 4771.
- a letter from the Downtown Development Authority and the Downtown Parking Committee regarding an increase in meter-bag rental rates that would take effect on April 1, 2012.

Citizen Comments

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

Andrew Worden, City resident, commented on the proposed increase in water and wastewater rates.

Frank Warren, City resident, spoke about his work with local drug courts.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Bell remarked on Melanie Lockett's efforts to raise money to install water towers in poor villages and announced there would be a fundraising walk on March 15th.

Commissioner Cooney remarked the Annie Casey Foundation had recently reported 1 out of 5 children in the United States lived in poverty. Commissioner Cooney indicated over 40% of children in Kalamazoo lived in poverty and stated this issue needed to be on the public agenda.

Mayor Hopewell thanked Commissioner Anderson for joining him on January 28th at the Grand Rapids State of the City Address delivered by Mayor George Heartwell.

Closed Session

Commissioner Miller seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell announced 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, Mayor Hopewell

Closed Session (cont'd)

NAYS: None

The City Commission went into closed session at 7:26 p.m.
The City Commission returned to open session at 7:43 p.m.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved that the approval of the proposed settlement of the Matt Schultz case pending in federal District Court on the terms as outlined in the memo provided to us by the City Attorney's Office. Such approval is contingent on approval by the City Pension Board of the disability pension requested by Mr. Schultz. If the Pension Board approves the request, then the terms of the settlement may be made public. If the Pension Board does not approve the request, our approval is withdrawn, there is no settlement, and the proposed terms thereof shall not be disclosed, as such would have a detrimental effect on the litigation and settlement position of the City in this matter.

Settlement of the Lawsuit Schultz v City of Kalamazoo

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Bell

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 19, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 19, 2012

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 6, 2012 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 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 Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioners Bell and Cinabro. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Doctor Betty Udongo, Kalamazoo Prayer Clinic, 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - acceptance of funding from Maple Street Magnet Middle School for \$581.31 to run a six-week Saturday Intramural basketball program and authorization for the City Manager to sign all contracts and related documents. - authorization for the City Manager to permit the collection of delinquent Housing and Public Services fees owing on properties facing tax foreclosure to be spread over 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 summer tax bills so as to avoid tax foreclosure. <p>Commissioner Cooney, 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, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>

Regular agenda items were considered next.

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for water service, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Andrew Worden, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed rate increases.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend certain sections of Chapter 38 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for water service to increase water service revenues by 5%, effective March 1, 2012.

Prior to a vote on the motion, and in a response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Public Services Director Bruce Merchant explained the proposed rate increases were for capital improvements to the water and wastewater system and that the rate increases were larger for City residents because they were the owners of the system and bore the responsibility for maintaining the system. Director Merchant stated the water and wastewater systems were not allowed to make a profit and that state law regulated the utility rate making process. Director Merchant suggested the City's utility rates compared very favorably with rates charged by other municipalities.

Commissioner Miller noted City residents paid lower utility rates than non-residents. Commissioner Miller stated City residents, as owners of the water and wastewater systems, needed to pay for repairs and improvements to the system, just as the owners of a rental property needed to pay for repairs to their house.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to amend certain sections of Chapter 28 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for wastewater service, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend certain sections of Chapter 28 of the Kalamazoo Code to change the rates charged for wastewater service to increase wastewater service revenues by 5%, effective March 1, 2012.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Ordinance 1889 re:
Water Service Rates

Ordinance 1890 re:
Wastewater Service
Rates

Report on the Extended Payment Option for Delinquent Fees

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain provided background information on the extended payment option for delinquent housing and Public Services fees.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Chamberlain indicated both homestead and non-homestead properties would be eligible for the extended payment option.

Commissioner Cooney and Mayor Hopewell thanked Director Chamberlain and City Manager Collard for finding a creative solution to a serious problem.

Citizen Comments

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

Monica Westover, City resident, asked the City to correct a police report from 2002 and submitted a Freedom of Information act appeal for this report.

Philip Micklin, City resident, spoke regarding the cluster development on the Arboretum property and how this development failed to adhere to the West Side Land Use Plan relative to the Basswood Preserve. A copy of a Kalamazoo Gazette article submitted by Mr. Micklin was filed with the papers for this meeting.

George Daleiden, City resident, expressed concern about the removal of seven mature trees on the west side of Portage Street just south of Cork Street.

Charles LeBlanc, City resident, spoke about the Kalamazoo Prayer Clinic and suggested a facility be built to provide services to the homeless. Information distributed by Mr. LeBlanc was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Corie Johnson, non-resident, reported sections of West Michigan Avenue and Drake Road did not have sidewalks, and she asked the City to install sidewalks to fill these gaps.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Cooney congratulated the students and athletes from Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo Central, and Phoenix High Schools for performing well and exhibiting good sportsmanship at their basketball games over the weekend.

Mayor Hopewell asked the City Manager to report back to the Commission about the removal of trees on Portage Street. Mayor Hopewell explained that the west side of Drake Road was in the Oshtemo Township, not the City, and he encouraged Ms. Johnson to talk with Director Merchant about sidewalks on City streets.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

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Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
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In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Taylor reported many homes in the Neighborhood were being rehabbed through the NSP2 program.

Edison Neighborhood Association (cont'd)

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Taylor stated she had seen preliminary drawings for the new Washington Writers' Academy.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Ms. Taylor reported seven of the new homes in Marketplace Plat were occupied.

The Parkview Neighborhood Association representatives:

Parkview Neighborhood Association

- thanked the City for removing and replacing diseased trees at Parkview Hills.
- thanked Public Safety Officers for building good relationships with residents.
- expressed concern about residents not getting a response from the City about streetlights being out. Ms. Dombrowski stated she had been working with Consumers Energy to resolve the problem.
- stated the water quality at Parkview Hills was very poor and expressed hope that upgrades to the water system planned for 2012 would address the problem.

The Western Student Association (WSA) Representatives:

Western Student Association

- thanked Commissioners for attending the WSA City Commission candidate forum in fall.
- invited Mayor Hopewell to be guest speaker at an upcoming WSA meeting.
- highlighted volunteer service efforts by students.
- thanked the Public Safety Department for improving safety on campus and in the Fraternity Village Drive area.
- announced the Polar Plunge fundraising event for Special Olympics would take place on March 17th and invited Commissioners to participate.
- announced two new WSA scholarships, including a diversity scholarship.
- discussed WSA's participation in SAM, the Student Associations of Michigan.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Kaplan estimated 100 students were involved in WSA. Ms. Neldon estimated the typical WSA meeting attendance was around 80 people.

Citizen Comments

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Bob Miller, Associate Vice President for Community Outreach at Western Michigan University (WMU), explained how the City and WMU were tracking student ridership for the late night service pilot program. Mr. Miller also stated WMU was cataloguing the ways the late night service was marketed to students.

Commissioner Comments

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

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 19, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 19, 2012

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 20, 2012 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	<p>The invocation, given by Commissioner Cooney, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Bell proclaimed March 4-10, 2012 "2012 Women in Construction Week." Suzannah Deneau, National Association of Women in Construction Chapter President, received the proclamation.</p> <p>Mayor Hopewell read a proclamation <i>Honoring 1st Lieutenant Eric Wimbley, Michigan State Police</i>. Lieutenant Wimbley 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> <p>City Manager Collard noted the sale price for the City right-of-way described in Item F-6 was incorrect and should read \$344, not \$772.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one-year contract with Underground Pipe & Valve for the purchase of ductile iron pipe in the amount of \$1,223,774. - approval of a one-year contract extension for the purchase of fluorosilic acid from Alexander Chemical Corporation in the amount of \$130,000.
Resolution 12-08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission RESOLUTION to allow the transfer of ownership of an escrowed 2008 Resort B-Hotel and

SDM Licensed business with dance permit and three bars, issued under MCL 436.1531(3), non-transferable, located at 3600 East Cork, from Cork Street Food and Beverage, Inc. (d/b/a Clarion Hotel) to SSR Hospitality, LLC (d/b/a Sheraton Hotel).

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

- acceptance of funding from the State of Michigan GIS Sub-Grant Program of the ENHANCE 911 Act Grant in the amount of \$34,875.
- approval of the release of the 2012 Action Plan draft for a 30-day public comment period to begin on February 21, 2012 as required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- approval of a recommendation to hold for consideration until March 5, 2012 the sale of approximately 105 feet of the western portion of a city-owned abandoned right-of-way at 1117 Staples to Mamie Wine for \$344 and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- approval of a recommendation to hold for consideration until March 5, 2012 approval of the transfer of 667 East Michigan Avenue to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.

Commissioner Anderson, 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, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Clerk Borling reported the City had received the following correspondence regarding the petition-initiated proposal to add Section 199 to the City Charter regarding cannabis dispensaries:

City Clerk's Report

- a letter from the Richard Bandstra, Chief Legal Counsel in the Attorney General's Office, to Michael Gadola, Legal Counsel to the Governor, dated January 19, 2012.
- a letter from Governor Rick Snyder dated January 24, 2012.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, City Clerk Borling stated the next opportunity for the charter amendment question to be on a ballot was the 2012 General Election in November.

In response to questions from Commissioners Bell and Cinabro, City Attorney Robinson explained that the amendment, if approved, would become part of the City Charter but would be unenforceable, as the implementation of the amendment would violate state law.

City Manager's Report	<p>City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Departmental Reports and Project Updates - January 2012 Purchases - Employees' Retirement System Investment Committee Report, 4th Quarter 2011 - Perpetual Care Investment Committee Report, 4th Quarter 2011
Report on 2011 Crime Statistics	<p>Deputy City Chief Sam Harris reviewed the 2011 crime statistics for the City of Kalamazoo and highlighted the 23% decrease in serious crimes since 2007.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Cooney thanked the officers and staff in the Public Safety Department for their work and cooperation with the community to make Kalamazoo safer.</p>
Citizen Comments	<p>Next, when an opportunity was given for general citizen comments the following people addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p style="padding-left: 40px;">Irving Armstrong, Executive Director of the New Genesis Education Center, thanked the City for approving CDBG funds for a youth summer program in 2011 and requested the City write a letter supporting New Genesis' application for a 21st Century Grant.</p>
City Commissioner Comments	<p>Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Bell commented on the following events: Rocket Football camp at Western Michigan University; a skills training and job fair event on March 30th and 31st at Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion on August 4th. Commissioner Bell invited people to join the Living Well Fitness Center and expressed gratitude to Public Safety Officers for their response to two break-ins at her home and an attack on her dog.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Anderson offered remarks on the following topics: a public presentation by the Kalamazoo County Land Bank that highlighted an impressive list of accomplishments; a recent meeting about the reorganization the Fairmont Neighborhood Association; a publication from the Michigan Department of Public Health that discussed the importance of adding fluoride to the water supply; the 17% decrease in HOME funds allocated to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and the proposed elimination of the Personal Property Tax, which accounted for 14% of the City's tax revenue.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Miller commented on the State of the Downtown Address that had been presented that afternoon.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Cooney noted February was Black History Month and remarked that February 21st was the anniversary of the death of Malcolm X. Commissioner Cooney discussed the life of Malcolm X and his importance to the civil rights movement.</p>

Mayor Hopewell suggested the City encourage its vendors and contractors to participate in local job fairs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 19, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 19, 2012

Adjournment

Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 5, 2012 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 Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Randy Burnett, 12th Street Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Miller proclaimed March 11-17, 2012 "Girl Scout Week." Jan Barker, CEO, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, received the proclamation.</p>
	<p>*Commissioner Bell arrived at 7:05 p.m.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Cooney read a proclamation <i>Honoring Reverend Matthew Laney and Ann Colloton</i>. Reverend Laney and Ms. Colloton were 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	<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 the purchase of a sewer cleaning truck from Jack Doheny Supplies Inc., for a total expenditure of \$387,476.50. - approval of a sole source purchase with Etna Supply Company for water meters in the amount of \$160,900. - first reading of an ORDINANCE to revise sections of Chapter 36-129 to conform to the revised Michigan Vehicle Code as it relates to Operating While Intoxicated.

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| - adoption of a Performance RESOLUTION for Governmental Agencies wherein the City agrees to terms set by MDOT as a condition for granting permits for City use of MDOT rights-of-way. | Resolution 12-09 |
| - adoption of a RESOLUTION declaring Edwards Street between South Street and East Michigan Avenue to be closed on May 17-20; August 16, and September 6-9, 2012 and a special event area permitted for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. | Resolution 12-10 |
| - adoption of a RESOLUTION recognizing Invest in Youth Fund as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. | Resolution 12-11 |
| - adoption of a RESOLUTION authorizing the City of Kalamazoo to accept \$20,000 of seed funding under the Economic Vitality Incentive Program of the Michigan Department of Treasury and to participate in a dispatch consolidation feasibility study jointly with the County of Kalamazoo, City of Portage, and Kalamazoo Township. | Resolution 12-12 |
| - approval of the sale of approximately 105 feet of the western portion of a city-owned abandoned right-of-way at 1117 Staples to Mamie Wine for \$344 and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents. | |
| - approval of the transfer of 667 East Michigan Avenue to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents. | |
| - authorization for the execution of the Termination of Water Main Easement and the acceptance of a replacement Easement Agreement with the owners of the Kendall Manor Apartments in Kalamazoo Township. | |
| - 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 19-20, 2012 and the Kiracofe Memorial Softball Tournament, July 13-15, 2012. | |

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Ordinance 1891 re:
Water Revenue
Refunding Bonds

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to provide for the issuance and sale of Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,800,000, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to provide for the issuance and sale of Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,800,000, for the purpose of refunding all or part of the City's Outstanding Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2002, and Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002B to achieve estimated interest rate savings of \$275,000 over the remaining life of the bonds.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller thanked City staff for being diligent in looking for opportunities to save money through refinancing existing debt.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1892 re:
Wastewater Revenue
Bonds

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE Authorizing the issuance of Wastewater System Revenue Bonds and a RESOLUTION authorizing publication of the Notice of Sale, but no comments were offered.

Resolution 12-13
Authorizing the Notice
of Sale for Wastewater
Revenue Bonds

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** authorizing the issuance of Wastewater System Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed of \$6,100,000; and, adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing publication of Notice of Sale for the Wastewater System Revenue Bonds.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Resolution 12-14
Authorizing Issuance
of CIP Bonds

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a RESOLUTION authorizing the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed of \$4,400,000, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed of \$4,400,000.

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 announced Park Street between Crosstown Parkway and Forest would be closed from March 12th – June 29th for the replacement of the Park Street bridge over Axtell Creek. City Manager Collard also reported the Public Safety Department had been awarded a \$500,000 grant to replace the Department’s Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

City Manager’s Report

Mayor Hopewell requested that the Park Street closure be announced on the video display screen in the atrium of City Hall and on the City’s website.

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

Citizen Comments

Commissioner Cooney left at 7:20 p.m.

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bell commented on the following events: the Community Collaborative Conference and weekly Rocket Football Camp at Western Michigan University (WMU); a skills training and job fair event on March 30th and 31st at Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and the national conference of The Black Women’s Round Table. Commissioner Bell congratulated New Genesis on its successful youth basketball program. Commissioner Bell urged students to volunteer in the community over spring break.

Commissioner Cinabro commended Public Safety Officers for their good work fighting the fire at Sarkozy’s Bakery. Commissioner Cinabro remarked on his attendance at the Ministry with Community Charity Gumbo Cook-Off.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Manager Collard stated the City would be represented at the Mt. Zion job fair.

Mayor Hopewell expressed well-wishes to Judy Sarkozy, whose bakery was destroyed in a fire. Mayor Hopewell congratulated new Public Safety Officers who had been sworn-in that morning.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 19, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: March 19, 2012

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Roll Call	<p>A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 5:00 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 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>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Presentations and Discussion of the ERI Strategic Alignment Plans for Public Safety Public Services and Human Resources Departments	<p>City Manager Collard, Public Services Director Bruce Merchant, Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley, and Human Resources Director Jerome Post delivered a presentation entitled <i>ERI Strategic Alignment Plan Summary</i>. City Manager Collard presented an overview of the Early Retirement Initiative (ERI) and the departmental Strategic Alignment Plans (SAP). Director Merchant reviewed the SAP for the Public Services Department. Chief Hadley reviewed the SAP for the Public Safety Department. Director Post described the typical recruitment and hiring process and the special processes that would be implemented to recruit for vacant ERI positions. Director Post distributed a list of organizations that received job notices from the City on a routine basis and a list of positions that were in the process of being filled or would be filled in the near future. A copy of the PowerPoint slides for this presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>
Commissioner Comments and Questions on the SAP	<p>An opportunity was given for Commissioners to make comments and ask questions regarding the SAP.</p> <p>In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, City Manager Collard stated no other departmental presentations were planned, but they could be arranged.</p> <p>Vice Mayor McKinney remarked on the level of detail in the departmental plans, which included retirees' names and their projected retirement dates.</p> <p>In response to questions from Commissioner Miller City Manager Collard stated the first wave of employees to retire would receive a 30-day notice of their last workday, and thereafter the notice would be 60 days. City Manager Collard noted the City was not planning to rehire any retirees.</p> <p>In response to questions from Commissioner Bell, Director Post stated department heads were notified of job applicants' criminal records only if they were the primary choice for hiring. Director Post stated the Human</p>

Resources Department did not track where applicants had heard about City job openings, but staff members were looking into collecting that information through the NeoGov software.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore described the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents and noted this document and the SAP were available on the website.

Vice Mayor McKinney expressed admiration for the SAP and commended the City Administration for recognizing the plan would need to be adjusted as it was implemented.

City Manager Collard indicated the SAP was a product of everyone's hard work and the good collaborative working relationships between the City Administration, department heads, and the City Commission.

Commissioner Bell requested further discussion on ways the City could encourage businesses to adopt inclusive hiring practices.

Mayor Hopewell noted the City Commission would be working on the process for replacing the City Manager and City Assessor as part of the ERI organizational transformation. Mayor Hopewell thanked the Retirement Investment Committee for successfully managing the pension fund, which enabled the City to implement the ERI.

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

Ken Nacci, Executive Director of Downtown Kalamazoo, Inc., stated he had been asked by the DKI leadership to find ways to work with the City to fill gaps, provide services, and collaborate.

Chris Shook, Chair of the Downtown Development Authority, remarked there were 140 volunteers in the community who were ready to work with the City to provide services.

Jack Urban, City resident and County Commissioner, stated elected and appointed officials in Kalamazoo County were watching the implementation of the ERI. Mr. Urban indicated the City of Kalamazoo could be a model for the state and the nation.

Ryan Simpson, Chamber of Commerce, discussed the Chamber's diversity initiatives and Young Professionals Network.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Commissioner
Comments and
Questions on the
SAP (cont'd)

Citizen Comments

Commissioner
Comments

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 16, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 16, 2012

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 19, 2012 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 Ron L. Coleman, Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed March 31, 2012 "Cesar Chavez Day." Christina Obrieter, Southwest Michigan Cesar E. Chavez Day Committee member, received the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following changes:</p> <p>City Manager Collard requested Item F-6, amendments to the General Fund Budget, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p> <p>Commissioner Bell requested Item F-13, the renaming of Butler Court, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p> <p>Mayor Hopewell announced Item F-11, a resolution regarding the issuance of a liquor license to SPS Professional Services at 100 Monroe Street, would 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a contract with Reith Riley Construction Company for the purchase of asphalt paving materials in the amount of \$335,080. - approval of a three-year contract with Wayne County Appraisal, LLC d/b/a WCA Assessing for field inspections and data entry of real property parcels and the data entry and canvas of all personal property accounts in the amount of \$615,300; WCA will also handle all small claims tribunal appeals on an as needed basis charging \$63.18 per hour.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a contract with Mobility Transportation Services for the purchase of four 2012 Ford E-350 XL Extended Vans with Maxon wheelchair lifts in the amount of \$155,284. - approval of a contract with Hoekstra Transportation, Inc., for the purchase of one 2012 Eldorado Aero-Elite lift-equipped medium duty coach in the amount of \$141,251. - approval of a contract with Utility Service Authority for the installation of sanitary sewer liners in various locations within the City in the amount of \$135,885. - acceptance of a FY2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award of \$557,613 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and authorize the City Manager to sign all related grant award documents. - approval of a digital parcel data sharing agreement for public safety dispatching with the City of Portage. | <p>Consent Agenda
(cont'd)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION to set a public hearing on April 2, 2012 to consider the termination of Plant Rehabilitation District (PRD) #33; this request is the initial action recommended to support the planned five-year plant expansion investment (\$3,649,000) and the hiring of an estimated 100 full-time employees by Dimplex Thermal Solutions, Inc. | <p>Resolution 12-15</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION to set a public hearing on April 2, 2012 to consider the establishment of a PA 198 IDD around the perimeter of four adjacent parcels; the three parcels owned by Dimplex Thermal Solutions, Inc. include their main manufacturing location at 2625 Emerald Drive, the small abutting parcel (2627 Emerald Drive) and the parcel located at 2801 Emerald Terrace. | <p>Resolution 12-16</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - first reading of an ORDINANCE to rezone 612 N. Park Street from Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District); and, schedule a public hearing for April 2, 2012. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the appointment of Linda Servis to the Housing Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring on March 31, 2015; and, waive City Commission Rule 12k regarding dual board memberships. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Neighborhood Meeting on February 20, 2012; the Special Meeting on January 30, 2012; and the Regular Business Meetings on January 1, January 17, January 30, February 6, February 20, and March 5, 2012. | |

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

Regular Agenda

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Budget Amendments re: Implementation of the ERI

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

City Manager Collard described proposed amendments to the FY2012 General Fund Budget to fund transition consulting and position recruiting services needed during implementation of the Early Retirement Initiative (ERI). City Manager Collard also explained a clerical position in the Human Resources Department was slated for elimination at the end of March, and the budget amendment would extend funding for this position through the end of the year.

Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for the budget amendment.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an additional appropriation of \$282,000 to amend the FY 2012 Adopted General Fund Budget, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve an additional General Fund appropriation of \$282,000 to amend the FY 2012 Adopted General Fund Budget from \$56,147,455 to \$56,429,455 for an amended FY 2012 Citywide Budget of \$159,185,824.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Street Name Change: Butler Court to Reverend Wright Court

Commissioner Bell spoke about the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Matthew W. Wright and stated it was fitting for the City to name a street in his honor.

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the renaming of Butler Court to Reverend Wright Court, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident, expressed support for the street name-change.

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to rename Butler Court to Reverend Wright Court between Park Street and Burdick Street.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney remarked on Reverend Wright's fight against racism and apartheid.

Commissioner Bell recognized Reverend Strickland as the new pastor of Second Baptist Church.

Street Name Change:
Butler Court to
Reverend Wright
Court (cont'd)

Mayor Hopewell noted Reverend Wright and many others had made great contributions to the City of Kalamazoo.

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 an ORDINANCE to revise sections of Chapter 36-129 to conform to the revised Michigan Vehicle Code as it relates to Operating While Intoxicated, but no comments were offered.

Ordinance 1893 re:
Operating While
Intoxicated

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to revise sections of Chapter 36-129 to conform to the revised Michigan Vehicle Code as it relates to Operating While Intoxicated.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Clerk Borling reported the City had received notification from Downtown Kalamazoo Inc. that Central City Parking was enforcing Section 36-170 of the Code regarding overnight parking. City Clerk Borling also provided a turnout report and election results for the City of Kalamazoo from the Presidential Primary Election on February 28, 2012.

City Clerk's Report

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- February 2012 Purchases

City Manager's Report

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Frank Warren, City resident, announced the American Legion convention would be held in Kalamazoo and offered remarks on the Western Biscuit Company in Battle Creek, which had been the sole producer of Girl Scout Cookies.

Brenda Stewart, City resident, spoke about The Northside Group and the need for jobs and affordable housing in the community.

Paul Triplett, City resident, played a threatening phone message he had received from a detective with the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS) and asked the City Commission for help.

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Adam Charlston, City resident, spoke about the misconduct of officers within KDPS.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident, discussed a recent article in the Kalamazoo Gazette about violence in the Northside Neighborhood and stated action was needed in addition to community meetings.

Simon Boehme, City resident, thanked the City Commission for working with Kalamazoo Public Schools to support The Kalamazoo Promise.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Bell expressed sorrow about Mr. Triplett's situation and requested that this issue be addressed and report provided to the City Commission. Commissioner Bell commented on the following events: the Clean Water for the World fundraising walk; Rocket Football Camp at Western Michigan University (WMU); a skills training and job fair event on March 30th and 31st at Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and the national conference of The Black Women's Round Table.

Commissioner Cinabro commended City Manager Collard for the Strategic Alignment Plan that was developed to implement changes in response to the ERI.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the Strategic Alignment Plan and described the plan as a "legacy-building revolution." Commissioner Anderson noted Kalamazoo was the "downtown" for all of Kalamazoo County.

Commissioner Miller congratulated the Western Michigan University hockey team for making it to the national hockey tournament. Commissioner Miller remarked that City golf courses were busy due to the unseasonably warm weather.

Commissioner Cooney discussed the City's budget deficit and stated the Strategic Alignment Plan was brilliant.

Vice Mayor McKinney stated the Strategic Alignment Plan was amazing and would allow the City to change with little or no pain, when other jurisdictions were in considerable pain. Vice Mayor McKinney stated she was glad people were acknowledging the plan would need to be adjusted and that change was difficult. Vice Mayor McKinney agreed with Commissioner Anderson that the ERI implementation was a legacy revolution, and she remarked on the legacy of the City's healthy pension fund, which made the ERI possible.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on the good work that had been done around the ERI and reminded people there was much work to be done. Mayor Hopewell encouraged people to share their ideas and be active participants in the change process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 16, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 16, 2012

Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro</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 absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioners Bell and Cinabro. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Deacon Joe Schmitt, St. Thomas More Parish, 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>
Resolution 12-17 Terminating Plant Rehab District #33	<p>At 7:05 p.m. Vice Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding a RESOLUTION to terminate Plant Rehabilitation District #33; the request is a portion of the actions recommended to support the planned five-year plant expansion investment (\$3,649,000) and the hiring of an estimated 100 full-time employees by Dimplex Thermal Solutions, Inc.</p>
	<p>Ola Wettergren, President and CEO of Dimplex Thermal Solutions, spoke in favor of the proposed resolution.</p>
	<p>At 7:10 p.m. Vice Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a RESOLUTION to terminate Plant Rehabilitation District #33; the request is a portion of the actions recommended to support the planned five-year plant expansion investment (\$3,649,000) and the hiring of an estimated 100 full-time employees by Dimplex Thermal Solutions, Inc.</p>
	<p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p>
	<p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney</p>
	<p>NAYS: None</p>

At 7:11 p.m. Vice Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding a RESOLUTION to establish PA 198 Industrial Development District #126 around the perimeter of four adjacent parcels: the three parcels owned by Dimplex Thermal Solutions, Inc. include their main manufacturing location at 2625 Emerald Drive, the small abutting parcel (2627 Emerald Drive) and the parcel located at 2801 Cambridge Terrace.

Resolution 12-18
Establishing
Industrial
Development
District #126

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

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to establish PA 198 Industrial Development District #126 around the perimeter of four adjacent parcels: the three parcels owned by Dimplex Thermal Solutions, Inc. include their main manufacturing location at 2625 Emerald Drive, the small abutting parcel (2627 Emerald Drive) and the parcel located at 2801 Cambridge Terrace.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney thanked Dimplex Thermal Solutions for investing in the community and Southwest Michigan First, the state, and City staff for their roles in making the project happen.

Vice Mayor McKinney stated this investment in Kalamazoo challenged the idea that core cities in Michigan were on the decline.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

At 7:12 p.m. Vice Mayor McKinney opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding an ORDINANCE to rezone 612 N. Park Street from Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).

Ordinance 1894
Rezoning 612 N.
Park Street

At 7:13 p.m. Vice Mayor McKinney closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 612 N. Park Street from Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Consent Agenda

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

- authorization for the City Manager to enter into contracts with ice control salt suppliers as awarded by the State of Michigan for the 2012/2013 winter season requirements in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
- approval of a three year contract with Republic Services of West Michigan for the rental, placement, and removal of roll-off containers and disposal of all street sweeping materials deposited in those containers in the amount of \$360,000.

Resolution 12-19

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting a public hearing for April 16, 2012 to adopt the Program Year 2012 Action Plan which details the funding allocations for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant entitlement funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Resolutions 12-20 through 12-30

- adoption of **RESOLUTIONS** approving two applications for Neighborhood Enterprise Zone certificates in the Edison Neighborhood Enterprise Zone, for new construction in the Marketplace Plat, as well as approving the transfer of nine existing certificates.
- approval of the updated list of Non-Bargaining Unit Employees exempt from Civil Service Protection.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until April 16, 2012 consideration of the sale of the city-owned property at 1212 Brownell Court to Robert Barnard for \$3,900 and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until April 16, 2012 authorization for the City Manager to sell by Quit Claim Deed eight city-owned properties as part of the Spring Intergovernmental Auction to be held on April 28, 2012, provided the minimum bid is met.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

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

Citizen Comments

Michael Hoag, City resident, read a letter from the Douglas Neighborhood Steering Committee regarding the senior housing development on Blakeslee Street. A copy of the letter was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Iris Potter, City resident, described the history of the proposed housing development on Blakeslee Street and asked that the development be put on hold to allow neighborhood residents the opportunity to provide input on the use this property.

Arlene Larson, City resident, provided a history of Blakeslee Park and requested this property be used as a park once again and not for a senior housing development. A copy of Ms. Larson's written remarks was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Kim Willis, City resident, asked that the senior housing development on Blakeslee Street be put on hold to allow neighborhood residents the opportunity to provide input on the use this property.

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

Citizen Comments

Commissioner Miller noted the Kalamazoo County Treasurer was providing funds for the Downtown Development Authority to help pay the judgment resulting from the Radisson Hotel tax assessment appeal.

Commissioner Cooney thanked citizens for their remarks and stated the City Commission would take the concerns of the Douglas Neighborhood residents seriously. Commissioner Cooney congratulated Pastor Addis Moore and Commissioner Bell for a successful job fair at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Commissioner Cooney wished Mayor Hopewell "Happy Birthday."

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 16, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 16, 2012

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<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 Cinabro, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
	<p>*Mayor Hopewell arrived at 6:01 p.m.</p>
Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p><u>Oakland Drive/Winchell Neighborhood Association</u> Barbara McCrea, Co-President Tom Kayser, Board Member</p>
	<p><u>Oakwood Neighborhood Association</u> Michael Markel, President Cheryl Lord, Executive Director</p>
	<p><u>Westmain Hill Neighborhood Association</u> Bob Stauffer, President</p>
Oakland/Winchell Neighborhood Association	<p>The Oakland/Winchell Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reported the Association met on a monthly basis 9 months of the year and published a newsletter, which was the Association's primary means of communication. - expressed concern about traffic issues in the Neighborhood, especially traffic at the intersection at Winchell Avenue and Rambling Road. Ms. McCrea provided an overview of the traffic issues, and Mr. Kayser presented a visual display of the sightlines from various positions at the intersection. Mr. Kayser indicated he had a petition signed by over 250 people requesting the placement of STOP signs on Winchell Avenue at this intersection.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Kayser clarified that Neighborhood residents wanted two additional STOP signs installed to make the Winchell/Rambling intersection an all-way stop.

Commissioner Cinabro requested a report from the City Administration and the City Attorney on the liability issues involved with installing STOP signs at the Rambling Road/Winchell Avenue intersection.

The Oakwood Neighborhood Association representatives:

- distributed the April 2012 edition of the *Oakwood Times* newsletter.
- reported on the neighborhood's afterschool program.
- stated the Association had received a grant for the drop-in artist program.
- indicated the Association would host a water station for the Kalamazoo Marathon.
- stated the Neighborhood would be participating in the Building Blocks program and asked if the City would conduct special brush and trash pick-ups for this program.
- reviewed graphs and statistics about the Association's revenue and expenses.
- discussed the Association's accomplishments for 2011.
- announced the Oakwood Business Association was a year old, and the Summer Hop would take place on June 20th.

Oakwood
Neighborhood
Association

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Lord stated the Oakwood Business Association included the businesses on Parkview Avenue and at the Oakland/Parkview intersection.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Lord described the average day for students in the after school program and stated most students were brought to Community Center by their parents.

The Westmain Hill Neighborhood Association Representatives:

- distributed the April/May 2012 edition of the *Westmain Hill Highlights* newsletter.
- reported Neighborhood crime statistics were down.
- stated the Neighborhood was feeling the loss of its Community Police Officer (CPO).
- stated some residents wanted to clean-up the small park across the street from Jones Park, but neither the City nor the Township wanted to take responsibility for the park as it was on the border between the two.

Westmain Hill
Neighborhood
Association

Westmain Hill
Neighborhood
Association (cont'd)

- discussed the proposed installation of lights at Angel Field and reported the Board of Directors was divided on whether Kalamazoo College had made enough concessions in its offer to the Association.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Stauffer stated the Association would not take an official position on the stadium lighting. Mr. Stauffer indicated the only other concern with Kalamazoo College's proposed master plan was the pressure it would place on parking, but this concern was minor compared to concerns about the stadium lighting.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Mr. Stauffer clarified his description of the Association's position on the stadium lighting. Mr. Stauffer explained the Board of Directors had submitted a proposal to Kalamazoo College regarding the lighting, and the College had returned with a counteroffer. Mr. Stauffer reported the Board of Directors recognized that consideration of the counteroffer would generate much contention, and so the Board decided to not take action on the counteroffer but to let the members take their own positions on the matter and advocate as they saw fit.

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 30, 2012

Approved by: _____

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor

Dated: April 30, 2012

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 16, 2012 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 Joe Schmitt, St. Thomas More Parish, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Anderson proclaimed April 16, 2012 <i>Foursquare Day</i>. Ms. Sarah Lee received the proclamation.</p> <p>Commissioner Cinabro proclaimed April 27, 2012 <i>Arbor Day</i>. Public Services Director Bruce Merchant received the proclamation.</p> <p>Commissioner Miller proclaimed May 3, 2012 <i>National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day</i>. Dianne Shaffer, Executive Director of Advocacy Services for Kids, 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>
Public Hearing re: the HUD PY2012 Annual Action Plan	<p>Julie Johnston, Compliance Specialist with the Community Planning and Development Department, and Matt Milcarek, Chair of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee (CDAAC), provided an overview of the funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the process used by CDAAC to review applications for these funds.</p> <p>At 7:21 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on the recommendations of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee and the proposed Program Year 2012 Action Plan.</p> <p>Vicky Martin, Associate Director of Senior Services, Inc. thanked CDAAC for recommending funding for Senior Services and urged the City Commission to approve the recommendation.</p>

Jenny Shoub, CEO of the YWCA, and Misty Moon-Lartridge, Program Director for the YWCA's Domestic and Sexual Assault Programs, described the services provided by the YWCA and urged the City Commission to approve the funding recommended by CDAAC.

Cindy Graham, Grants and Community Planning Officer for Housing Resources, Inc. (HRI), thanked CDAAC for recommending funding for HRI.

Rob Oakleaf, Executive Director of Ministry with Community, thanked the City Commission for its consideration and described the services provided by Ministry with Community.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director of the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD), thanked City staff and CDAAC for their funding recommendation.

At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Cinabro seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to a) accept the recommendations of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee and adopt the Program Year 2012 Action Plan; b) authorize the City Manager to act as the official representative of the City and to sign all required HUD documents; and c) authorize the Director of Community Planning and Development to sign all agreements between the City and subrecipients.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller announced she would abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Anderson stated the difficult work had been done by CDAAC, and the applications for funds had been thoroughly vetted. Commissioner Anderson indicated the continued decrease in HUD funding from year to year would mean the future use of these funds would need to be aligned with community needs, and agencies receiving funds would need to demonstrate the ability to produce results.

Commissioner Cooney thanked CDAAC and City staff for their work to review and analyze the funding applications. Commissioner Cooney expressed disappointment at yet another reduction in HUD funding.

Vice Mayor McKinney thanked the members of CDAAC for their work. Vice Mayor McKinney observed that everyone involved in the HUD funding allocation process had become conditioned to funding reductions, but these reductions were wrong. Vice Mayor McKinney stated the future of HUD funding was unclear, and that was scary.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked the leadership of CDAAC and stated the funding recommendations were very balanced.

Mayor Hopewell thanked the service agencies for their work in the community and encouraged them to continue this work.

Public Hearing re:
the HUD PY2012
Annual Action Plan
(cont'd)

Approval of the City's
PY2012 Annual
Action Plan for HUD
Funding

Approval of the City's
PY2012 Annual
Action Plan for HUD
Funding (cont'd)

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Miller

Consent Agenda

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

- approval of a) an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in which the City receives \$744,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Funds for the resurfacing of Burdick Street from Kilgore to Cork and Millcork Street from Cork to Miller; and, b) approve a purchase order with MDOT in the amount of \$165,000 to cover the City's share of the projects' construction costs.

Resolution 12-31

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing on April 30, 2012 to consider an application from Flowserve FSD Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for three years for personal property valued at \$807,518 in existing Industrial Development District No. 12 located at 2100 Factory Street.

- approval of the sale of the city-owned property at 1212 Brownell Court to Robert Barnard for \$3,900, and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.

- authorization for the City Manager to sell by Quit Claim Deed eight city-owned properties at auction provided the minimum bid is met.

- approval of the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 30, 2011; the Regular Neighborhood Meeting of December 19, 2011; the Special Meetings of December 12 and 14, 2011 and March 19, 2012; and the Regular Business Meetings of December 19, 2011, March 19, 2012 and April 2, 2012.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, 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 Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- *Inside the City* Newsletter, April/May 2012 Edition
- March 2012 Purchases

Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley announced the creation of the Community Outreach and Problem Solving (COPS) Division. Chief Hadley stated this division would work with other City departments, law enforcement agencies, and the courts to address problems in the City in a very specific, directed, data-driven way. Chief Hadley explained the division was a combination of the Community Policing Unit and the Kalamazoo Valley Enforcement Team. Chief Hadley stated he formed this organizational unit as a division with its own budget and staffing so that it would not be competing with other divisions for resources.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the development and use of community intelligence by the new COPS Division.

Commissioner Cooney state the creation of the new COPS Division was a step in the right direction, and he thanked Chief Hadley for following-up with David Kennedy.

Vice Mayor remarked that the creation of the COPS Division was very innovative and exciting and would break-down the silos between divisions and departments. Mayor Hopewell commended Chief Hadley for bringing in non-Public Safety staff to help solve community problems.

Chief Hadley reported the Public Safety Department had unveiled plans for a memorial to Eric Zapata on the Kalamazoo Mall.

City Manager Collard noted the Public Safety Department was able to bring to town George Kelling and David Kennedy, two of the top thinkers on urban violence, and combine their theories with effective practices gained through experience.

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Harold Winchell, City resident, spoke regarding problems he was having with City housing inspectors.

Monroe Johnson, non-resident and 3rd District Commander of the American Legion, announced the American Legion state convention would take place in Kalamazoo in June. Mr. Johnson requested that the Mayor present State Commander Richard Chatman with a Key to the City.

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

Commissioner Cinabro commented on the death of Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata and thanked Chief Hadley and City Manager Collard for working hard to honor PSO Zapata.

City Manager's Report

Citizen Comments

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Anderson recognized Commissioner Miller for locating additional funding for the Swim for Success program.

Commissioner Cooney announced Great Lakes Peace Jam was sponsoring an address by Nobel Peace Laureate Rigoberta Menchu Tum from Guatemala at the Bernhard Center on the campus of Western Michigan University (WMU) on Friday, April 20th. Commissioner Cooney invited people to distribute flyers at the Drake Road Post Office on April 17th regarding income taxes.

Mayor Hopewell congratulated the WMU Merchandising Opportunities Design Association (MODA) for its successful fashion show. Mayor Hopewell congratulated Alfrelyn Roberts for being selected as one of the YWCA Women of Achievement. Mayor Hopewell remarked on the death of Eric Zapata and thanked Chief Hadley for choosing Brent Harris as the artist to create the bronze sculpture at the Zapata memorial.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 30, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 30, 2012

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, April 30, 2012 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 Commissioner Cooney, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Presentation on the Kalamazoo County Land Bank	<p>Kalamazoo County Treasurer Mary Balkema delivered a presentation entitled <i>Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority – Kalamazoo City Commission</i> and showed a video about the Land Bank. A copy of the PowerPoint slides from the presentation and a copy of the <i>Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority 2011 Annual Report</i> were filed with the papers for this meeting.</p> <p>Following the presentation, Ms. Balkema responded to questions and comments from City Commissioners.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed May, 2012 <i>Peace Education Month</i>. Ms. Lois Dickason, Chair of the Peace Pizzazz Planning Committee, received the proclamation and distributed information on the Peace Pizzazz event and the <i>Charter for Compassion</i>.</p> <p>Commissioner Bell read a proclamation entitled <i>Habitat for Humanity of Michigan Homeowner of the Year, Kattie Johnson</i>. Ms. Johnson 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>
Public Hearing re: a Tax Abatement for Flowserve FSD Corporation	<p>At 7:43 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on the application from Flowserve FSD Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for three years for personal property valued at \$807,518.</p> <p>Mark Welch, General Manager of Flowserve Corporation, described the project that was the subject of the abatement and spoke in favor of the resolution.</p>

At 7:45 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the application from Flowserve FSD Corporation for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for three years for personal property valued at \$807,518 in existing Industrial Development District No. 12 located at 2100 Factory Street

Resolution 12-32
Approving a Tax
Abatement for
Flowserve FSD
Corporation

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney thanked Flowserve Corporation for investing in the City and creating jobs.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

Consent Agenda

- approval of a four year contract extension with Kuhn's Yard and Garden for grave openings and closings at City cemeteries in the amount of \$309,700.
- approval of a contract with Peters Construction to replace damaged sections of sidewalk on Westnedge Avenue and Park Street from Kalamazoo Avenue to the north City limits in the amount of \$288,916.84.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** of support for Local Bridge Program Funds for the Mills Street Bridge.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recognizing the Kalamazoo Downtown Lions Club as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
- adoption of a Michigan Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** recommending approval of a new outdoor service area (2nd area) for the Mule House, Inc. to held in conjunction with its 2011 Class C license with dance permit at 402 East Kalamazoo Avenue.
- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions as recommended by the Mayor:
 - the appointment of Lisa Carriveau to the Downtown Development Authority for a term expiring on March 1, 2016.

Resolution 12-33

Resolution 12-34

Resolution 12-35

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

- the re-appointment of Ann Rohrbaugh to the Downtown Development Authority for a term expiring on March 1, 2016.
- the re-appointment of Derek Wissner to the Downtown Development Authority for a term expiring on March 1, 2016.
- the re-appointment of Chris Shook to the Downtown Development Authority for a term expiring on March 1, 2014; and, waive City Commission Rule 12e regarding term limits.
- the re-appointment of Tony Holewinski to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2015.
- the appointment of Gary Start to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term expiring on March 31, 2016.
- the re-appointment of Mark Fricke to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2015.
- the re-appointment of Angela Reynolds to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2015.
- the appointment of Rico White to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions as recommended by the City Clerk:
 - the appointment of Orlando Little to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
 - the appointment of Kristen Ramer to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2015.
 - the appointment of Dana Underwood to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as the Stuart Neighborhood Representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2015.
 - the appointment of James Valeii to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2013.
 - the re-appointment of Dr. Randy Eberts to the Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees for a term expiring on March 31, 2015.

- approval the City Commission minutes from the Neighborhood and Business Meetings on April 16, 2012.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until May 7, 2012 authorization for the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed and related documents for the conveyance of 818 Egleston to the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority for \$11,229.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

Vice Mayor McKinney, 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

City Clerk Borling reported the receipt of Annual Reports (2011) from the following advisory boards and commissions:

City Clerk's Report

- Downtown Development Authority
- Friends of Recreation Board
- Historic District Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Housing Board of Appeals
- Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Asha Kazhad, City resident, contrasted Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College with regard to their attitudes towards persons with mental disabilities.

Frank Warren, City resident, spoke regarding his work with the drug court in Kalamazoo.

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Bell congratulated Rico White on his appointment to the Planning Commission and Laurie Mercedes on the birth of a baby girl. Commissioner Bell congratulated all of the students who had just graduated from college over the past weekend.

Commissioner Cinabro spoke on the life and work of John Ross, the first chief of the combined Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, who died on April 24th.

Commissioner Anderson remarked on the importance of having formal traditions such as graduation ceremonies, and he congratulated three of his staff who had graduated from WMU with master's degrees in social work, and he congratulated Commissioner Bell on her graduation.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Miller thanked City Manager Collard for his presentation to the Kalamazoo Rotary on the Early Retirement Initiative. Commissioner Miller offered remarks on the life of John Ross.

Commissioner Cooney commented on the Kalamazoo Community Mental Health Breakfast and thanked the Kalamazoo County Land Bank staff for their work. Commissioner Cooney remarked on effectiveness of the federal stimulus program.

Mayor Hopewell thanked Jeff Chamberlain, Director of the Community Planning and Development Department, for his work over the years. Mayor Hopewell congratulated students at King Westwood Elementary School on their successful talent show. Mayor Hopewell congratulated college and university students who recently graduated. Mayor Hopewell offered remarks on the life of John Ross.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 21, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 21, 2012

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 7, 2012 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 Daniel Ferraz, Downtown Community Seventh Day Adventist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Cinabro read a proclamation <i>Honoring John E. Ross</i>. Judith Ross and family were present and received the proclamation.</p> <p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed May 12, 2012 <i>National Train Day</i>. Kay Chase and Burt Tenbrink, members of the Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers, received the proclamation.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson read a proclamation entitled <i>Youth Opportunities Unlimited 50th Anniversary</i>. Karen Carlisle, Director of Youth Opportunities Unlimited, accepted the proclamation.</p> <p>Vice Mayor McKinney read a proclamation recognizing the <i>Ladies Library Association 160th Anniversary</i>. Marge Kars, 2nd Vice President, and Betty Lee Ongley, Past President, accepted the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>Commissioner Bell requested Item F-7, acceptance of a grant for the Summer Youth Employment Program, be moved to the regular agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items 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 Conestoga Rovers & Associates for environmental consulting service at the Cork St. Landfill in the amount of \$148,330.

- approval of a construction contract with Quantum Construction in the amount of \$146,529 for structural and safety improvements to the Williams Pond Dam.
- first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone 2315 Cambridge Drive from Zone CN-1 (Commercial, Neighborhood District) to Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District), and to rezone 2627 Emerald Drive and the west 140 feet of 2625 Emerald Drive from Zone RM-15 (Residential, Multi-Dwelling District) to Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District), and schedule a public hearing for the following meeting.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** from the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to transfer a Class C Liquor License from Mayor's Riverfront Park to Milham Golf Course, located at 4200 Lovers Lane, Kalamazoo, MI.
- authorization for the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed and related documents for the conveyance of 818 Egleston to the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority for \$11,229.
- 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.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until May 21, 2012 consideration of a Snow Melt System Easement located in the public rights-of-way along South Street, Rose Street and DeVisser Alley and authorize the City Manager to sign it.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

Resolution 12-36

Commissioner Bell, 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, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Commissioner Bell remarked on the importance of the Summer Youth Employment Program and thanked the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, and KRESA for their involvement.

Grant and Contract
for the Summer
Youth Employment
Program

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation in the amount of \$50,000 for the support of the 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program, but no comments were offered.

Grant and Contract
for the Summer
Youth Employment
Program (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to accept a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation in the amount of \$50,000 for the support of the 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program and enter into a contract with, Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency to operate the Summer Youth Employment Program. With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Bell invited the community to an anti-youth violence event at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on May 11th.

Commissioner Miller noted the success of Kalamazoo Marathon.

Commissioner Cooney commented on the recent City-sponsored job fair and remarked on the number of people looking for work.

Mayor Hopewell reported City staff was working hard to provide services to the community through the organizational realignment. Mayor Hopewell reported the CC would be working with a consultant to develop a position profile for the next City Manager. Mayor Hopewell remarked on the Kalamazoo Marathon and entrepreneurial tech company competition this past weekend

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 21, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 21, 2012

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Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 21, 2012 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 Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro 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 Miller, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Bell, Cinabro, and Cooney. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p><u>Eastside Neighborhood Association</u> Pat Taylor, Executive Director Michael Seals, Vice President and Treasurer</p>
	<p><u>Parkwyn Village Association</u> Leslie Tung, President</p>
	<p><u>Woods Lake Association</u> Jim Langerveld, President</p>
Eastside Neighborhood Association	<p>The Eastside Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - thanked the City for continued funding and noted the Association no longer had to make rent payments for its facility. - reported the Association had new bylaws, which allowed three members on the board who were not neighborhood residents. Ms. Seals indicated the Association was working to recruit professionals in the areas of finance and development for the board of director. - expressed concern about crime in the Neighborhood. Mr. Seals thanked Chief Hadley for keeping a Neighborhood Liaison Officer in the Eastside Neighborhood. - expressed concern about the effect of the City's funding reduction on the Association's budget and the loss of Parks and Recreation programming at the neighborhood center.

- reported the Association had received several grants to make improvements to its facility, including energy efficiency improvements that had already yielded cost savings.
- expressed concern about the location of the neighborhood polling facility at Mayors' Riverfront Park and asked that the City Clerk continue a dialogue with neighborhood leaders on this topic.
- discussed the possibility of constructing new buildings on the Association's property.
- commented on the facility at the bottom of East Main Street Hill that had recently been acquired by Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services (KNHS).
- reported Tribal Revival and the Peace House were working with the Kalamazoo County Land Bank to create a community garden.
- reported the Executive Director had attended the Building Michigan Communities conference.
- announced the ENET group, a collaboration of Eastside residents and businesses in both the city and township, would be having a block party on June 21st.

Eastside
Neighborhood
Association (cont'd)

The Parkwyn Village representative:

- reported the Association was working to revise its bylaws and deed covenants.
- expressed concern about the condition of Parkwyn and Taliesin Drives.

Parkwyn Village
Association

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Tung stated the Association was founded in 1949.

The Westmain Hill Neighborhood Association Representatives:

- thanked Chris Bartley for her volunteer efforts to maintain the park.
- reported the dues collected from people with lake access were used to fund annual spraying for weed and algae control.
- asked if there was a way to block the access road to the wastewater lift station, as people were using the area around the lift station for inappropriate activities.

Westmain Hill
Neighborhood
Association

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

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 4, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 4, 2012

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blank intentionally.*

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 21, 2012 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 Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney 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 Bell, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Cinabro. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Daniel Ferraz, Downtown Community Seventh Day Adventist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner read a proclamation entitled, National Preservation Month, May 2012. Curt Aardema, member of the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission, 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>
Public Hearing re: an Ordinance to Rezone Parcels on Cambridge and Emerald Drives	<p>At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ORDINANCE to rezone 2315 Cambridge Drive from Zone CN-1 (Commercial, Neighborhood District) to Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District), and to rezone 2627 Emerald Drive and the west 140 feet of 2625 Emerald Drive from Zone RM-15 (Residential, Multi-Dwelling District) to Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District).</p> <p>At 7:11 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Ordinance 1895 Rezoning Parcels on Cambridge and Emerald Drives	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an ORDINANCE to rezone 2315 Cambridge Drive from Zone CN-1 (Commercial, Neighborhood District) to Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District), and to rezone 2627 Emerald Drive and the west 140 feet of 2625 Emerald Drive from Zone RM-15 (Residential, Multi-Dwelling District) to Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District).</p> <p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p>

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, 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:

Consent Agenda

- approval of a one-year contract extension to purchase Powdered Activated Carbon from Norit Americas Incorporated in the amount of \$1,536,000.
- approval of a three-year term contract with Applied Imaging for the lease of digital copiers/printers in an amount not to exceed \$260,500.
- approval of a contract change order with AVAIL Technologies Inc., for the purchase of twenty additional ITS equipment systems in the amount of \$148,938.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing on June 4, 2012 to consider an application from Schupan & Sons, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities (Tax) Exemption Certificate for three years for personal property valued at \$941,423.20 and six years for real property valued at \$1,017,052.46 in existing Industrial Development District No. 95 located at 4200 Davis Creek Court.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** under PA 334 of 1993 to extend existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2010-375, granted to R. H. Cross Enterprises, Inc., for six additional years for real property valued at \$107,400 and three additional years for personal property valued at \$16,300.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** designating the polling facility location for Precincts 1 and 3 to be used during the statewide primary election on August 7, 2012 and for each election thereafter.
- approval of a Snow Melt System Easement located in the public rights-of-way along South Street, Rose Street and DeVisser Alley and authorize the City Manager to sign it.
- acceptance of a donation from Schupan & Sons in the amount of \$10,000, to fund the "Swim for Success" program from June through December, 2012.
- approval of the minutes from the regular City Commission business meetings on April 30 and May 7, 2012.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until June 4, 2012 consideration of the sale of 915 Trimble Avenue to Andrea Hackley for \$59,800.

Resolution 12-37

Resolution 12-38

Resolution 12-39

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- Inside the City Newsletter, May 2012 edition
- April 2012 Purchases
- Employment Activity Report, 1st Quarter 2012

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Steve Csiszar, City resident, urged people to make a difference in the world.

Frank Warren, City resident, invited Commissioners to Fort Custer National Cemetery for the Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 27th.

Sue Gottlieb, City resident, stated she and other vendors were banned from the Farmers' Market because they were selling products from other countries. Ms. Gottlieb requested help from the City Commission.

Betty Udango, City resident, stated she was banned from the Farmers' Market because she was selling Ugandan arts and crafts. Ms. Gottlieb requested help from the City Commission.

Philippe Eduardo, City resident, expressed opposition to vendors being banned from the Farmers' Market.

Brie Austin, non-resident, expressed opposition to vendors being banned from the Farmers' Market.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Bell congratulated Dr. Michael T. Scott, the new President of the Northside Ministerial Alliance. Commissioner Bell congratulated the Mt. Zion Baptist Church afterschool program on receiving the Diether Haenicke Award for Excellence in Education. Commissioner Bell wished "Happy Anniversary" to Dr. Addis Moore for 17 years of ministry at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Commissioner Bell provided information about various dance classes in the City, and she invited the community to the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th.

Commissioner Cooney asked the Administration to look into the concerns expressed by citizens about the Farmers' Market and to report back to the Commission. Commissioner Cooney commented on the challenges facing students in Kalamazoo Public Schools. Commissioner Cooney invited people to the mental health awareness event on Saturday, May 26th.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Mayor Hopewell congratulated the Girls Scouts who had received the Golden Award. Mayor Hopewell thanked the people who participated in the Kalamazoo Mayor-athon bike ride on Sunday.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 4, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 4, 2012

Roll Call

The City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, June 1, 2012 at 7:32 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
 Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney
 David Anderson
 Bob Cinabro
 Barbara Miller

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell*
 Don Cooney**

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Shelby Moss.

Commissioners Excused

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

*Commissioner Bell arrived at 7:35 a.m.

**Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:37 a.m.

Presentation on Potential Charter Amendments

City Attorney Robinson delivered a presentation on potential amendments to the City Charter. A copy of the PowerPoint slides and proposed language for the charter amendments were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Vice Mayor McKinney recommended that the commission think about moving forward on the “housekeeping” charter amendments, but felt the proposed amendments regarding terms, separate election for Mayor, and wards needed more time. Vice Mayor McKinney suggested Commissioners review the records of the Charter Review Committee from the late 1990’s.

Commissioner Cooney commented that wards were complicated, but more issues were addressed when everyone had a voice.

In response to Commissioner Bell’s question City Attorney Robinson stated there would be no additional costs to the City if the Mayor were elected as a separate office. City Attorney Robinson indicated the office of Vice-Mayor could also be elected separately.

City Manager Collard advised the Commission to treat the re-introduction of wards, four-year terms, and the separate office of mayor as equally serious matters.

Commissioner Cinabro suggested the Commission move forward with the “housekeeping” amendments and conduct more analysis of the Charter Review Committee’s work from 1997-1998. Commissioner Cinabro also suggested the commission carefully consider the juncture the City was at in regards to other changes such as the Early Retirement Incentive.

Commissioner Bell stated wards gave everyone a voice and two year terms were more conducive to participation in City Commission elections by residents. Commissioner Bell indicated a separate elected office of Mayor may portray the mayor as having more power than the other Commission seats.

Presentation on Potential Charter Amendments (cont'd)

Mayor Hopewell expressed a desire to move forward on the "housekeeping" amendments and stated he understood why Commissioners wanted to wait on the other amendments. Mayor Hopewell stated he was excited about the potential for changes and hoped these amendments would be ready for presentation to voters by next year.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller's Mayor Hopewell suggested the amendments regarding commission terms, wards and separate office of mayor be presented to voters in February or May of 2013

In response to Commissioner Miller's question regarding the Administrative Committee, City Attorney Robinson explained the Committee was not governed by the City Charter but by the City Commission Rules that could be adjusted on an as-needed basis.

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

Community Issues

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

Citizen Comments

Creed Stegall, City resident, commented on the need for more neighborhood association awareness in the community.

Birleta Bean-Hardeman, City resident, commented on changing the City Commission terms from two years to four year terms.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby A. Moss
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 1, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: October 1, 2012

Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 4, 2012 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>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bell.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Catherine Dance, Vineyard Outreach Ministry, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
	<p>*Commissioner Bell arrived at 7:04 p.m.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Mayor Hopewell recognized the presence of former City Commissioner Lance Ferraro and Kalamazoo County Commissioners Carolyn Alford and Jack Urban.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following changes:</p>
	<p>Commissioner Cooney requested that Item F-8, first reading of an ordinance to rezone the Kalamazoo College campus, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p>
	<p>Mayor Hopewell requested that Item F-6, a Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the Northside Association for Community Development, and Item F-7, the designation of a polling facility for voting precinct 11, 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: a Tax Abatement for Schupan and Sons, Inc.	<p>At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on an application from Schupan & Sons, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities (Tax) Exemption Certificate (IFEC) for three years for personal property valued at \$941,423.20 and six years for real property valued at \$1,017,052.46 in existing Industrial Development District No. 95 located at 4200 Davis Creek Court.</p>
	<p>Andy Knowlton, CFO for Schupan and Sons, Inc., thanked the City Commission for supporting the company over the years, described the company's facility expansion project, and expressed support for the proposed resolution.</p>

At 7:09 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the application from Schupan & Sons, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities (Tax) Exemption Certificate (IFEC) for three years for personal property valued at \$941,423.20 and six years for real property valued at \$1,017,052.46 in existing Industrial Development District No. 95 located at 4200 Davis Creek Court.

Resolution 12-40
Approving a Tax
Abatement for
Schupan and
Sons, Inc.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

Consent Agenda

- approval of a contract with Michigan Paving and Materials for the 2012 Major Streets Paving Program in the amount of \$830,955.
- approval of three-year contracts for mowing and trimming services for City parks and greenspaces, various municipal buildings, islands and right-of-ways with: a) Stap Brothers Lawn and Landscape Service, Inc., in the amount of \$325,362 and, b) with Green Cut Lawn Care, LLC, in the amount of \$40,080; and c) authorize the City Manager to sign all documents on behalf of the City of Kalamazoo.
- approval of a contract with James E. Fulton & Sons, Inc., for the for the installation of new water main and sewer main in Corporation Alley and Exchange Place in the amount of \$169,369.
- approval of a professional service agreement with The Foster Group in the amount of \$122,500 to include: a) Water and Wastewater rate updates for 2013; b) Wastewater "True-Up" study for fiscal year 2011; c) Participation in the Utility Advisory Board and other financial, management and general assistance; d) Assistance with updating the Utility Financial Plan; and, e) Expert witness services.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** accepting MDOT Grant Contract #2012-0453 in the amount of \$115,582 for the Local Ridesharing Program for FY2012
- approval of the sale of 915 Trimble Avenue to Andrea Hackley for \$59,800.
- acceptance of a grant from the Mayors' Riverfront Park Endowment Fund for \$20,000 for electrical improvements at Mayors Riverfront Park.

Resolution 12-41

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

- acceptance of a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation/Dr. and Mrs. Harley Sears Memorial Fund for \$2,000 to fund an overnight camping experience for youth and authorize the City Manager to sign all appropriate documents.
- approval of the minutes from the Neighborhood and Regular City Commission meetings of May 21, 2012.
- approval of a recommendation to hold for consideration until June 18, 2012 the following actions: a) approve the purchase of 232 West Belmont Street from the County Treasurer for \$3,800.76, b) appropriate funding from the Designated Park Land Reserve account in the General Fund for the purchase and; c) authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.

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.

Resolution 12-42
re: a Payment in
Lieu of Taxes for
the North Street
Commons Project
(NACD)

Mayor Hopewell expressed pride in the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD) for its work on the North Street Commons project.

In response to a request from Mayor Hopewell, City Manager Collard explained state law and City ordinance allowed certain types of housing developments to make a specially calculated Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to the City instead of being assessed property taxes according to the value of the property and the millage rate.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution granting a PILOT to the Northside Association for Community Development for the North Street Commons project, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to the Northside Association for Community Development for the North Street Commons project located at 309 W. North (06-15-163-310), pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

In response to a request from Mayor Hopewell, City Clerk Borling described the process that led to the identification of the Eastside Community Center as the polling location for the Eastside Neighborhood.

Commissioner Cooney thanked City Clerk Borling for working hard to identify a polling facility located within the Eastside Neighborhood.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution designating the polling facility location for Precinct 11, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** designating the polling facility location for Precinct 11 to be used during the statewide primary election on August 7, 2012 and for each election thereafter.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Bell thanked City Clerk Borling for making the Precinct 11 polling facility accessible to neighborhood residents and for removing a barrier to voting for these citizens.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regarding the first reading of an ordinance to rezone the Kalamazoo College campus, Vice Mayor McKinney disclosed that her employment with Kalamazoo College created a conflict of interest, and she would not discuss or vote on this item.

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the first reading of an ORDINANCE to rezone the Kalamazoo College campus and the setting of a public hearing regarding the ordinance, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Cindy Ortega, attorney for Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance and requested the City Commission schedule the public hearing for June 18th.

Claire Milne, City resident, requested that the public hearing be postponed due to late changes that were made to the proposed master plan and the lack of notice to residents about these changes.

J. Lia Gaggino, City resident, described the proposed vacation of Thompson Court and new parking lot in the revised master plan.

Greg Diment, Chief Information Officer for Kalamazoo College, stated recent changes to the plan were made in response to residents' concerns. Mr. Diment stated the new elements of the plan would not be implemented for several years, and those projects would require

Resolution 12-43
Establishing a
Polling Location for
Precinct 11

First Reading of an
Ordinance to Rezone
the Kalamazoo
College Campus

First Reading of an Ordinance to Rezone the Kalamazoo College Campus (cont'd)

additional city approvals. Mr. Diment asked that the City Commission schedule the public hearing for June 18th.

Roger Parzyck, City resident, asked that the vacation of Thompson Court and the addition of a new parking lot at the end of Bulkley Street be removed from the master plan.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, City resident, asked that the public hearing be delayed so residents could learn more about recent changes to the plan.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, offered for first reading an ORDINANCE to rezone the Kalamazoo College Campus from RS-5 (Residential, Single Family), RM-15C (Residential, Multi-Family, Campus Area), RM-36 (Residential, Multi-Family, High Density) and CCBD (Commercial, Central Business District) to IC (Institutional Campus), with conditions, and moved to schedule a public hearing for June 18, 2012.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney stated the City did not want to hurt anyone's property values or quality of life but affirmed Kalamazoo College was both a valued community asset and a community partner. Commissioner Cooney indicated the consideration of this ordinance should not be delayed, and he asked the College and area residents to engage in more dialogue prior to June 18th.

Commissioner Anderson noted the action before the City Commission was to offer the ordinance for first reading and set a public hearing.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, City Attorney Robinson explained the campus master plan was a "wish list" of development projects, and Kalamazoo College would need to follow any approval processes required by statute and ordinance for individual projects.

Commissioner Cinabro noted he was a Kalamazoo College alumnus but indicated this relationship to the college did not create a conflict of interest.

Mayor Hopewell advised Kalamazoo College administrators to consider whether the vacation of Thompson Court was important enough to be included in the campus master plan.

Commissioner Cooney requested clarification on K-College's future plans for the Thompson Court area and clarification on which future steps would and would not require City Commission action.

With a roll call vote the motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor McKinney

City Clerk Borling reported the City Commission had received a request from Zach Greening, Executive Director of the Stuart Area Restoration Association (SARA), to waive Section 3-1 of the Code of Ordinances for the months of June and July regarding the placement of signs on City property.

City Clerk's Report

Without objection Mayor Hopewell referred this request to the City Attorney and City Manager to develop a recommendation.

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Zach Greening, City resident, withdrew his request to waive Section 3-1 of the Code of Ordinances regarding placement of signs on City property.

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bell discussed the large number of applicants for positions in the Summer Youth Employment Program and asked the City Commission to find resources to expand the program. Commissioner Bell highlighted several upcoming events around the community. Commissioner Bell thanked Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley for the "crack down" on late night cruising.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked Chief Hadley for addressing the Kalamazoo Rotary. Commissioner Cinabro commented on the Greek Fest and Little League Softball World Series.

Commissioner Cooney commented on the Summer Youth Employment Program and suggested the formation of a committee of business leaders, City representatives, and local foundations to discuss ways to expand the program.

Mayor Hopewell commented on the Super Saturday events and the start of the farmers market at the Douglas Community Center. Mayor Hopewell announced he would be out of town and would return on June 18th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 7, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 7, 2013

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney Stephanie Bell Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell David Anderson*</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 Cooney, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Anderson. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
	<p>*Commissioner Anderson arrived at 6:01 p.m.</p>
Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p><u>Stuart Area Restoration Association</u> Zach Greening, Executive Director Sharon Carlson, Board Chairperson</p>
Stuart Area Restoration Association	<p>The Stuart Area Restoration Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - noted neighborhood volunteers performed had performed the duties of the Executive Director after Matthew Baldwin-Wilson resigned in October 2011. - introduced Zach Greening as the new Executive Director for the neighborhood. - expressed appreciation to the City Commission for continued funding and support. - thanked the City for keeping citizens apprised of how the organizational restructuring was proceeding. - stated two projects on Willard Street were part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Project 2. - reported crimes like petty theft and vandalism were on the rise and suggested the City create incentives for having Public Safety Officers reside in the neighborhood.

- requested that Elm Street and its sidewalks be repaved and replaced.
- suggested the City publish a directory of City services to communicate how services were being redistributed among departments during the organizational restructuring.

Stuart Area
Restoration
Association (cont'd)

Commissioner Anderson remarked on the increase of petty theft in the Stuart Neighborhood and indicated he had talked with Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley about this. Commissioner Anderson suggested neighborhood residents were feeling less connected to the Public Safety Department after losing their dedicated Community Police Officer (CPO).

Ms. Carlson reported the Association was reorganizing a neighborhood watch and stated she was encouraging residents to report all crimes, even small ones, so patterns could be tracked.

In response to a comment by Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Carlson reported the Beautification Committee had spent 80 volunteer hours working on plantings at the street corners along Kalamazoo Avenue.

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

Citizen Comments

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 October 1, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: October 1, 2012

Roll Call	<p>A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 6:34 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<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 Cooney seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Corrective First Reading of an Ordinance to Rezone the K-College Campus	<p>An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a correction to the record regarding the first reading of an ordinance to rezone the Kalamazoo College Campus to Zone IC (Institutional Campus), but no comments were offered.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Miller seconded by Commissioner Anderson moved to perfect a procedural oversight by placing on the record and offering for first reading an ordinance to rezone the Kalamazoo College Campus to Zone IC (Institutional Campus), with conditions, and to affirm the public hearing scheduled on June 18, 2012, at or after 7:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p>
	<p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney</p>
	<p>NAYS: None</p>
Citizen Comments	<p>Next, an opportunity was given for citizens to make general comments, but no comments were offered.</p>
Commissioner Comments	<p>Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.</p>
	<p>Respectfully submitted,</p>
	<p>Scott A. Borling City Clerk</p>

For City Commission approval on January 7, 2013

Approved by: _____

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor

Dated: January 7, 2013

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 18, 2012 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 Catherine Dance, Vineyard Outreach Ministry, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Mayor Hopewell recognized the presence of Circuit Court Judge and former Vice Mayor Alexander Lipsey, County Commissioners David Maturen and David Buskirk, and Linda Teeter, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed June 21, 2013 <i>Dump the Pump Day</i>. Ms. Teeter and Carol Fricke, Chair of the Kalamazoo Transportation Authority Board, accepted the proclamation.</p> <p>Commissioner Miller read a proclamation celebrating the <i>Leadership Kalamazoo 25th Anniversary</i>. Andrew Van Wasshnova, Programs Coordinator for the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, 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>
Public Hearing re: an Ordinance Rezoning the Kalamazoo College Campus to the Institutional Campus (IC) Zoning District	<p>At 7:14 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ORDINANCE to rezone the Kalamazoo College Campus from RS-5 (Residential, Single Family), RM-15C (Residential, Multi-Family, Campus Area), RM-36 (Residential, Multi-Family, High Density) and CCBD (Commercial, Central Business District) to IC (Institutional Campus), with conditions.</p> <p>City Planner Andrea Augustine provided an overview of the IC zoning designation and acknowledged the City had received the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an amendment to the master plan previously submitted by Kalamazoo College as part of the IC zoning application. This amendment addressed three major issues: 1) the removal of a proposed street closure of Thompson Street and related parking

lot issues; 2) clarification of no third party rental agreements; and 3) clarification of outdoor storage issues related to the athletic complex. Ms. Augustine stated the amendment also included a summary of neighborhood input and outreach meetings.

- a protest petition from owners of property within 100 ft. of the rezoning.

Ms. Augustine reported staff had reviewed the protest petition and determined it to be valid. Ms. Augustine explained the protest petition was a provision of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, and the validity of the petition meant that a supermajority vote, or five affirmative votes, would be required to adopt the IC zoning ordinance.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Augustine explained Western Michigan University (WMU) did not have the IC zoning designation because local units of government were not allowed to enforce zoning regulations on state institutions. Ms. Augustine stated the IC zoning designation was currently being used in many other communities, including Providence, RI and a location in Virginia.

Dr. Eileen Wilson-Oyelaran, President of Kalamazoo College, thanked the City for its thoughtful review of the College's rezoning application. Ms. Wilson-Oyelaran stated the Kalamazoo College Master Planning Committee included representatives from the Fairmont, Stuart and West Main Hill neighborhoods, and she noted neighborhood residents attended 20 input meetings during the 12-month master planning process. Dr. Wilson-Oyelaran reported that during the previous two weeks College representatives had met with residents who lived near Angell Field and on Bulkley Street, as requested by the City Commission on June 4th. Dr. Wilson-Oyelaran stated the Master Plan had been altered as a result of these meetings, and the amendments balanced the interests of the College and the residents. Dr. Wilson-Oyelaran asked the City Commission to support Kalamazoo College's IC zoning application.

When given an opportunity to comment on the proposed zoning ordinance, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Rob Passage, non-resident and Assistant Athletic Director at Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Dave Maturen, non-resident, spoke about his report on the impact of stadium lighting on residential property values in adjacent neighborhoods and stated his conclusion was there would be no demonstrable impact on property values or residents' quality of life as a result of the introduction of stadium lights.

Christopher Wright, City resident and Chair of the Historic District Commission, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Tim Terrantine, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Public Hearing re: an Ordinance Rezoning the Kalamazoo College Campus to the Institutional Campus (IC) Zoning District

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Mark Sloan, City resident and President of the West Main Hill (WMH) Neighborhood Association, expressed concerns about the proposed ordinance and submitted a document entitled *Proposed Stadium Lighting Resolution*, also known as the WMH Compromise.

Gail Griffin, City resident, asked the City Commission either to adopt a lighting ordinance before approving the IC zoning request, or to accept the WMH compromise.

Pam Walker, City resident, expressed support for the WMH Compromise.

Larry Syndergaard, City resident, expressed support for the WMH Compromise.

Travis Smith, City resident, expressed support for the neighborhood residents.

Bruce Martin, City resident, expressed support for the WMH Compromise.

Maureen Cartmill, City resident, asked the City Commission to remove stadium lighting from the Master Plan.

Miriam Cummings, City resident, spoke about the character of the WMH Neighborhood and its residents.

Jamie Zorbo, non-resident and Head Football Coach for Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Marigene Arnold, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

David Neilson, non-resident and Commissioner of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Hillary Teague, non-resident and an Admissions Coordinator at Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Robert Batsell, non-resident and a psychology professor at Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Eric Staab, City resident and Dean of Finance at Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Si Johnson, non-resident and Kalamazoo College Board Member, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Robert Milne, City resident, thanked Kalamazoo College for the recent amendments to the Master Plan.

Jessica Fowle, non-resident and Senior Admissions Assistant at Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Nick Sweda, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Giancarlo Anemone, City resident and a soccer player at Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Curt Leibbrand, City resident, expressed support for the WMH Compromise.

Vicki Nelson, City resident, asked that stadium lighting at Angell Field be removed from the Master Plan. Written remarks submitted by Ms. Nelson on behalf of her husband Bruce were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Max Tibbits, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Lia Gaggino, City resident, expressed opposition to the inclusion of stadium lighting in the Master Plan.

Bill Cartmill, City resident, expressed opposition to the inclusion of stadium lighting in the Master Plan.

Amy Upjohn, non-resident and a Kalamazoo College Board Member, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Erran Briggs, City resident and a Kalamazoo College football player, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Michael Dziadzio, City resident and a Kalamazoo College football player, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Alex Dietrich, City resident and a Kalamazoo College football player, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Bryan Goyings, non-resident and the Athletic Recruiting Coordinator for Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Harold Decker, City resident and a Kalamazoo College Board Member, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Tom Lucking, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

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Claire Milne, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Betsy Aller, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Sandy Lipsey, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Doug Duncan, City resident, expressed support for the WMH Compromise.

Don Parfet, non-resident and Chair of the Kalamazoo College Board of Trustees, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Derek Meyer, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Bruce Minsley, City resident, stated stadium lighting would have an impact on the adjacent neighborhoods.

Kim Cummings, City resident, expressed opposition to stadium lighting at Angell Field.

Greg Daiment, non-resident and Chief Information Officer for Kalamazoo College, commented on the suggestions made by neighborhood residents.

Louise Wright, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance.

At 9:43 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

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Rezoning the
Kalamazoo College
Campus to the
Institutional Campus
(IC) Zoning District

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone the Kalamazoo College Campus from RS-5 (Residential, Single Family), RM-15C (Residential, Multi-Family, Campus Area), RM-36 (Residential, Multi-Family, High Density) and CCBD (Commercial, Central Business District) to IC (Institutional Campus), with conditions.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor McKinney disclosed her status as an employee of Kalamazoo College and recused herself from discussing and voting on the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Cinabro disclosed his involvement with Kalamazoo College as an alumnus as a member of volunteer groups with the College in the past. Commissioner Cinabro indicated this involvement did not create a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to amend Section 2 of the proposed ordinance to insert the phrase "as amended and" after the phrase "Master Plan" so as to read: "The Institutional Master Plan as amended and submitted by Kalamazoo

College in support of its request to rezone the above land is approved, subject to the conditions set forth below.”

Prior to a vote on the motion, City Attorney Robinson explained the purpose of the amendment was to accept the amendment to the Master Plan submitted by Kalamazoo College on June 14th.

With a roll call vote the first motion to amend passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor McKinney

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to amend Section 3, Condition J of the proposed ordinance to add the following language after the first sentence: “Following construction of a proposed new storage building at the northeast side of the athletic fields no outdoor storage of athletic equipment or accessories, and power equipment or related tools or other equipment used by the College for maintenance, repair, and other similar activities on the Angell Field athletic complex is permitted unless those items are in use.”

With a roll call vote the second motion to amend passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor McKinney

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to amend Section 3, Condition B of the proposed ordinance to insert the word “initial” before the word “ten” in the first line and add the following language after the first clause: “following the expiration of the initial Master Plan, any intention to offer night-time use of the Applicant’s soccer or football fields to parties not affiliated with the College shall be submitted to the City in a new or revised Master Plan and be subject to any limitations on night-time use of the soccer and football fields as set forth in this ordinance.”

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cinabro clarified the intent of this amendment was to make sure the continuation of the restriction on third-party use of the football and soccer fields would be subject to City review.

City Attorney Robinson explained the current IC zoning ordinance did not require institutions to submit an updated Master Plan following the 10-year life of the initial plan, although it was the intent of the ordinance, City staff, and the College that updated plans would be submitted periodically. City Attorney Robinson stated an amendment to the IC zoning ordinance

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(cont'd)

would be presented to the City Commission in the future to require periodic Master Plan updates, and the amendment proposed by Commissioner Cinabro was designed to require the College to submit an amended Master Plan if the intent regarding third-party rentals were to change.

With a roll call vote the third motion to amend passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor McKinney

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to amend Section 3, Condition D of the proposed ordinance to insert the phrase "and operated" after the word "installed" in the first line and replace the word "are" with "is" in the last line, and to amend Section 3, Condition F of the proposed ordinance to replace "10:30 P.M. with "8:30 P.M."

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioners Cooney thanked Commissioner Cinabro for presenting a reasonable compromise and urged Kalamazoo College administrators to continue working with neighborhood residents. Commissioner Cooney expressed support for the rezoning ordinance, as amended.

Commissioner Miller thanked Commissioner Cinabro for presenting a reasonable compromise that takes into consideration both the needs of the residents and the needs of the athletes.

With a roll call vote the fourth motion to amend passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor McKinney

The question on the floor was the adoption of the rezoning ordinance, as amended.

Commissioner Cinabro urged residents to remain engaged with issues related to Kalamazoo College, and he asked City staff to include residents in the process to develop a stadium lighting ordinance.

Commissioner Miller expressed support for the rezoning ordinance and noted Kalamazoo College compromised in several areas. Commissioner Miller stated Kalamazoo was a better place because of the College, and she urged WMH Neighborhood residents to be involved in the development of a stadium lighting ordinance. Commissioner Miller requested that City staff work with residents on parking issues.

Commissioner Anderson noted the question at hand was "What decision is in the best interests of the community," and the community was divided on the answer to this question. Commissioner Anderson stated it was important for Kalamazoo College to survive and thrive, and he expressed support for the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Anderson urged people on both sides of the issue to not extend troubling discussions that would continue the acrimony.

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Commissioner Bell stated the City Commission heard the concerns of residents and asked Kalamazoo College to initiate more dialogue between the parties. Commissioner Bell noted the College had reached out to residents over the past two weeks and had made compromises. Commissioner Bell stated she was looking forward to continued dialogue between the City, the College, and neighborhood residents.

Mayor Hopewell stated the IC rezoning process reminded him of the debates over the Kalamazoo College Library and the Business, Technology, and Research Park. Mayor Hopewell stated everyone needed to learn to live together as none of the parties were going away, and he encouraged both sides to develop the best possible engagement strategies with each other. Mayor Hopewell noted compromise was important, and the compromises reached on this ordinance were reasonable. Mayor Hopewell expressed support for the ordinance and asked the College to look further at screening options for the stadium lights.

With a roll call vote the motion to adopt the rezoning ordinance, as amended, passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor McKinney

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

Consent Agenda

- the adoption of a **RESOLUTION** confirming the 2012 Assessment Roll.
- the adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the request of the Downtown Development Authority to levy a tax rate of 1.9638 mills.
- the approval of a recommendation to: a) approve the purchase of 232 West Belmont Street from the County Treasurer for \$3,800.76, b) appropriate funding from the Designated Park Land Reserve account in the General Fund for the purchase and; c) authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

- the approval of a request from the Kalamazoo Country Club for a permit to publicly display fireworks at 1609 Whites Road on July 4, 2012 with a rain date of July 7, 2012.

Commissioner Miller, 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

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- *Inside the City* Newsletter, June 2012
- May 2012 Purchases

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Don Parfet, non-resident and President of the Board of Trustees for Kalamazoo College, thanked the City Commission for adopting the zoning ordinance for Kalamazoo College and indicated he was committed to working with residents in the surrounding neighborhood.

Sue Gottlieb, City resident, described her T-shirt business and stated the market manager for the Farmers' Markets was discriminating against some businesses by not renting them space in the market if they were selling good that were not made in the United States.

Eileen Wilson-Oyelaran, City resident and President of Kalamazoo College, thanked the City Commission for approving the IC zoning designation for Kalamazoo College.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cooney requested a report on the Farmers' Market and Ms. Gottlieb's concerns.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 20, 2013

Approved by: _____

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor

Dated: May 20, 2013

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 2, 2012 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 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>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Bell.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Ken Smeader, Kalamazoo Missionary Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Presentation of the KCTA Annual Report	<p>Linda Teeter, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) Board of Directors, and Greg Rosine, Vice Chair, presented the KCTA 2011 Annual Report and introduced Sean McBride as the Authority's new Executive Director.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following changes:</p> <p>Commissioner Miller requested that Item F-10, settlement of a water damage claim, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p> <p>Mayor Hopewell requested that Item F-1, the purchase of six hybrid busses, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p> <p>City Attorney Robinson reported he had received feedback from the Attorney General's Office on the proposed City Charter Amendments, and he had provided Commissioners with substitute resolutions and substitute charter language for Proposed Amendment #3 that incorporated the Assistant Attorney General's suggestions.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one-year contract with Etna Supply Company for the purchase of water maintenance and construction materials in the amount of \$243,751.07.

	<p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>
Regular Agenda	Regular Agenda Items were considered next.
Purchase of Hybrid Busses	<p>Mayor Hopewell remarked that this purchase of six hybrid busses continued the City's efforts to implement its sustainability policy. Mayor Hopewell requested these busses be visibly labeled as "hybrid" to raise citizens' awareness.</p> <p>An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the purchase of six 35' hybrid busses from the Gillig Corporation in an estimated amount of \$3,778,197, but no comments were offered.</p> <p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to approve the purchase of six 35' hybrid busses from the Gillig Corporation in an estimated amount of \$3,778,197.</p> <p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p>
Settlement of Water Damage Claim from the Family Health Center	<p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>Commissioner Miller expressed opposition to paying on a water damage claim to an organization building a multi-million dollar facility when some residents were having problems with sewer back-ups but could not receive compensation. Commissioner Miller asked that the City reach out to residents to educate them about the need for insurance that covers sewer back-ups, and she asked that the City revisit its sewer back-up policy to address existing inequities.</p> <p>When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the proposed settlement of a water damage claim in the amount of \$10,160.65, the following people addressed the City Commission:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident, thanked Commissioner Miller for her comments and thanked City Manager Collard and Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain for meeting with Northside residents a few years ago when there was a sewer back-up.</p> <p>Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the settlement of a water damage claim in the amount of \$10,160.65.</p> <p>Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cinabro asked if the City had a policy for water damage claims.</p> <p>City Attorney Robinson stated the City had a policy for sewer back-up claims but not for water damage claims. City Attorney Robinson</p>

explained the current claim involved negligence by City employees, which is why the City was paying the claim.

Commissioner Cinabro requested the City Attorney consider developing a policy for water damage claims to ensure consistency in handling these claims.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: Commissioner Miller

Andrea Augustine, City Planner, provided background information on the Downtown Design Review Committee and reviewed the proposed ordinance amendment and recommended changes to the Downtown Design Review Guidelines.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Planner Augustine stated no current downtown projects had received formal site plan approval under the current design guidelines, and the new standards and guidelines would be applied as soon as they were approved.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Planner Augustine stated the design review process would not address out-of-sight technological elements such as fiber optic cables or geo-thermal heating systems but would address visible elements such as wind turbines and solar panels.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to amend section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Downtown Design Review, and a RESOLUTION amending the Downtown Design Review Guidelines, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Downtown Design Review; to schedule a public hearing for July 16, 2012; and to hold a resolution amending the Downtown Design Review Guidelines until July 16, 2012.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to provide that the City Commission shall meet at least twice a month in regular sessions, but no comments were offered.

Settlement of Water Damage Claim from the Family Health Center (cont'd)

First Reading of an Ordinance re: Downtown Design Review

Resolution 12-48 Placing Charter Amendment Proposal #1 on the November Ballot

Resolution 12-48
Placing Charter
Amendment
Proposal #1 on the
November Ballot
(cont'd)

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to provide that the City Commission shall meet at least twice a month in regular sessions.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell explained that three-fifths of the City Commission, or five Commissioners, would need to vote "yes" for the resolutions to be adopted.

Commissioner Miller thanked City Attorney Robinson for looking for ways to clean up the City Charter.

Mayor Hopewell stated he had chaired the Charter Review Committee in 1997-1998 and indicated the intent of the Committee in amending the City Charter at that time was to let the City Commission meet twice per month, but the wording of the amendment had some unintended consequences.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Resolution 12-49
Placing Charter
Amendment
Proposal #2 on the
November Ballot

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to add language clarifying the time, place and manner of the first meeting of newly elected City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to add language clarifying the time, place and manner of the first meeting of newly elected City Commissioners.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Resolution 12-50
Placing Charter
Amendment
Proposal #3 on the
November Ballot

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to provide that summaries of adopted ordinances appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the city and in such other manner or method as may be prescribed by City Commission rule, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to provide that summaries of adopted ordinances appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the city and in such other manner or method as may be prescribed by City Commission rule.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller asked if the City could print a summary of the ordinance rather than the whole text, in order to save money.

City Clerk Borling explained the City had been printing summaries of ordinances for years, and City Attorney Robinson stated the printing of summaries was allowed by state law.

Commissioner Miller urged the City Commission to follow through and adopt additional publication requirements if the charter amendment was approved.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to bring the nomination for City Commissioner requirements into compliance with state election law, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to bring the nomination for City Commissioner requirements into compliance with state election law.

Prior to a vote on the motion, and in response to a question from Commissioner Miller, City Clerk Borling reported a person had filed to be a City Commission candidate, and that filing would stand as it was valid at the time of submission.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to provide that the City Election Commission appoint a Board of Election Inspectors for each precinct in conformance with state election law, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to provide that the City Election Commission appoint a Board of Election Inspectors for each precinct in conformance with state election law.

Resolution 12-50
Placing Charter
Amendment
Proposal #3 on the
November Ballot
(cont'd)

Resolution 12-51
Placing Charter
Amendment
Proposal #4 on the
November Ballot

Resolution 12-52
Placing Charter
Amendment
Proposal #5 on the
November Ballot

Resolution 12-53
Placing Charter
Amendment
Proposal #6 on the
November Ballot

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to eliminate references to a City Health Officer, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** placing a proposed City Charter amendment on the November 6, 2012 ballot to eliminate references to a City Health Officer.

Prior to a vote on the motion and in response to a question from Commissioner Miller, City Attorney Robinson explained this amendment would eliminate charter section 64 in its entirety.

Commissioner Anderson suggested the City develop a communication plan to explain the charter amendments to citizens.

City Attorney Robinson noted the City could explain the proposed charter amendments but not advocate for them.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Hopewell noted all six charter amendments would need to be approved by voters in order for them to take effect.

City Attorney Robinson stated the proposed charter amendments would need to be reviewed and approved by the Attorney General and the Governor prior to appearing on the ballot.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling reported the City had received a request to review the proposed Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Region 3A Area Agency on Aging 2013 Annual Implementation Plan. City Clerk Borling stated the Plan has been referred to the City Administration for review and comment.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard provided as informational the following reports and updates:

- City Manager Collard indicated in two weeks he would present a funding request to the Commission for the creation of a business plan for a consolidated dispatch center with the City of Portage,

Kalamazoo County, Kalamazoo Township and Western Michigan University.

City Manager's
Report (cont'd)

- Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain provided notice of changes to the rules for inspections of rental property and a one-time, six month extension of rental certificates.

Commissioner Anderson asked if the City had clearly determined that the rental inspection rule changes were the best way to accomplish the City's goals and if the proposed staffing levels were appropriate for the rule changes. Commissioner Anderson asked if the City had considered using a different, more standardized housing code and if the City had considered waiving its inspection requirements when housing units subsidized by the state or federal government were already being inspected by those entities.

Director Chamberlain stated the Strategic Alignment Plan (SAP) for the Community Planning and Development Department included studying these areas in a staged and deliberate manner. Director Chamberlain reported staff would be meeting with area landlords in the near future to discuss which of these ideas would make sense and would be feasible to implement.

Mayor Hopewell reminded Commissioners they had established Transformation subcommittees that could be used as a way to engage the City Commission in the area of service delivery.

- Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley remarked on the death of Dwight King, the City's first African American firefighter
- Captain Don Webster reported on the structure and activities of the Community Outreach and Problem Solving (COPS) Division, including recent enforcement action taken to address the cruising or "xtrain" problem.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Hopewell, Captain Webster reported the xtrain gatherings had not occurred during the three to four weeks since the initial enforcement activity.

Commissioner Cinabro commended Captain Webster and the COPS Division for their response to the cruising problem.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Captain Webster stated it was too early to identify the leaders of the cruising events, but officers were building a database of offenders and vehicles. Captain Webster reported the age range for xtrain participants was 20-40+, and many of the participants were women, including mothers with children at home.

- Chief Hadley discussed the enforcement challenges related to the statewide legalization of consumer grade fireworks. Chief Hadley suggested that after Independence Day holiday the City look at what it could do to regulate fireworks within the boundaries of statute.

City Manager's
Report (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney stated he had heard the City was able to limit the days on which fireworks could be used.

Commissioner Cinabro indicated the use of fireworks created quality of life issues and recommended the City move forward with all due speed to develop an ordinance that would limit the use of consumer grade fireworks to the degree allowed by state law.

In response to questions from Mayor Hopewell, City Attorney Robinson explained state law expressly permitted the use of fireworks on ten national holidays, as well as the day before and day after these holidays, and prevented local units of government from regulating fireworks on these days. City Attorney Robinson stated the City could regulate fireworks, including complete prohibition, on the remaining 330 days of the year. City Attorney Robinson reported he had advised Chief Hadley that officers use a "reasonableness" standard and in applying the noise ordinance to fireworks situations, and he would prosecute those who created disturbances in the middle of the night.

Mayor Hopewell suggested the Legislative Commission might need to work with area legislators on changes to the fireworks statute.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director of the Northside Association for Community Development, thanked Captain Webster and Chief Hadley for creating the COPS division and for listening to the Northside residents.

Carl Rizzuto, City resident, commented on the "No Parking" signs that had been installed on Bank Street near the Farmer's Market.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Anderson stated the Farmer's Market was a powerful tool for gathering people together, and he offered comments on the collision between community-building events and the enforcement of rules and regulations. Commissioner Anderson stated it was disheartening that the "greeter" at the Farmer's Market was a parking enforcement officer.

Commissioner Miller requested that "City Manager Update" be added as a regular item on the agenda until the search process was complete.

Commissioner Cooney remarked on the recent deaths of Kalamazoo Gazette columnist Bill Wood and Pastor Ronnie Thompson.

Mayor Hopewell stated Commissioners would receive a report from the consultant on July 3rd regarding the City Manager position profile. Mayor Hopewell stated he and City Manager Collard would be recording a program at Public Media Network regarding the Early Retirement Incentive and the City Manager search. Mayor Hopewell expressed frustration with the parking situation at the Farmer's Market and stated the City needed to change its approach to parking in this area.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 6, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 6, 2013

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 16, 2012 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 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>
Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p><u>Community Youth</u> Sidney Ellis Jr., Counselor in Training Julia Prichard, Counselor in Training</p>
	<p><u>Douglas Neighborhood Association</u> Elizabeth Rice, Vice Chair Marian Pridgeon, Secretary</p>
Community Youth Representatives	<p>The Community Youth representatives described their roles and responsibilities as Counselors-In-Training (CIT's) at the Douglas Community Center and Winchell Camp.</p>
	<p>In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Ms. Prichard stated CIT's were able to go on field trips, like Roller World.</p>
	<p>In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Ms. Prichard and Mr. Ellis described their future plans.</p>
Douglas Neighborhood Association	<p>The Douglas Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - described the formation of their new neighborhood association. - reviewed the Association's mission statement. - reported Zach Greening from the Stuart Neighborhood and Steve Walsh from the Vine Neighborhood had assisted with the Association's board elections.

- thanked the Public Safety Department for its enforcement activities regarding the X-Train.
- indicated the Association wanted to establish a comprehensive neighborhood watch program.
- requested the City officially change the name of the Neighborhood from "Fairmont" to "Douglas."

Douglas Neighborhood Association (cont'd)

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Pridgeon stated the Association was finalizing its bylaws and working with the Community Planning and Development Department to obtain funding.

The Vine Neighborhood Association representative:

Vine Neighborhood Association

- stated the Building Blocks program was expanded to 5 blocks and reported 40 solar lamp posts had been installed in the neighborhood.
- distributed and reviewed a document entitled *Solar Postlight Project Impact Statement*.
- thanked Rick Suwarsky in the Community Planning and Development Department for his help with the Building Blocks projects.
- reported young people in the Summer Youth Employment Program were working for the Neighborhood on the Safe Ways to School initiative.
- stated there was a slow growth of families moving into the Neighborhood.
- thanked Public Safety Officers for checking in on the Neighborhood in the absence of a Neighborhood Liaison Officer.
- reported the South Westnedge Market had applied for a liquor license. Mr. Walsh asked the City Commission to take a very careful look at this application and noted the presence of two other liquor stores in or near the Neighborhood.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Walsh reported incremental steps were being made to address the Oak Street Market property.

Commissioner Anderson described the new approach being taken by Habitat for Humanity and asked Mr. Walsh about the Neighborhood's willingness to work with Habitat. Mr. Walsh stated the Association was more than willing to work with Habitat and viewed Habitat as a community partner.

Commissioner Cinabro commended Mr. Walsh for his work with the Oak Street Market property.

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 20, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: August 20, 2012

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 16, 2012 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 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 Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Bell and Cooney.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Associate Pastor Brian Ake, Kalamazoo Missionary 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>
Public Hearing re: an Ordinance to Amend the Downtown Design Review Process	<p>At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ORDINANCE to amend section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Downtown Design Review and a RESOLUTION amending the Downtown Design Review Guidelines.</p> <p>At 7:06 Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Ordinance 1897 re: the Downtown Design Review Process	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to: a) adopt an ORDINANCE to amend section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Downtown Design Review; and b) adopt a RESOLUTION amending the Downtown Design Review Guidelines.</p>
Resolution 12-54 Amending the Downtown Design Review Guidelines	<p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p> <p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one-year contract extension with Emergency Vehicle Products for fire apparatus maintenance and refurbishment in the amount of \$160,000.

- adoption of **RESOLUTIONS** approving 6 applications for Neighborhood Enterprise Zone certificates in the Edison Neighborhood Enterprise Zone, for new construction in the Marketplace Plat, as well as approving the transfer of 1 existing certificate.
- acceptance of a donation from MAVCON Properties in the amount of \$5,000 to be used by the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission for a historic preservation project in the city of Kalamazoo.
- approval of the sale of 1510 N. Church Street to Aaron Williams for \$45,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- approval of the settlement of a sewer backup claim in the amount of \$13,382.40.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recognizing Community Living Options as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

Resolutions 12-55, 12-56, 12-57, 12-58, 12-59, 12-60 and 12-61

Resolution 12-62

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, 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 an **ORDINANCE** to amend City Code 22-27, regarding retail fraud, but no comments were offered.

Ordinance 1898 re: Retail Fraud

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend City Code 22-27, regarding retail fraud, to conform to the comparable state law.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller thanked City Attorney Robinson for keeping the Code of Ordinances up-to-date.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1899
re: Drunk Driving

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to amend City Code 36-129(1) to remove outdated language from the drunk driving ordinance, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend City Code 36-129(1) to remove outdated language from the drunk driving ordinance.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- The *Inside the City* newsletter, July 2012 edition
- June 2012 Purchases

City Commission
Policy re: Fraud and
Abuse by City
Commission
Appointees

Internal Auditor Ann Videtich reviewed a proposed City Commission policy regarding fraud and abuse by City Commission appointees.

An opportunity was given for citizen comments regarding a City Commission policy regarding fraud and abuse by City Commission appointees, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt the City Commission Fraud and Abuse Policy for Appointees as City Commission Policy No. 10.7.

Prior to a vote on the motion thanked Internal Auditor Videtich for her work on the policy.

Commissioner Anderson thanked Internal Auditor Videtich and noted this policy applied only to the five employees directly appointed by the City Commission.

Commissioner Miller thanked the Internal Audit Committee for its work on the policy.

With a roll call vote the motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Frank Warren, City resident, remarked on the Korean War memorial service being moved from Bronson Park to the Celery Flats in Portage.

Sandra Dawson-Hunt, City resident, on the poor taste and smell of City water in her neighborhood.

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Phil Bassett, City resident, expressed opposition to the City's practice of adding fluoride to the drinking water.

Arlene Larson, City resident, commented on the noise and dust created by the development project on Blakeslee Street and the trees that had been removed from this site. Ms. Larson also commented on a fluoride spill that occurred in January and expressed opposition to the City's practice of adding fluoride to the drinking water.

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cinabro asked the City Administration to report back to the Commission on the Korean War Veterans' request to use Bronson Park. Commissioner Cinabro requested the City Attorney draft an ordinance regulating the use of fireworks in the City.

Commissioner Anderson offered remarks on the following topics: the elimination of the Personal Property Tax, the presentations by young people at the Neighborhood Meeting, the Public Safety Youth Academies, the cleanup of Portage Creek by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the retirement of Theresa Fluty from the Public Services Department.

City Manager Collard and Public Services Director Bruce Merchant clarified that the fluoride spill reference by Ms. Larsen occurred at a City well field, and the fluoride had not entered the water system.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Director Merchant stated negative effects from fluoride occurred after people had experiences prolonged exposure to the chemical.

Mayor Hopewell and City Manager Collard clarified that groups were able to use city parks for free unless they wanted to reserve parks for exclusive use or if they wanted the City to provide services such as staff assistance, water, and electrical power during their events.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 1, 2012

Approved by: _____

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor

Dated: October 1, 2012

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Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 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 Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cinabro.</p>
Invocation	<p>In lieu of an invocation, a moment of silence was observed for the victims of the recent shooting in Aurora, Colorado. This moment silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Earlene McMichael, of Kalamazoo Crossroads Career Network, described the Employment, Education, and Entrepreneurship Fair on August 11th at the Christian Life Center. Materials distributed by Ms. McMichael were filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>
Proclamation	<p>Commissioner Cooney proclaimed August 1-8, 2012 <i>Big League Softball World Series Week</i>.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a contract with Michigan Paving and Materials of Kalamazoo for the 2012 Local Streets Paving Program and Wellington Road water main replacement in the amount of \$995,550.61. - approval of a three year contract with Williams & Works for surveying services in the amount of \$205,587.50. - approval of a) an agreement for the development of a comprehensive business plan for the consolidation of 9-1-1 Emergency Dispatch Center and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents; and, b) the expenditure of \$41,370 as the city's share of the plan with L.R. Kimball.

- acceptance of a FY 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award on behalf of Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$29,514.80.
- appointment of **Rachel Hughes-Nilsson** to the Planning Commission as recommended by the Mayor for a term expiring on March 31, 2015.
- approval of the following appointments and reappointments to advisory boards and commissions as recommended by the City Clerk:
 - the appointment of **Herman Smith** to the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association Board of Governors for a term for a term expiring on January 1, 2015.
 - the appointment of **James Houston** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2013.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until August 6, 2012 consideration of the sale of 507 Lay Boulevard to Lindy Ackerman for \$31,500, and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until August 6, 2012 consideration of the sale of the adjacent city-owned properties at 911 and 915 N. Park Street to Brandi J. Crawford for \$3,200 and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until August 6, 2012 consideration of the sale of a city-owned vacant lot located at 414 E. Frank Street to Julia A. Wilbon for \$30 and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

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, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Beth Lewis, City resident, remarked on the the Farmers' Market.

Alfonso Harris, City resident, spoke regarding the Kalamazoo community's assets and expressed a desire to serve on a City advisory board.

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Frank Warren, City resident, spoke about public disturbances in Bronson Park.

Asha Khazad, City resident, invited Commissioners to a picnic at Milham Park for "ex-mental patients."

Ervin Armstrong, City resident, thanked the City for supporting the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Jerry Pipoly, City resident, spoke regarding his new martial arts school and asked the City for help in locating a building for the school.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Bell stated Galilee Baptist Church hired young people from their church to do work in the community over the summer; invited people to the Ultimate Family Reunion on August 4th; invited people to an open house for Mothers of Hope at the Douglas Community Center on August 2nd.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, City Clerk Borling stated signs would be posted at Mayor's Riverfront Park and the Carver Center directing people to the new polling locations for Precincts 1, 3 and 11.

Commissioner Cooney invited citizens to the Ultimate Family Reunion on August 4th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 6, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: August 6, 2012

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Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 6, 2012 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 Bell, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor McKinney. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Elder Daniel Cunningham, Greater Faith Ministries, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamation	<p>Commissioner Cinabro read a proclamation honoring <i>Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Explorer Post #265 – State Champions</i>. Deputy Chief Sam Harris and Captain Brian Uridge received the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p>
	<p>City Manager Collard requested that Item F-1, bus service contract with Western Michigan University (WMU), be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items 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 for ready mixed concrete with Consumers Concrete Corporation for roadway, sidewalk, and other construction project needs in the amount of \$148,300. - approval of a contract with Davis Construction, Inc. for the relocation of water main under the railroad tracks east of Pitcher Street on Michigan Avenue in the amount of \$100,101 and approval of an increase in the 2012 Water Capital Budget of \$124,601 to reflect reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a two-year contract with Consumers Energy Company for the reading of water and sewer meters in the amount of \$276,246. | Consent Agenda
(cont'd) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION to amend the existing city PA 198 tax abatement policy dated June 4, 2007. | Resolution 12-63 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of RESOLUTIONS 1, 2, and 3 for the purpose of approving the 2011 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$13.752; and adoption of Resolution 3 schedules a public hearing for September 4, 2012. | Resolutions 12-64,
12-65, 12-66 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION authorizing a November 6, 2012, general election ballot question for voter approval of a special 0.6 mill levy renewal to finance Metro Transit operations in the City of Kalamazoo for 2013 through 2015. | Resolution 12-67 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION setting forth the salary of the City Clerk effective August 8, 2012. | Resolution 12-68 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - first reading of an ORDINANCE to amend Section 4.1 – Use Table and Section 12.3 – Definitions and Use Categories of the Zoning Ordinance, related to manufacturing uses in the CCBD (Commercial-Central Business District) zone; and, schedule a public hearing for August 20, 2012. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - acceptance of a JAG award of \$74,054 from the U.S. Justice Department and authorize the City Manager to sign the Grant award and special conditions document. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - acceptance of Region 5 Grant funding in the amount of \$7,556 on behalf of Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the sale of 507 Lay Boulevard to Lindy Ackerman for \$31,500 and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the sale of the adjacent city-owned properties at 911 and 915 N. Park Street to Brandi J. Crawford for \$3,200 and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the sale of a city-owned vacant lot located at 414 E. Frank Street to Julia A. Wilbon for \$30 and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents. | |

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, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Bus Service
Agreement with WMU

Bob Miller, WMU Associate Vice President for Community Relations, thanked City Manager Collard, Deputy City Manager Barnett-Moore, and Transportation Director Bill Schomisch for working out an agreement for bus service.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a proposed three-year contract for bus service with WMU, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cinabro seconded by Commissioner Bell moved to approve a three-year agreement with Western Michigan University to provide unlimited access to Metro Transit services for all current students, faculty and staff, from August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2015 in the amount of \$1,560,800.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

East Campus
Neighborhood
Enterprise Zone

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain described the process for designating the East Campus Rehabilitation Neighborhood Enterprise Zone.

When given an opportunity to comment on the commencement of the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone process for the proposed East Campus Rehabilitation Neighborhood Enterprise Zone, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Bob Miller, non-resident and WMU's Associate Vice President for Community Relations, discussed the University's partnership with the City to redevelop East Campus and thanked City staff for their work.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the commencement of the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone process for the proposed East Campus Rehabilitation Neighborhood Enterprise Zone.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson noted that patience would be required for this project, but it was exciting to think of the possibilities for redevelopment and reuse of East Campus.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Planner Augustine briefly described the proposed ordinance to allow Mobile Food Vendors to operate in the City. City Planner Augustine discussed the process that had been used to develop the ordinance.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, City Planner Augustine stated a resolution setting the license fee and defining the areas in which food trucks could operate would accompany the ordinance when presented for adoption on August 20th. City Planner Augustine indicated the resolution would allow food trucks to park in any legal parking space in a manufacturing or commercial district, excluding state trunklines.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, City Planner Augustine stated the ten licenses would be issued on a first come, first served basis, upon submission of a complete application. City Planner Augustine stated the question of alcohol service would be a question for the Public Safety Department or Michigan Liquor Control Commission. City Planner Augustine explained the permitting of food trucks to operate in front of restaurants when they were closed was designed to allow food trucks to fill a time gap, during the hours when food was unavailable in the downtown area.

Commissioner Anderson expressed support for the presence of food trucks in Kalamazoo. Commissioner Anderson questioned if 10 licenses was too limiting.

In response to Commissioner Anderson, City Planner Augustine reminded Commissioners the proposed ordinance was being treated as a pilot program that would be evaluated and modified if necessary.

When given an opportunity to comment on an ordinance to amend Section 25-63 through 25-68 of the City Code of Ordinances related to Mobile Food Vendors, the following people addressed the City Commission:

John Schmitt, City resident and member of the Downtown Development Authority, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Asha Kazhad, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Jay Woodhams, non-resident and food truck operator, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Anderson moved to offer or first reading an ORDINANCE to amend Section 25-63 through 25-68 of the City Code of Ordinances related to Mobile Food Vendors and schedule a public hearing for August 20, 2012.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell thanked Director Chamberlain and City Planner Augustine for their sensitivities to the issues involved and the concerns of stakeholders.

First Reading of a
Food Truck
Ordinance

First Reading of a
Food Truck
Ordinance (cont'd)

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Asha Khazad, City resident, spoke about his right to sell his self-published newspaper at City Hall.

Phil Bassett, City resident, expressed opposition to the City's practice of adding fluoride to the drinking water.

Alphonso Harris, City resident, spoke about peaceful community events like the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion.

Susan LaFaive, 517 Hilpert, expressed opposition to the City's practice of adding fluoride to the drinking water.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Bell thanked the City and major sponsors for their support of the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion on August 4th. Commissioner Bell urged people to vote and to attend the National Night Out events.

Commissioner Anderson highlighted items on the consent agenda, including the transportation contract with WMU, the contract with Consumers Energy for meter reading, amendments to the tax abatement policy, and the Metro Transit millage request.

Commissioner Cooney congratulated the Mothers of Hope for a successful Ultimate Family Reunion. Commissioner Cooney noted the proceeds from Ribfest were donated to The ARK. Commissioner Cooney offered condolences to the victims of the near Milwaukee.

Mayor Hopewell invited people to attend the public meeting on Thursday, August 9th regarding the City Manager position profile.

City Manager Collard stated the City's water supply was not poisoned and noted many chemicals could be both helpful and harmful to humans, depending on the form and quantity of the chemical.

Closed Session

At 8:08 p.m. Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell announced the City Commission would not be coming back into open session following the closed session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 1, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: October 1, 2012

Adjournment

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 20, 2012 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 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 Cinabro seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p><u>Arcadia Neighborhood Association</u> Mark Longstroth, President Ken Larson, Board Member</p>
	<p><u>Parkview Neighborhood Association</u> Joan Dombrowski, President</p>
Arcadia Neighborhood Representative	<p>The Arcadia Neighborhood representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reported problems with rental housing were a constant issue and requested the City maintain a high level of inspections. - expressed concern about the City implementing state standards for housing inspections, which would reduce the number of inspections performed compared to the number required under the City's current Housing Code.
	<p>In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Longstroth stated the Neighborhood was all one zoning designation. Commissioner Anderson suggested it might be good for the City to remind realtors of the zoning restrictions in the Arcadia Neighborhood.</p>
Parkview Neighborhood Representative	<p>The Parkview Neighborhood Association representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - thanked the Public Safety Department, the Mayor and Commissioners for attending the National Night Out event.

- reported the Neighborhood was not getting a response from Consumers Energy regarding failed streetlights in the Neighborhood.
- expressed concern about the water quality at Parkview Hills and showed examples of iron stains from the water. Ms. Dombrowski stated the problem seemed to have begun in April, 2009.

Parkview
Neighborhood
Representative
(cont'd)

In response to a question from Ms. Dombrowski, City Manager Collard indicated Public Services Director Bruce Merchant was the correct person to talk with about the water quality issues.

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

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Citizen Comments

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 22, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 22, 2013

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 20, 2012 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 Elder Daniel Cunningham, Greater Faith Ministries, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Mayor Hopewell welcomed Daniel Brusilovsky, founder of Teens in Tech, who was in Kalamazoo to see the City, meet with venture capitalists, and visit local companies.</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 Manufacturing Uses in the CBD	<p>At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ORDINANCE to amend Section 4.1 – Use Table and Section 12.3 – Definitions and Use Categories of the Zoning Ordinance, related to manufacturing uses in the CCBD (Commercial-Central Business District) zone.</p> <p>At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Ordinance 1900 re: Manufacturing Uses in the Central Business District	<p>Commissioner Bell seconded by Commissioner Anderson moved to adopt an ORDINANCE to amend Section 4.1 – Use Table and Section 12.3 – Definitions and Use Categories of the Zoning Ordinance, related to manufacturing uses in the CCBD (Commercial-Central Business District) zone.</p> <p>Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller and Mayor Hopewell expressed support for the ordinance and thanked the City Planner for her work.</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>

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ORDINANCE to amend Section 25-63 through 25-68 of the City Code of Ordinances, related to Mobile Food Vendors and a RESOLUTION setting the areas of operation for mobile food vendors and the fee for mobile food vendor licenses.

Dean Houck, City resident and owner of the Michigan News Agency, suggested the City create a food truck zone and questioned whether the ordinance addressed the concerns of downtown businesses and restaurants and if people were actually aware of the contents of the ordinance.

Nicole Angelo, City resident, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance and asked if the ordinance would allow food trucks to operate in front of her business on Lovell Street.

At 7:13 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Anderson seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a) an **ORDINANCE** to amend Section 25-63 through 25-68 of the City Code of Ordinances, related to Mobile Food Vendors; and, b) a **RESOLUTION** setting areas of operation for mobile food vendors and fee for mobile food vendor license.

Prior to a vote on this motion, Mayor Hopewell suggested the proposed ordinance be amended to eliminate the requirement for proof of restroom access

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to amend the proposed ordinance to delete paragraph B(5) from Section 25-66, which would require proof of restroom access within 200 feet of a parked mobile food vehicle.

Prior to a vote on the motion to amend, Commissioner Anderson stated the City Commission did not read aloud every ordinance prior to adoption and stated there had been many meetings with stakeholders during the development of this particular ordinance.

With a roll call vote the motion to amend passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Prior to a vote on the main motion and in response to questions from Commissioner Cooney, City Planner Andrea Augustine confirmed that under the proposed ordinance food trucks would not be allowed to operate within 150 feet of restaurants during their hours of operation. City Planner Augustine explained there were no specific food truck zones, but restrictions on where trucks could operate created *de facto* zones. City Planner Augustine stated the ordinance did not place limits on the hours of operation for food trucks. However, food trucks were required to

Public Hearing re:
an Ordinance
Allowing Food
Trucks

Ordinance 1901 re:
Food Trucks

Resolution 12-69 re:
License Fees and
Areas of Operation
for Food Trucks

Motion to Amend
the Ordinance

Ordinance 1901 re:
Food Trucks (cont'd)

operate from legal parking spaces, and on most City streets there was no parking between 2:00 and 6:00 a.m.

Resolution 12-69 re:
License Fees and
Areas of Operation
for Food Trucks
(cont'd)

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, City Planner Augustine stated the number of mobile food vehicle licenses was limited to 10 per year, and this number would remain the same until the City Commission amended the ordinance.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, City Planner Augustine described the application process and stated the City was depending on the market to create variety in the products and experiences offered by mobile food vendors.

Mayor Hopewell thanked City Planner Augustine for her work and stated the City frequently found itself in the position of balancing the needs and interests of businesses with the City's need to advance the community's interests as a whole.

With a roll call vote the motion to adopt the amended ordinance and the resolution passed.

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 with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:

- first reading of an ORDINANCE to regulate the use of consumer fireworks and amend the Fire Code so as to comply with the State law addressing fireworks.
- approval of a request from Western Michigan University to publicly display fireworks at Hyames Field on Saturday, September 8, 2012 during halftime of the CommUniverCity Night football game.

Commissioner Cinabro, 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, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- Inside the City Newsletter, August 2012 Edition
- July 2012 Purchases

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Alphonso Harris, City resident, spoke regarding the need for public restrooms downtown.

Iris Potter, City resident, expressed opposition to the Prairie Garden development on Blakeslee Street.

Arlene Larson, City resident, expressed opposition to the Prairie Garden project.

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bell reported Mothers of Hope had instituted women's groups that met two days per week.

Commissioner Cinabro highlighted that only 15 organizations nationwide received the Employer Support Freedom Award from the Department of Defense. Commissioner Cinabro thanked City Attorney Robinson for bringing forward amendments to the fireworks ordinance.

Commissioner Miller thanked City Manager Collard for working with staff to get a STOP sign placed at the intersection of Rambling Road and Winchell Avenue. Commissioner Miller commented on the Girls' Leadership Academy.

Commissioner Cooney remarked on the death of Bob Medema.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on the death of Bob Medema and thanked Chief Hadley and the detectives of the Public Safety Department for their swift work to solve this murder case and the Department's excellent clearance rate for solving these types of cases.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 18, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: February 18, 2013

Roll Call

The City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, August 31, 2012 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
 Bob Cinabro
 Don Cooney

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell*
 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 Cooney, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Bell and Miller. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Review of September 4th City Commission Agenda

City Manager Collard reviewed the agenda for the Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

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

Commissioner Bell requested that Item F-2, a contract extension with Apple Bus for paratransit service, be moved to the Regular Agenda.

Discussion followed regarding the commitments made by Apple Bus to hire drivers formerly employed by Pride Care.

Update on the Employee Retirement Initiative

City Manager Collard provided an update on the Employee Retirement Initiative (ERI) and reviewed expenditure and revenue items from the 2012 2nd Quarter Budget Report.

Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley reported over 20 employees from the Public Safety Department had left since the beginning of the year, and he stated the promotion of new people into leadership positions had created a new energy. Chief Hadley reported on the Youth Leadership Academy and the Citizen Academy. Chief Hadley discussed the new COPS division and the reduction of neighborhood CPO's. Chief Hadley noted the City was working with David Kennedy on a contract to implement his violence reduction initiative.

Human Resources Director Jerome Post thanked his staff for their hard work on the ERI over the past few months. Director Post reported the recruitment pools had been representative of the community in terms of diversity, but that diversity had not translated into new hires that were representative of the community. Director Post indicated the City's diversity statistics remained stable, but they would regress if the current hiring trends continued.

In response to questions from Commissioner Bell and Mayor Hopewell, Director Post stated minority applicants were falling out of the process during testing and the interviews. Director Post reported people were having difficulty demonstrating their technical knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, as well with as typing speed. Director Post remarked the Public Safety math tests had been changed to eliminate time allotments for each section of the test in favor of a time allotment for the test as a whole.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, Director Post stated the City did not eliminate job candidates from all positions applied for if they failed in the hiring process for one position. Director Post offered anecdotal evidence that local job fairs seemed to be improving minority recruitment for Public Safety positions.

Cooney suggested the City look to the community for ways to provide training in Word and Excel, and he noted the importance of having a workforce that mirrored the community. Commissioner Cooney discussed the City Manager search process and commended Chief Hadley for working with David Kennedy.

In response to comments made by Commissioner Cooney, Director Post stated City Manager Collard had played a significant role with the ERI and had provided tremendous leadership for the City organization.

Vice Mayor McKinney stated it was hard to imagine that by 2015 the City would need to make more budget cuts, but those cuts would be necessary. Vice Mayor McKinney remarked that despite the significant impact of the ERI on the City's expenditures there remained a fundamental, structural problem with regard to funding for local governments. Vice Mayor McKinney stated the retirement of the City Manager and Deputy City Manager needed to happen in a strategic way.

City Manager Collard noted there would be a proposed mid-year amendment to the FY2012 Budget and a wage increase for non-bargaining unit employees on the September 4th agenda.

Mayor Hopewell commented on the importance of diversity, the need to let people know why they were not being hired, and the development of leadership within the organization. Mayor Hopewell stated the City needed to communicate the seriousness of its fiscal situation with citizens prior to any discussion about revenue increases. Regarding City Manager search process, Mayor Hopewell reminded Commissioners that the directive given by the Commission was to begin the search process and to proceed without gaps in the process.

Commissioner Bell suggested the City solicit testimonies from current, or recently retired minority City employees to assist with the recruitment of minorities in the community.

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

Update on the
Employee Retirement
Initiative (cont'd)

Community Issues

Citizen Comments

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

At 8:53 a.m. Commissioner Cinabro left the meeting.

Closed Session

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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 not be returning to open session.

With a roll call vote the motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 18, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: February 18, 2013

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 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 Don Cooney</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Robert Cinabro Barbara Miller</p> <p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Cinabro and Miller. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Jeff Jones, Valley Family Church, 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>City Manager Collard requested that Item F-4, a budget amendment and wage increase for non-bargaining unit employees, be removed from the agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Public Hearing re: the Kalamazoo Mall Maintenance Assessment	<p>At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding RESOLUTION #4 for the purpose of approving the 2011 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$13.752.</p> <p>At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Resolution 12-70 Approving the 2011 Kalamazoo Mall Maintenance Assessment	<p>Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to adopt RESOLUTION #4 for the purpose of approving the 2011 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$13.752.</p> <p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p> <p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cooney, 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 one-year term contract extension with Great Lakes Lubricants, Inc. for the purchase of various types of lubricants at a total cost not to exceed \$187,354.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing on September 17, 2012 to consider the establishment of a PA 198 Industrial Development District (IDD) round the perimeter of property owned by 3825 Emerald Drive, LLC (dba Imperial Beverage) located at 3825 Emerald Drive.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving an amendment of the City of Kalamazoo’s Brownfield Plan [Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 20)] implemented and recommended for approval by the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority following a public hearing before the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to regulate the use of consumer fireworks and amend the Fire Code so as to comply with the State law addressing fireworks, but no comments were offered.

Vice Mayor McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to regulate the use of consumer fireworks and amend the Fire Code so as to comply with the State law addressing fireworks.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Consent Agenda

Resolution 12-71

Resolution 12-72

Regular Agenda

Ordinance 1902 re:
Regulation of Fireworks

City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Borling reported the City Commission had received as informational the following correspondence:

- a letter from Downtown Kalamazoo, Inc. notifying the City of new parking rates for Parking Lot #1 (South and Edwards Streets).
- a letter from Assistant Attorney General Joshua Booth approving the ballot language for the six City Commission approved charter amendment questions that will appear on the November 6th ballot.
- a letter from Governor Rick Snyder approving the six City Commission approved charter amendment proposals that will appear on the November 6th ballot.

Report on the Early Retirement Incentive and Strategic Alignment Plan

City Manager Collard presented the *ERI Strategic Alignment Plan 2nd Quarter Report* and stated the report answered the question, “Is the Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) working?” City Manager Collard reminded Commissioners the goals of the ERI were to offer a humane solution to the City’s budget deficit, to optimize service delivery, and to be good stewards of the needs and interests of the community. City Manager Collard reported the following statistics for the ERI through the 2nd quarter of the year:

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Retirements	78	90
Positions Filled	61	46
Positions Eliminated	37	39

<u>General Fund Savings</u>	<u>Original Estimate</u>	<u>New Estimate</u>
Cost Savings for 2012	\$600,000	\$2.8 million
Cost Savings for 2013	\$3.1 million	\$3.6 million
Cost Savings Beyond 2013	\$3.4 million/yr.	\$5.1 million/yr.
Cost Savings 2012-2017	\$17.3 million	\$26.8 million
 Citywide Annual Savings	 \$7.8 Million	 \$8.0 million

City Manager Collard reviewed the impact of the ERI on the Five-Year Fiscal Plan and offered remarks on the areas of staff morale, teamwork, cooperation, resident satisfaction, staff satisfaction, and diversity. Regarding diversity, City Manager Collard reported the City was getting diverse applicant pools, but that diversity was not translating into diverse hires. City Manager Collard noted the proposed budget amendment would decrease the budget by \$800,000, and the proposed salary increases would cost approximately \$47,000.

Commissioner Cooney thanked City Manager Collard for his report and thanked City staff for their work.

Commissioner Anderson discussed how problems affecting other cities in Michigan and the United States were also affecting Kalamazoo. Commissioner Anders commended City Manager Collard for being a great City Manager during a difficult time.

City Manager Collard stated City staff was responsible for the good work surrounding the ERI.

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Patti Owens, City resident, asked if the non-bargaining unit City employees scheduled to retire under the ERI would receive the proposed salary increases, and if the lump sum payment would be included in their Final Average Compensation (FAC) for pension calculation purposes.

Rich Todd, City resident, spoke about the Occupy Kalamazoo encampment in Bronson Park, the challenges facing homeless people, and the need to integrate people into the community.

Jonathan Braun, City resident, remarked on the expulsion of homeless people from the Occupy Kalamazoo encampment in Bronson Park.

Asha Khazad, City resident, stated Occupy Kalamazoo was a form of socialism, and he expressed opposition to socialism.

Don Weed, City resident, offered remarks on his arrest for camping in Bronson Park.

Jessica Arcand, City resident, spoke about being treated badly because she was homeless, and she suggested that abandoned houses in the City be given to the homeless.

Chris Wahmhoff, City resident, commented on the needs of the homeless.

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cooney stated the City had a responsibility to address homelessness and thanked citizens for addressing this issue. Commissioner Cooney stated he would meet with them about their concerns.

Mayor Hopewell reported he would be going to Chicago with City staff to meet with the Environmental Protection Agency Regional Director regarding cleanup of the Allied Paper site.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 6, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 6, 2013

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 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 Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Cinabro seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p><u>Eastside Neighborhood Association</u> Pat Taylor, Executive Director Mike Seales, Treasurer</p>
	<p><u>Edison Neighborhood Association</u> Bill Wells, President Tammy Taylor, Executive Director</p>
	<p><u>Parker Duke Neighborhood Association</u> Bill Hughes, President</p>
Eastside Neighborhood Association	<p>The Eastside Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - indicated the Association had been attempting to be creative with finding new funding sources and opportunities to collaborate with other organizations. - reported the Association was trying to keep the lines of communication open with the City during the City's Early Retirement Initiative transition. - thanked the City for the funding to purchase the Community Center building and stated property ownership had been good for the morale of the Association and the Neighborhood. - distributed pictures of improvements made to the Community Center.

- noted decreases in revenue had resulted in a reduction in the Executive Director's paid hours.
- stated the future of the Head Start program at the Eastside Community Center was questionable, and the Association was doing everything possible to keep this program in the Neighborhood.

Eastside Neighborhood Association (cont'd)

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Taylor stated the Kalamazoo Center for Youth and Community was operating at the Community Center and offering academic activities for young people.

Edison Neighborhood Association representatives:

Edison Neighborhood Association

- reported on the following Association activities: over 1000 flats of flowers were given to residents through the Edison Blossoms program; 250 people attended the Neighborhood's National Night Out event; 278 tools had been loaned to residents; 29 households at 3 sites had participated in the Building Blocks program; and 16 post lights had been installed, with the installation of 39 more lights in process.
- stated a house deconstruction was going to commence on October 1st, and the home at 1418 Race Street was being renovated by the Association for resale.
- distributed and reviewed crime statistics for the Neighborhood.
- distributed copies of the *Edison Voice* newsletter (September /October edition).

Commissioner Cooney noted a literacy center had recently opened at Stockbridge United Methodist Church.

*Commissioner Bell arrived at 6:15 p.m.

The Parker Duke Neighborhood Association representative:

Parker Duke Neighborhood Association

- reported he was engaged in the slow process of rebuilding the Association.

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.

Commissioner Comments

Mayor Hopewell reported downtown residents had expressed concerns about noise from festivals and the entertainment district at the Downtown Development Authority earlier that day.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 17, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 17, 2013

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 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 Jeff Jones, Valley Family Church, 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>Mayor Hopewell requested that a litigation-related item be added to the agenda under New Business.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Public Hearing re: the Establishment of IDD #127	<p>At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding a RESOLUTION to establish PA 198 Industrial Development District #127 around the perimeter of property owned by 3825 Emerald Drive, LLC (dba Imperial Beverage) located at 3825 Emerald Drive.</p> <p>Joe Cekola, City resident and owner of Imperial Beverage, expressed support for the resolution.</p> <p>Patti Owens, City resident, thanked Imperial Beverage for investing in the City.</p> <p>At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Resolution 12-73 Establishing IDD #127	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a RESOLUTION to establish PA 198 Industrial Development District #127 around the perimeter of property owned by 3825 Emerald Drive, LLC (dba Imperial Beverage) located at 3825 Emerald Drive.</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>

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 vehicle lease agreement with South County Community Services to allow Kalamazoo Metro Transit to pilot placing a community service van in Vicksburg for use by county residents; and authorize the City Manager to sign all contracts and related documents.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to set a public hearing on October 1, 2012 to consider an application from Graphic Packaging International, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities (Tax) Exemption Certificate for three years for personal property valued at \$11,953,932 and for six years for real property improvements valued at \$1,175,898 in existing Industrial Development District No. 10 located at 1421 North Pitcher Street.
- first reading of an ORDINANCE to rezone 2610 Airview Blvd. from Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District), and schedule a public hearing for October 1, 2012.
- first reading of an ORDINANCE to provide that the possession of marijuana, except as permitted by law, is a misdemeanor which may be enforced by use of an appearance ticket.
- acceptance of funding from Oakwood Neighborhood Association for \$1,859.68 to fund an after school tutoring program 3 days per week from September 24 – December 21, 2012 at Oakwood Neighborhood Association.
- acceptance of funding from Milwood Elementary for \$2,451.19 to fund the Lunch n Learn program at Milwood Elementary school, beginning October 8 – December 21, 2012 and authorize the City Manager to sign all contracts and related documents.
- approval of a correcting quit claim deed regarding the previous transfer of 701 East Michigan Avenue to the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and to authorize the City Manager to sign the deed.

Consent Agenda

Resolution 12-74

Commissioner Miller, 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

City Manager's Report

Deputy City Manager Barnett-Moore provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- *Inside the City* newsletter, August 2012 edition
- August 2012 Purchases

New Business

Items of New Business were considered next.

Settlement of the Lawsuit Stacey Randolph v City of Kalamazoo

City Attorney Robinson provided a brief overview of the settlement offer in the case Stacey Randolph v City of Kalamazoo.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to settle the lawsuit brought by Stacey Randolph by payment of the sum of \$37,500 and to authorize the City Attorney's Office to sign any documents necessary to resolve the case.

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

Commissioner Miller announced she would be voting "No" on the motion. Commissioner Miller stated she and another Commissioner had represented the City Commission during two days of negotiations, and she thought there was no case. Commissioner Miller noted the allegation was discrimination, but Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley had promoted Ms. Randolph twice. Commissioner Miller thanked Deputy City Attorney Randy Schau for his work on the case and wished Ms. Randolph all the respect and dignity she deserved.

Commissioner Bell stated the City Commission had a responsibility to ensure all City employees were treated fairly and equally. Commissioner Bell expressed hope that Lt. Randolph's right to protect herself and her career would not interfere anymore with her ability to continue her career. Commissioner Bell stated Ms. Randolph was an amazing woman, was well respected in the community, and should be commended for her work as a Public Safety Officer. Commissioner Bell remarked there were only three women of color and no Hispanic women in the Public Safety Department, and she stated the City had a long way to go and a history to overcome in the area of hiring and promoting racial minorities and women. Commissioner Bell commended Lt. Randolph for her courage to stand up for her rights and stated she was grateful her daughters had a woman like Lt. Randolph to look up to as a role model. Commissioner Bell indicated there were several aspects of this case that left her disheartened, but she urged people to see this case as an opportunity for change and growth. Commissioner Bell stated this issue was not solely a Public Safety issue or a Chief Hadley issue. Commissioner Bell stated Chief Hadley was not a racist and indicated he walked into something that had existed for decades. Commissioner Bell expressed support for the proposed settlement.

Mayor Hopewell stated the Public Safety Department needed to be a department that was open, and this was an opportunity to move forward. Mayor Hopewell expressed support for Chief Hadley and stated he walked into a department that was filled with opportunities and

challenges. Mayor Hopewell expressed hope that the City would learn from this experience. Mayor Hopewell noted Chief Hadley had dedicated himself to promoting people and giving them opportunities, and yet he had said there were opportunities to make the department look more like the community. Mayor Hopewell stated he thought the proposed settlement was reasonable.

Settlement of the Lawsuit Stacey Randolph v City of Kalamazoo (cont'd)

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

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

NAYS: Commissioner Miller

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Jonathan Braun, City resident, thanked Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley and Commissioner Cooney for meeting with the Occupy Kalamazoo group, and he spoke about Kalamazoo's ranking as the "6th Meanest City" towards homeless people. Mr. Braun announced he would be running for a place on the City Commission in 2013.

Frank Warren, City resident, reported the residents at Lynn Terrace Apartments had put up "No Trespassing" signs. Mr. Warren stated he was treated like a criminal by Public Safety Officers when he and other residents tried to take pictures and license plate numbers of cars parked illegally in the Lynn Terrace parking lot.

Kevin Spitler, non-resident, asked the City to make marihuana possession a civil infraction rather than a misdemeanor. Mr. Spitler spoke about the effectiveness of marihuana to treat medical conditions and to help people reduce their dependence on narcotics. Mr. Spitler submitted an abstract of a research paper entitled *Patients and Caregivers Report Using Medical Marijuana to Decrease Prescription Opiate Narcotics*.

Barbara Watkin, City resident, expressed support for the approval a liquor license for Henderson Castle and asked why this item was not on the meeting agenda.

Loretta Bates, City resident, complained about a Public Safety Officer who was rude during a traffic stop and search of her vehicle.

Kevin Boyer, City resident, spoke in favor of a liquor license for Henderson Castle.

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bell expressed support for Henderson Castle, welcomed County Commissioners Carolyn Alford and Jack Urban to the meeting, and invited people to participate in an upcoming run/walk event for kids.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cinabro remarked on the recent death of Dr. Wen Chao Chen, former professor and administrator at Kalamazoo College.

Commissioner Anderson stated the designation of Kalamazoo as the "sixth meanest city" towards homeless people was not credible and described the rich set of services available for homeless people in Kalamazoo. Commissioner Anderson stated the solution to homelessness needed to be citizen driven, and he suggested people work on a solution rather than point fingers.

Commissioner Miller thanked Michelle Miller-Adams for working with America's Promise Alliance to get Kalamazoo on the list of the 100 Best Places for Young People for the fourth year in a row.

Commissioner Cooney remarked on a recent article in the New York Times regarding the Kalamazoo Promise and encouraged people to support groups that were working with student in local schools. Commissioner Cooney urged people to vote in November.

Mayor Hopewell thanked volunteers and organizations for their work in the community. Mayor Hopewell announced he would be travelling to Washington D.C. with representatives from the Public Safety Department to receive the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 20, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 20, 2013

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 1, 2012 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 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>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Daniel Teerman, The Bridge, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>*Commissioner Bell arrived at 7:04 p.m.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Miller read a proclamation <i>Honoring Jennifer Shoub for Dedication and Service to the City of Kalamazoo</i>. Ms. Shoub 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>
Public Hearing re: an Ordinance Rezoning 2610 Airview Blvd.	<p>At 7:11 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ORDINANCE to rezone 2610 Airview Blvd. from Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).</p> <p>At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Ordinance 1903 Rezoning 2610 Airview Blvd.	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to adopt an ORDINANCE to rezone 2610 Airview Blvd. from Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District) to Zone CC (Commercial, Community District).</p> <p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p> <p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Bell, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on a RESOLUTION approving a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Graphic Packaging International, Inc. for three years for personal property valued at \$11,953,932 and for six years for real property improvements valued at \$1,175,898 in existing Industrial Development District No. 10 located at 1421 North Pitcher Street.

John Caston, Director of Carton Plant Operations for Graphic Packaging International, described the recent expansion of Graphic Packaging’s facilities and expressed support for the proposed resolution.

At 7:14 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Graphic Packaging International, Inc. for three years for personal property valued at \$11,953,932 and for six years for real property improvements valued at \$1,175,898 in existing Industrial Development District No. 10 located at 1421 North Pitcher Street.

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 and authorize for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:

- approval of a two-year contract for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite from Alexander Chemical Corporation in the amount of \$324,300.
- approval of a contract with Kamp’s Construction, LLC for Phase 2 improvements to LaCrone Park in the amount of \$226,677.
- approval of a one-year term contract with Constellation New Energy – Gas Division, LLC for natural gas to be used at selected City facilities.
- approval of the Kalamazoo Metro Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team Agreement, which will allow the merger of SWAT teams from the City of Kalamazoo, City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, and Kalamazoo Township.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to FHC Ten Limited Dividend Housing Associations - Limited Partnership for 166-units of affordable rental housing located at 4217 Stadium Drive, pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.

Public Hearing re: a Tax Abatement for Graphic Packaging International, Inc.

Resolution 12-75 re: a Tax Abatement for Graphic Packaging International, Inc.

Consent Agenda

Resolution 12-76

Resolutions 12-77,
12-78 and 12-79

- adoption of **RESOLUTIONS** approving three applications for transfer of Neighborhood Enterprise Zone certificates in the Edison Neighborhood Enterprise Zone.

Resolution 12-80

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the transfer of \$200,000 from the Economic Initiative Fund to the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to assist Enmar, LLC in the redevelopment of brownfield property at 701 East Michigan Avenue for the expansion of the brewing operations of Arcadia Brewing Company, Inc.

Resolution 12-81

- adoption of a Michigan Liquor Control Commission **RESOLUTION** approving a request from SPS Superior Professional Services, LLC to transfer ownership of an escrowed 2011 Resort Class C license business issued under MCL 436.1531(2), located at 2255 Tittabawassee, Saginaw, MI from Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon of Michigan to a new location of 100 Monroe St, Kalamazoo, MI with a new Dance Permit and transfer classification to a Resort B-Hotel License, subject to the following conditions: 1) the parking spaces at the new location shall be clearly identified; 2) the emergency egress to Prospect Hill St. shall be developed to be “ready to use.”
- approval of a Wellhead Protection Grant Assistance Contract from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$44,400.
- acceptance of funding from Woods Lake Elementary for \$667.43 to fund a Lunch n Learn program at Woods Lake Elementary school beginning October 9 – December 13, 2012.
- acceptance of funding from Maple Street Magnet School for \$310.03 to fund a 6th grade Intramural coed soccer program for students at Maple Street Magnet School.
- approval of a correcting quit claim deed regarding the previous transfer of 701 East Michigan Avenue to the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and to authorize the City Manager to sign the deed.

Commissioner Cooney, 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, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to provide that the possession of marijuana, except as permitted by law, is a misdemeanor which may be enforced by use of an appearance ticket, but no comments were offered.

Ordinance 1904 re:
Possession of
Marijuana

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to provide that the possession of marijuana, except as permitted by law, is a misdemeanor which may be enforced by use of an appearance ticket.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager Collard made introductory remarks on the proposed budget amendment and compensation increase for non-bargaining unit employees. City Manager Collard corrected the agenda language and noted the budget amendment should be for \$829,227.

Resolution 12-82
Approving a FY2012
Budget Amendment
and Compensation
Increase for NBU
Employees

Human Resources and Labor Relations Director Jerome Post reported non-bargaining unit employees in other communities had received pay increases ranging from 1.4% to 2.5% in either 2010 or 2011. Director Post described the pay increases for City union employees during the period 2009 through 2013.

City Manager Collard stated the budget adjustment was good news, as it reflected savings from the Early Retirement Initiative (ERI) that were ahead of schedule. City Manager Collard reported the City Attorney was researching whether lump sum payments would be counted towards the employees' Final Average Compensation (FAC) for pension calculation purposes.

When given an opportunity to comment on a recommendation to: (a) approve a General Fund Budget amendment to reduce General Fund appropriations in the amount of \$829,227; and, (b) adopt a RESOLUTION which provides for a one-time lump-sum payment equal to 0.5% of base wages, effective immediately upon adoption by the City Commission for non-bargained (NBU) employees (excluding City Commission appointees); and (c) an increase of 1% of base wages, effective January 1, 2013, for non-bargained (NBU) employees (excluding City Commission appointees), the following people addressed the City Commission:

Patty Owens, City resident, expressed support for the proposed budget amendment and compensation increases.

John Hilliard, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed compensation increases.

Ken Horton, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed compensation increases.

Resolution 12-82
Approving a FY2012
Budget Amendment
and Compensation
Increase for NBU
Employees (cont'd)

Earl Cox, non-resident and member of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), expressed opposition to the proposed compensation increases and stated the City unions had been told during the most recent contract negotiations that NBU employees would not be receiving pay increases in the near future.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to: (a) approve a General Fund Budget amendment to reduce General Fund appropriations in the amount of \$829,227; and, (b) adopt a **RESOLUTION** which provides for a one-time lump-sum payment equal to 0.5% of base wages, effective immediately upon adoption by the City Commission for non-bargained (NBU) employees (excluding City Commission appointees); and (c) an increase of 1% of base wages, effective January 1, 2013, for non-bargained (NBU) employees (excluding City Commission appointees).

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson reviewed the content of the motion and stated the City Commission needed to balance the City's fiscal realities with rewarding hard working employees.

Commissioner Cinabro clarified the expense associated with the salary increases and asked about commitments made to the unions at the bargaining table.

Director Post explained the City was not legally bound by statements made at the bargaining table, although the good faith of the City was at stake.

Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for the motion and noted the lump sum payments were being reviewed by the City Attorney. Commissioner Cinabro stated the pay increase was symbolic, and some employees would not be happy with the amount. Commissioner Cinabro stated employees needed to realize the City was in a "new normal."

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, City Manager Collard stated he did not know what had been said at the bargaining table with the ATU or other unions.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, City Manager Collard stated between 100 and 130 people would be affected by the pay increase. City Manager Collard remarked the increase was not large, and the City Commission had taken a careful approach with this decision.

Commissioner Anderson stated the City spent money every day to further the goals of the community, and it was a balancing act to allocate dollars to the various goals.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a RESOLUTION requesting that the City enter into a 30-year water service agreement with the City of Portage, but no comments were offered.

Resolution 12-83
Approving a Water
Service Agreement
with the City of Portage

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** requesting that the City enter into a 30-year water service agreement with the City of Portage and authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Next, a policy item was considered.

Policy Items

Mayor Hopewell reviewed the process that had been used to create a City Manager Selection Profile and reported the Human Resources and Purchasing Departments were working towards the next step of engaging an executive search firm.

Approval of the City
Manager Selection
Profile

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the proposed City Manager Selection Profile, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the City Manager Selection Profile developed to identify and evaluate candidates for the position of City Manager.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson commended the Mayor for putting a lot of thought into the range of stakeholders that needed to be engaged during the development of the profile. Commissioner Anderson noted the Mayor had spent many hours working behind the scenes and attending the input sessions.

Commissioner Cooney stated Tim Fallon did a great job of bringing people together and conducting the input sessions. Commissioner Cooney thanked the Mayor for seeking input from broad cross section of the community.

Commissioner Cinabro commended Tim Fallon and the Mayor for their work on the profile.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Asha Khazad, City resident, expressed concern about noisy children at the Kalamazoo Public Library.

Jonathan Braun, City resident, stated he would run for City Commission in 2013 and spoke about being cited for violating park rules in Bronson Park.

Jeff Weismann, City resident, spoke about two broken light posts in the downtown area.

Jerry Pipoly, City resident, asked the City to address the issue of drug dealers in Kalamazoo.

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Bell thanked Economic Development Director Jerome Kisscorni and his staff for their efforts to grow businesses and create jobs. Commissioner Bell reminded people of events at the Kalamazoo Public Library, upcoming revival services at Second Baptist Church, the regular meetings of Mothers of Hope, and the Northside Ministerial Alliance annual prayer breakfast.

Commissioner Cinabro remarked on the recent death of Dave Hess, the City's Risk Manager.

Commissioner Miller asked the City Attorney to provide an overview of the proposed City Charter amendments at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Miller remarked on the retirement of City Hall custodian Marie Mitchell.

Commissioner Cooney invited people to Stockbridge United Methodist Church to view a film on poverty and to hear responses from elected officials, including congressional candidates.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 20, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 20, 2013

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	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 15, 2012 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 Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:</p> <p><u>Homecrest Circle Neighborhood Association</u> Dick DeVisser, President</p> <p><u>Student Commission of Kalamazoo College</u> Bianca Rasho, President Ian Flanagan, Secretary of Record Samantha Wolfe, Parliamentarian</p> <p><u>Vine Neighborhood Association</u> Steve Walsh, Executive Director</p>
Homecrest Circle Neighborhood Association	<p>The Homecrest Circle Neighborhood Association representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expressed concern about the former Allied Paper Site and asked if the City knew the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's timeline and plans for the site. - thanked the City for its work with the EPA. <p>Public Service Director Bruce Merchant reported the EPA was waiting to publish a feasibility study for the remediation of the Allied Paper Site and stated this study would identify a preferred remediation. Director Merchant indicated the City had presented clean-up and funding options to the EPA. Director Merchant explained the activity residents had observed at the site were maintenance related.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expressed concern about crime, especially the increase of crime rates in the Edison Neighborhood.

- questioned if the Kalamazoo City Code prevented the Kalamazoo Gazette from dropping newspapers, unsolicited, in peoples' yards.
- thanked the City for the good work of street sweepers.
- asked about ordinance provisions regarding bright lights in parking lots that shined on nearby homes.

Homecrest Circle Neighborhood Association (cont'd)

The Kalamazoo College Student Commission representatives:

Kalamazoo College Student Commission

- reported the College had recently been recognized as the 11th best college for community service and described the ways students participated in community service.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, the representatives explained the Posse Program brought young people from Los Angeles to K-College on full scholarship and involved them in community service.

The Vine Neighborhood Association representative:

Vine Neighborhood Association

- thanked the Public Safety Department for help with recent incidents.
- thanked Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell and Parks Manager Mark Polega for their help with the selection of playground equipment for Axtell Creek Park.
- thanked Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain for his help with graffiti problems.
- reported the Association had been working closely with Traffic Engineer Jim Hoekstra on the Safe Ways to School program.
- stated there had been three Building Blocks sites in the Neighborhood, and the program was very successful at all three sites.
- distributed information on the Fix It Bike Station and the development of a strategic plan for the Neighborhood.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, Mr. Walsh stated PNC Bank had just released its interest in the Oak Street Market property, which meant the Neighborhood would be receiving the property soon.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Walsh stated some houses in the Neighborhood were selling, but some homes were not selling.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 17, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 17, 2013

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 15, 2012 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 Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Scott Blowers, The Bridge, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Mayor Hopewell recognized the presence of County Commissioner Carolyn Alford.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Cinabro read a proclamation recognizing <i>The Northside Association for Educational Advancement's 40th Anniversary</i>. Marcia Jones, the 1978 NAEA scholarship recipient, 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 and authorize for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of an agreement with Intergraph Public Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$362,347 to upgrade the Intergraph software, which includes Computer Aided Dispatching, Records Management System, and Mobile Computing Data Systems. - approval of an eight-month contract with AMPCO System Parking, locally known as Central City Parking, in the amount of \$210,912.64 for parking enforcement services outside the central business district.
Resolution 12-84	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) recommending approval of a new Micro Brewer License

for Gilligan-Steele Tasting, LLC (aka Boatyard Brewing Co.) at 432 East Paterson Street.

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to allow for a new dance and entertainment permit in conjunction with the 2012 Small Wine Maker and Brewer license at 315 East Kalamazoo Avenue for Bell's Brewery.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recommending approval of the application from Bandak, Inc. (dba Taco Bob's) for a Redevelopment Liquor License under PA 501 of 2006. The project is located within the City's existing Downtown Development District at 248 South Kalamazoo Mall.
- acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$2,500, from the America's Promise Alliance, 100 Best Communities for Young People, to assist in funding the "Swim for Success" program.
- approval of the settlement of a sanitary sewer backup claim in the total amount of \$10,332.90.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until October 29, 2012 consideration of the sale of 1404 Washington Street to Chad Stewart for \$49,900, and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.

Resolution 12-85

Resolution 12-86

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, 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 Borling reported 1,000 voters had been added to the City's registration list since August, and the Clerk's Office had issued over 4,000 absentee ballots for the Presidential Election. City Clerk Borling announced the Clerk's Office would be open on Saturday, November 3rd, for the purpose of absentee voting.

City Clerk's Report

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, City Clerk Borling explained straight ticked voting and Michigan's ID requirement for voters at the polls.

City Manager Collard presented the following reports and updates:

City Manager's Report

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- *Inside the City* newsletter, October 2012
- September 2012 Purchases

Presentation on
Fluoridation

Ms. Christine M. Farrell, RDH, BSDH, MPA, Oral Health Program Director, Michigan Department of Community Health, delivered a presentation entitled *Community Water Fluoridation*. A hard copy of Ms. Farrell's PowerPoint slides and other information provided by Ms. Farrell were filed with the papers for this meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Ms. Farrell stated a person who did not want fluoride in their water would need to install a reverse osmosis water filtration system.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, Ms. Farrell stated the City recorded fluoride levels on a daily basis and reported these to the state on a monthly basis. Ms. Farrell indicated the fluoride levels in the City's water supply were always in the safe zone.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Farrell stated between six and eight communities in the state were having issues with fluoride levels, and a couple had chosen not to fluoridate due to budget cuts.

Public Services Director Bruce Merchant reported the naturally occurring fluoride level in the Kalamazoo water supply was 0.1 – 0.2 ppm, and the City's target for fluoridation was a total fluoride level of 0.8 ppm.

Presentation on
Charter Amendments

City Attorney Robinson delivered a presentation entitled *2012 Proposed City Charter Amendments: Presentation and Discussion*. A hardcopy of City Attorney Robinson's PowerPoint slides was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked City Attorney Robinson for his report.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Asha Khazad, City resident, spoke about the high noise levels at Kalamazoo Public Library and stated the Library's security officers needed to take action.

Jonathan Braun, City resident, spoke regarding his court case for sleeping in Bronson Park and the services offered to homeless people in Kalamazoo.

Dr. Lisandra Soto, non-resident and a dentist with Kalamazoo County Department of Health and Community Services, expressed support for the fluoridation of the water supply.

Kelly Pattison, non-resident, expressed opposition to the Kalamazoo Jaycees hosting the "Ghosts of Kalamazoo" event in Mountain Home Cemetery.

Frank Warren, City resident, commented on cemetery tour events.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cooney thanked Mr. Braun for speaking about the issue of homelessness and expressed condolences to the owners of the Mexican Market, which recently burned down.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Vice Mayor McKinney thanked City Attorney Robinson for his report.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on the Kalamazoo Deacons' Conference annual prayer breakfast. Mayor Hopewell explained the City Commission did not have purview over the Kalamazoo Public Library, and he encouraged citizens to address their concerns with the appropriate public bodies and public officials.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 20, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 20, 2013

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 29, 2012 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, 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 Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Cinabro. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation/Pledge	<p>The invocation, given by Commissioner Cooney, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Carol Fricke, Chair of the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board, urged people to vote "yes" on the Metro Transit millage question on November 6th and reminded voters this question was the last one on the ballot. Ms. Fricke noted the Metro Transit millage was a renewal, even though the ballot wording said it was a new millage.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>Commissioner Bell requested that Item F-1, a contract extension with Apple Bus Company, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Collard invited the public to attend meetings of various boards and commissions.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a fourteen-month term contract with Office Depot, Inc. for the purchase of office supplies at a total cost not to exceed \$135,000. - approval of the payment of a retrospective premium adjustment to the Michigan Transit Pool (MTP) in the amount of \$114,816.88, which represents adverse shared claims experience for the MTP policy year ending November 30, 2011.

- approval of the sale of 1404 Washington Street to Chad Stewart for \$49,900, and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions as recommended by the Mayor:
 - the appointment of **Kevin McGrath** to the Friends of Recreation Board for a term expiring on November 1, 2015.
 - the appointment of **Kathleen Wiedmayer** to the Friends of Recreation Board for a term expiring on November 1, 2015.
 - the appointment of **James C. Coss** to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2014.
- approval of the appointment of **Michael Coughlin** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring on March 31, 2015.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

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, Cooney, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Commissioner Bell expressed her intent to vote “no” on a contract extension with Apple Bus Company for the provision of specialized transportation services.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a two-year contract extension with Apple Bus Company for the provision of specialized transportation services, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to approve a two-year contract extension with Apple Bus Company of Cleveland, Missouri for the provision of specialized transportation services for Metro Transit’s Metro County Connect Program in the amount of \$5,703,430.00.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Bell

Regular Agenda

Contract Extension
with Apple Bus
Company for
Specialized
Transportation
Services

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Bell announced the NAACP Freedom Banquet would take place on November 3rd at the Bernhard Center on the campus of Western Michigan University. Commissioner Bell reported the A. Phillip Randolph Institute would be engaged in get-out-the-vote activities, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church would be the hub for transportation to the polls on Election Day. Commissioner Bell talked about opportunities for voting and remarked on a ballot error for voters in the Parchment School District. Commissioner Bell reported some people were telling her they did not receive a sample ballot in the mail.

Commissioner Cooney commented on the death of Marie Stoline, a social worker and nurse who worked with the elderly and made a difference in many peoples' lives.

Commissioner Cinabro urged people to vote.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 20, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 20, 2013

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 5, 2012 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 Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bell. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Debbie Eisenbise, Skyridge Church of the Brethren, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Cinabro proclaimed November 2012 <i>Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month</i>. Suzanne Krohn, Kalamazoo County Advocate for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, received the proclamation. Information provided by Ms. Krohn was filed with the papers for this meeting.</p> <p>*Commissioner Bell arrived at 7:03 p.m.</p> <p>Commissioner Miller read a proclamation recognizing the <i>City of Kalamazoo Employee Retirement System Investment Committee 30th Anniversary, 1981-2011</i>. Chris Ruppel and Randy Eberts of the Investment Committee and Tom Skrobola, the City's Chief Financial Officer, 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 and authorize for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the appointment of Aaron Powers as City Assessor under the provisions of Charter Section 51, effective January 1, 2013, and approve a 29 month contract with Wayne County Appraisal, LLC d/b/a WCA Assessing to provide City Assessor/Assessor of Record services in the amount of \$223,820.

- the adoption of the following Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) resolutions for the LIFT Foundation, doing business as New Horizon Village at 2400 St. Albans Way, pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code: a) a **RESOLUTION** amending Resolution No. 11-57 for the New Village Park PILOT to include a revised Parcel No. 06-11-288-002; and b) a new **RESOLUTION** granting a PILOT for the remaining units within New Horizon Village (Parcel No. 06-11-160-001) contingent on a Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) award.

- the first reading of an ORDINANCE to amend Sections 2-224 and 2-23(1)g of the Kalamazoo City Code regarding the definition of "distributee" and the calculation and payment of benefits to survivors of employees who die while performing qualified military service.

Resolutions 12-87 and 12-88

Commissioner Bell, 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, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

*At the time of the vote Commissioner Anderson abstained from voting on Item F-2, PILOT resolutions for the Lift Foundation, due to a conflict of interest.

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Frank Warren, City resident, remarked on the Kalamazoo Holiday Parade and the observance of Veterans Day.

William Gothard, non-resident, stated he was rehabilitating a home for the City at 1404 Washington, and he expressed concerns about City Building Inspector Bob McNutt.

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bell asked City Manager Collard to look into Mr. Gothard's complaint. Commissioner Bell commended on an event at Stockbridge United Methodist Church regarding poverty. Commissioner Bell asked about recent raids at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and about women receiving tickets for walking on the railroad tracks with their children from the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission to the Ministry with Community drop-in center. Commissioner Bell commended City Clerk Borling and his staff for a smooth AV balloting process.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, City Clerk Borling explained the various voting methods.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cinabro urged people to vote.

Commissioner Miller offered remarks on the success of the Investment Committee.

Commissioner Cooney thanked City Clerk Borling and his staff for their hard work in preparing for the Presidential Election. Commissioner Cooney urged people exercise their right to vote.

Vice Mayor McKinney reminded voters of the long ballot and encouraged people to vote "yes" on the Metro Transit millage question.

Mayor Hopewell urged people to vote "yes" on the Metro Transit ballot question and congratulated City Clerk Borling and his staff on their successful absentee voting operation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 20, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 20, 2013

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Roll Call

A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 19, 2012 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
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.

Commissioners
Excused

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

Communications

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

Neighborhood
Communications

Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:

Downtown Citizens Advisory Council

Adam Renaud, Chair

Oakwood Neighborhood Association

Michael Markel, President
Cheryl Lord, Executive Director

Stuart Neighborhood Association

Sharon Carlson, Board Chair

Downtown Citizens'
Advisory Council

The Downtown Citizens' Advisory Council representative:

- asked the City to fund a Public Safety Officer (PSO) for the downtown.
- discussed concerns with noise in the downtown area and mentioned some downtown residents had surveyed other communities regarding their noise ordinances and curfews.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mayor Hopewell stated he had not yet appointed members to a noise task force, but he expected this group to be formed within the next few weeks.

Oakwood
Neighborhood
Association

The Oakwood Neighborhood Association representatives:

- distributed the most recent edition of the *Oakwood News*.
- asked the City to not cut funding for the Association in 2013.

- invited City Commissioners to the Neighborhood holiday party.
- highlighted upcoming events and programs.
- reported the Association was in the middle of its annual fundraising campaign.
- reported neighborhood residents donated over 5,000 volunteer hours in 2012.
- expressed concern about slow responses from City departments because of the Early Retirement Initiative, including Public Safety.

Oakwood
Neighborhood
Association (cont'd)

Mayor Hopewell urged the Association to follow the chain of command to address slow responses or service delays.

Ms. Lord expressed concern about a lack of consistent points of contact with the Public Safety Department as PSO's were being moved around and reassigned.

Mayor Hopewell stated the City's resources would continue to dwindle, but the City needed to follow through on its commitments during the organizational realignment.

Commissioner Cooney commended Ms. Lord for her hard work over the years.

The Stuart Neighborhood Association representative:

Stuart Neighborhood
Association

- remarked on the success of the community garden and Building Blocks program.
- noted 2013 was the 40th anniversary for the Association, and a special home tour was being planned.
- stated the Association board was reviewing its bylaws and past strategic planning efforts for items left undone.
- expressed an interest in improving the gateways to the Neighborhood.
- reported the Association's questions for the Public Safety Department were answered at its October meeting, and a communication path was reopened.
- indicated there was a lot of petty theft occurring in the Neighborhood.
- expressed concern about blight at the SE corner of Douglas Avenue /North Street intersection.

Commissioner Anderson commended the Association for its work on the Douglas Avenue/North Street intersection.

Citizen Comments In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Ms. Carlson stated the communication problems with Public Safety lasted four or five months.

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

Adjourment Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 15, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 15, 2013

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	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 19, 2012 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 Debbie Eisenbise, Skyridge Church of the Brethren, 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 for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the approval of a) an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$127,000 for the resurfacing of Ransom Street from Pitcher to Harrison and Gull Road from Harrison to North; and b) a purchase order in the amount of \$97,400 to cover the City's share of the project cost. - the approval of a one-year term contract extension for gasoline and diesel fuel with Knapp Energy for an amount not-to-exceed \$962,600. - the approval of a one-year contract with the Michigan Transit Pool for Metro Transit fleet liability insurance at an annual premium of \$187,556. - the acceptance of the 2012 Bulletproof Vest Grant in the amount of \$7,384.50 from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. - the approval of a recommendation from Mayor Hopewell to appoint Nicholas Boyd to the Friends of Recreation Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2015. This recommendation included a request to waive City Commission Rule 12k regarding dual board memberships.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bell, 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

City Manager Collard reviewed a recommendation to enter into a service agreement with Southwest Michigan First (SWMF) for economic development services and explained how this recommendation dovetailed with the Early Retirement Initiative.

Service Agreement
with Southwest
Michigan First

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, City Manager Collard confirmed the approval of this agreement would result in the elimination of two economic development positions.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a service agreement with Southwest Michigan Partnership, LLC to provide certain economic development services for a term of three years in the amount of \$225,000, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve a service agreement with Southwest Michigan Partnership, LLC to provide certain economic development services for a term of three years in the amount of \$225,000 commencing December 1, 2012.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney expressed support for the motion and remarked the partnership created by this agreement would fulfill the goals of both the City and SWMF.

Commissioner Miller stated the City would be partnering with a stellar group.

Commissioner Cinabro indicated this was an important step forward, both substantively and symbolically.

Commissioner Bell thanked City Manager Collard for his leadership in the collaboration with SWMF. Commissioner Bell stated she was looking forward to this partnership, and she commended SWMF CEO Ron Kitchens for his excellent work.

Vice Mayor McKinney clarified this agreement did not represent the privatization of City services and stated the City was entering into this partnership to utilize the expertise of SWMF.

In response to questions from Mayor Hopewell, Economic Development Director Jerome Kisscorni stated the City already had a relationship with SWMF for business assistance and retention, and that working relationship would continue with the new service areas to be added.

Service Agreement
with Southwest
Michigan First (cont'd)

Director Kisscorni explained SWMF had better financing options for entrepreneurs, as the City only offered gap financing. With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1905 re:
the Definition of
"Distributee" in the
Pension Ordinance

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ORDINANCE to amend Sections 2-224 and 2-23(1)g of the Kalamazoo City Code regarding the definition of "distributee" and the calculation and payment of benefits to survivors of employees who die while performing qualified military service, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend Sections 2-224 and 2-23(1)g of the Kalamazoo City Code regarding the definition of "distributee" and the calculation and payment of benefits to survivors of employees who die while performing qualified military service.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- *Inside the City* Newsletter, November 2012
- October 2012 Purchases

Assistant Public Safety Chief Karianne Thomas reported on the recent fire at Northwinds Apartments and the efforts of 70 firefighters and 19 paramedics to get residents out of the building and to safety. Assistant Chief Thomas stated structural engineers had determined the building could be saved, but residents would be displaced for some time.

Commissioner Cooney stated he was impressed by community support for the residents displaced by the fire, many of whom were elderly or disabled.

Mayor Hopewell remarked the Northwinds fire was an example of the entire emergency response system in Kalamazoo working well, and he noted the cost of public safety was the cost of readiness for events like this one.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Director Kisscorni reported The Rave Movie Theater would be leaving its downtown location, and there were ongoing negotiations to bring a new business to that site.

City Attorney Robinson delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *2013 Charter Amendments*, which reviewed potential charter amendments for presentation to City voters in 2013. A copy of the PowerPoint slides was filed with the papers for this meeting.

City Attorney's Report
on Potential Charter
Amendments

In response to questions from Commissioner Bell, City Attorney Robinson reviewed the options for selection of the Vice Mayor and discussed the number of wards that might be created in a ward system. City Attorney Robinson clarified that implementing a ward system or the direct election of the mayor would not change the City's form of government, which would remain the council/manager form.

Commissioner Bell stated there would need to be significant educational outreach to voters if the City Commission moved forward with either the direct election of the Mayor the creation of wards.

Mayor Hopewell disclosed he had chaired the Charter Review Committee in 1997-98, and he still supported the recommendations of the Committee, except for proportional representation. Mayor Hopewell urged the City Commission work to put these charter amendment questions on the ballot in May, 2013. Mayor Hopewell suggested the City Commission hold a work session to discuss the charter amendments.

Commissioner Miller expressed concern about the cost of a May election and the City Attorney's time to prepare the charter amendments and ballot questions. Commissioner also expressed concern about whether the City Commission would be able to spend time on charter amendments, given the demands of the City Manager search process and the 2013 budget process. Commissioner Miller stated she would like to have further discussion on the charter amendments.

Commissioner Anderson stated the City Commission should be looking outward, rather than inward, as it addressed large issues like the FY2013/FY2014 budget and the City Manager search, and he stated non-housekeeping charter amendments would be a distraction from this work.

Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for moving forward with at least some of the charter amendment questions and stated the Commission should respect and give weight to the recommendations of the 1998 Charter Review Committee. Commissioner Cinabro remarked there would be real work involved with drafting the proposed charter language and ballot questions, and he indicated the goal of placing questions on the May ballot would create an aggressive timeframe.

Vice Mayor McKinney remarked that the recommendations in the 1998 report were not going away and needed to be addressed, and the City Commission should review the 1998 report, solicit public input, and determine which recommendations were still valid and resonated with the public. Vice Mayor McKinney noted the large number of choices that would need to be made with each ballot question, and she stated the City Commission might be able to do the work to get questions on the November ballot, but not the May ballot. Vice Mayor McKinney noted the Commission would be busy in 2013 with the City Manager search and the 2013/2014 budget, and this Commission might want to leave the charter

City Attorney's Report
on Potential Charter
Amendments (cont'd)

amendment work for the next City Commission as this might not be the right time.

Commissioner Cooney suggested Commissioners review the 1998 report and hold a work session in December to determine the next steps.

Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Anderson both stated it would be difficult to meet in December due to already scheduled budget work sessions and the holidays.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, City Manager Collard reviewed the budget timeline and typical budget review process.

Commissioner Bell thanked the Mayor for pushing the Commission to address the charter amendment questions, and she stated the Commission needed to do the work.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bell, City Attorney Robinson explained he and his staff were very busy as a result of staff retirements and the death of the Risk Manager. City Attorney Robinson reaffirmed his commitment to completing the work on easier charter amendments in time for the May election, but the more complex amendments would require thorough preparation and would require more time for the Attorney General's Office to review.

Mayor Hopewell challenged the City Commission to move forward on the charter amendments, and he expressed his resolve to address the charter amendments in 2013.

City Attorney's Report
on Medical Cannabis
Dispensaries Charter
Amendment

City Attorney Robinson reviewed his legal opinion dated November 19, 2012 and entitled *Medical Cannabis Dispensaries Charter Amendment*.

Commissioner Anderson requested guidance on how to respond to questions about dispensaries and the new charter amendment in a clear and concise way.

City Attorney noted there was a disconnect between state and federal laws, and it had been suggested that the U.S. attorneys for Michigan meet with Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette to develop educational materials for local officials regarding the interaction between federal law, state law, and local ordinances and charter amendments. City Attorney Robinson stated there would be no clarity on the issue of marihuana until there was a discussion of reclassifying marihuana to a Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 substance and a consensus to allow the recreational use of small amounts of marihuana.

Commissioner Cinabro offered that the City was in a holding pattern until the Michigan Supreme Court decided the case Michigan v McQueen.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, City Attorney Robinson clarified it was his opinion that the City Commission could not permit the establishment of medical cannabis dispensaries until the appropriate zoning districts were determined and defined.

Vice Mayor McKinney remarked on City staff beginning the work of defining appropriate zoning districts for cannabis dispensaries, and she recommended the City prepare boilerplate language for responses to people who inquire about dispensaries and the new charter provisions.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor McKinney, City Attorney Robinson recommended the City postpone direct action related to dispensaries until the McQueen case was decided. City Attorney Robinson stated it would be premature to consider zoning ordinance changes, as the question of "appropriate" commercial zoning districts for dispensaries would be controversial.

Commissioner Bell expressed concern about where dispensaries might be located, especially in City neighborhoods.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Attorney Robinson stated there was merit to the idea of developing boilerplate language about the City's position on dispensaries, and it would be good to have a uniform response.

Mayor Hopewell stated he would work with the City Manager and City Attorney to develop response language.

Mayor Hopewell asked the City Clerk to distribute to Commissioners copies of the 1998 final report from the Charter Review Committee.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller about the City Manager search process, Mayor Hopewell reported the Request for Proposal for an executive search firm had been sent out, and responses were due by December 1st.

Commissioner Miller left the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Asha Khazad, City resident, expressed support for the current method of electing City Commissioners.

Frank Warren, City resident, described how he had distributed veterans pins at various events.

Alphonso Harris, City resident, spoke about not being able to use the restrooms at the Radisson Hotel and urged people to boycott this establishment.

Jeff Getting, the newly elected Kalamazoo County Prosecutor, stated he was looking forward to working with the City Commission and indicated the transition in the Prosecutor's Office would be smooth.

Zack Jenkins, City resident, expressed hope that the City Commission would allow marijuana dispensaries to operate in Kalamazoo.

City Attorney's Report
on Medical Cannabis
Dispensaries Charter
Amendment (cont'd)

Citizen Comments

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Kiel Howland, non-resident, urged the City Commission to move forward with the permitting of marihuana dispensaries and discussed how his marihuana dispensary in Springfield was a good corporate citizen.

Brett Mumy, non-resident, urged the City to move forward to address zoning issues related to marihuana dispensaries and remarked on the Springfield ordinance regarding dispensaries.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Bell asked City Manager Collard to look into the recent issuance of a citation for tinted windows, especially in light of the current Public Safety Department profiling study. Commissioner Bell thanked the first responders who worked on the Northwinds Apartment fire. Commissioner Bell highlighted upcoming events in the community and provided a list of area churches that were accepting clothing donations.

Commissioner Cinabro stated many people took for granted the first responders who protected the community, until an event like the Northwinds fire occurred.

Commissioner Anderson remarked on attending the Habitat for Humanity home warming event on November 18th.

Commissioner Cooney stated there needed to be changes to drug laws at the federal level. Commission Cooney expressed a desire to have a meeting in December to discuss placing one of the more complex charter amendment questions on the ballot in May of 2013.

Mayor Hopewell expressed agreement with Commissioner Cooney on the need for changes to drug laws and the state and federal levels. Mayor Hopewell offered remarks on the Northwinds fire and a recent accident involving first responders on the 131 Business Loop.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on May 20, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: May 20, 2013

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Roll Call	<p>A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Stephanie Moore*</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Moore. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Review of Proposed FY2013 Budget	<p>Human Resources and Labor Relations Director Jerome Post delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled <i>City of Kalamazoo Health Care Cost Strategy and the Impact of PA 152 or 2011</i>.</p>
	<p>*Commissioner Moore arrived at 5:32 p.m.</p>
	<p>City Manager Collard delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled <i>Proposed FY2013-14 Budget Overview</i>. City Manager Collard encouraged Commissioners to read the Budget Transmittal Letter and to ask questions prior to the December 10th worksession.</p>
	<p>In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Manager Collard stated the budget review work sessions would take place on Monday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 15th at 8:00 a.m.</p>
Citizen Comments	<p>Next, when an opportunity was given for citizen comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:</p> <p>Asha Khazad, City resident, stated he was glad the City Charter required the City Commission to adopt a balanced budget.</p>
Commissioner Comments	<p>Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 7, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 7, 2013

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 3, 2012 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 Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller Stephanie Moore</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commission Miller, moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Hopewell.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Bill Abernathy, Berean Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Presentation of City Manager All Star Awards	<p>City Manager Collard recognized the following City employees and groups of employees as the 2012 "All Stars":</p> <p><u>Community Planning & Development Department</u> Dorla Bonner, Code Compliance Specialist</p> <p><u>Economic Development Department</u> Jerome Kisscorni, Economic Development Director</p> <p><u>Human Resources Department</u> John Buchtrup, Benefits Specialist Jeanne Doonan, Senior Human Resources Advisor Gene Fellings, Senior Human Resources Advisor Erica Hicks, Human Resources Assistant Ryan Jackson, Human Resources Temp Ron Markan, Labor Relations Specialist Julie Milowe, Human Resources Advisor Jerome Post, H/R Labor Relations Director Patricia Vargas, Human Resources Secretary</p> <p><u>Management Services Department</u> Melissa Fuller, Financial Services Manager</p> <p><u>Public Safety Department</u> -- Active Duty Military Paul Bianco, (currently deployed)</p> <p><u>Public Services Department</u> Johnnie Ballard, Water Operator/Maintainer</p>

Linda Wiener and Gary Wager presented the Kalamazoo Neighborhoods Coalition City Employee of the Year Award to Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain.

Neighborhoods
Coalition Award

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Communications

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

Consent Agenda

- approval of the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and Face Pieces from West Shore Fire, Inc. in the amount of \$434,226.
- approval of a Service Agreement between the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA), the City of Kalamazoo, and the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board for CY2012. This Service Agreement calls for the KCTA to reimburse Metro Transit \$3,030,122 for public transit service provided in CY2012.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting a public hearing to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget for the City of Kalamazoo.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.
- adopt a **RESOLUTION** setting a public hearing to consider an application from Cytec Industries, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for six years for real property valued at \$4,844,603 and new personal property valued at \$9,130,472 in existing Industrial Development District No. 6 located at 2715 Miller Road.
- adopt a **RESOLUTION** from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Liquor Control Commission to allow Mac Enterprises Inc. to transfer ownership and location of a Class C-SS liquor license from 592 Portage Street to 2941 Howard Street and requesting a new dance and entertainment permit and outdoor service area.
- approval of the following actions regarding the City Commission's regular meeting schedule: a) the amendment of the 2012 meeting schedule to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 28, 2012; and b) the adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting the schedule of regular City Commission meetings for the 2013 calendar year.

Resolution 12-89

Resolution 12-90

Resolution 12-91

Resolution 12-92

Resolution 12-93

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

- approval of the acceptance of funds from the Sarah (Sally) J. Appleyard trust fund for parks and recreation activities in the amount of \$38,650.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until December 17, 2012 consideration of the sale of 1113 James Street to Gloria Gervacio for \$120.00 and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until December 17, 2012 consideration of the sale of 1206 Lake Street to Christopher and Maria Vogt for \$30.00 and authorization for the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until December 17, 2012 consideration of a quit claim deed transferring ownership of the vacant lot at 1218 Knollwood to Western Michigan University.

Commissioner Cinabro, 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, Moore, Vice Mayor McKinney

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

George Johnson, City resident, expressed disappointment at the closure of the Rave Theatre.

Alfonso Harris, City resident, spoke about being profiled at the Radisson Hotel.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Moore spoke about the following items: the women's groups sponsored by Mothers of Hope; the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center's Winter Gala on December 15th; the Across the Ages multi-generational mentoring program at the Douglas Community Center; and the Northside Ministerial Alliance's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. program.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked Transportation Director Bill Schomisch and Sean McBride, Executive Director of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) for their work on the service agreement between the City and the KCTA. Commissioner Cinabro commended City Manager Collard for providing an excellent introduction to the 2013 Budget during the work session earlier that night.

Commissioner Miller invited people to attend Art Hop on Friday, December 7th, and she encouraged people to read an article on Phyllis Marsh in the Kalamazoo College magazine.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney remarked on presentations made by young people who were in the City's Street Academy.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 7, 2012

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: December 7, 2012

Roll Call

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 10, 2012 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
Robert Cinabro
Don Cooney
Barbara Miller
Stephanie Moore

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 communications, but no communications were offered.

Review of
Proposed FY2013
Budget

City Manager Collard reviewed his remarks made during the special budget meeting on December 3rd and delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *City of Kalamazoo FY2013 Proposed Budget Presentation to the City Commission*.

City Manager Collard stated the following issues would be addressed in the programmatic presentations made by Public Safety Chief, the Public Services Director, the Parks and Recreation Director, the Human Resources Director, and the Director of Community Planning and Development: Parks and Recreation Department fees and outsourcing the management of the Farmer's Market; the Public Safety Department's work with David Kennedy on a new policing model; the Downtown Community Police Officer; the current status of the Early Retirement Initiative with regard to filling vacant positions; utility rates; odors from the Water Reclamation Plant; the property tax administration fee; future revenue risks; non-departmental funds for initiatives; housing and building inspections; and policy questions such as the pension fund contribution, a Headlee override, and healthcare costs.

In response to question from Commissioner Anderson, City Manager Collard explained the tentative approval process and stated the public hearing for the budget would take place on December 17th with final approval scheduled for January 7th.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, City Manager Collard stated he did not want to address the issue of revenue shortfalls in 2013 or 2014 until the FY2012 4th quarter budget update was in hand, so the nature and magnitude of the problem could be determined.

At City Manager Collard's invitation, Commissioners listed the following questions, concerns and issues related to the budget:

- staff reductions in the Parks and Recreation Department;

- duplication of staffing between the general administrative service and Public Safety for services such as Information Technology (IT) and Finance;
- funding from the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP);
- the use of technology to deliver services;
- the current situation with housing issues like taxes and foreclosures;
- the recruitment of women and minorities;
- the youth employment program; and
- fees for Freedom of Information Act requests.

Review of
Proposed FY2013
Budget (cont'd)

Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer Tom Skrobola provided an overview of the FY2013 Budget and discussed risks to the City’s revenue, including elimination of the Personal Property Tax (PPT), delinquent tax write-offs; a reduction in the contribution from the insurance fund; and the elimination of Fleet Services as an Internal Service Fund. Director Skrobola noted the proposed budget included a contribution to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) fund. Director Skrobola reported the impact of the PPT elimination for personal property valued at less than \$40,000 would be less than \$50,000 per year, but the elimination of new personal property being added to the tax rolls would mean a loss of \$250,000 per year over 10 years. Director Skrobola also reported the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) and the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association (KMGA) funds were in a deficit position.

In response to questions from Commissioner Cinabro, Director Skrobola provided the following answers: the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association (KMGA) was making progress towards eliminating its debt, and a pending revenue deal would raise funds to this end; the Personal Property Tax reduction was not included in this budget; the City was safe with regard to its fund balance, and there were still “levers to pull” in case of an emergency; and the amount in the Capital Contingency fund was satisfactory.

City Manager Collard noted the balance in the capital contingency fund was seed money originally put there with the intent that the fund would be built up over time to avoid bonding. City Manager Collard stated the City’s recent budget challenges had preventing the growth of these reserves.

Director Skrobola presented the Proposed FY2013 General Fund Budget.

Commissioner Anderson seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 General Fund Budget.

Tentative Approval
of the Proposed
General Fund
Budget

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson stated the budget transmittal letter embodied consistent, responsible, steady public service, and he thanked City Manager Collard Ken for his thoughtfulness about the budget. Commissioner Anderson stated FY2013 would be relatively easy because of the Early Retirement Initiative, but the City was staring at a fiscal cliff in 2014, with the annual deficit growing from \$1 million to \$3 million deficit between 2014 and 2018. Commissioner Anderson stated the City needed to make the difficult decisions and drive its own destiny.

Tentative Approval
of the Proposed
General Fund
Budget (cont'd)

Commissioner Cinabro stated the need for additional revenue was the elephant in the room, and he remarked on the proposed new tax administration fee. Commissioner Cinabro stated the City needed to continue to make its payments to the pension system, and the Commission needed to make hard decisions and make cuts, or else it would be difficult to raise new revenue.

Commissioner Cooney stated the City had been dealt a bad hand due to decisions made at the state and federal level. Commissioner Cooney stated the City needed to make a gesture to focus on needs in the community, and he suggested taking \$25,000 from the amount proposed in the Non-Departmental Budget for Kalamazoo Communities in Schools (KCIS) and giving it to the Kalamazoo County Poverty Reduction Initiative so that each entity would receive \$25,000.

Commissioner Miller expressed frustration with local organizations that duplicated the efforts of other organizations, and she stated she did not know enough about the Poverty Reduction Initiative to support giving them funding.

Commissioner Moore stated eliminating poverty needed to be a major concern for the City, and she expressed support for dividing the funding for KCIS with the Poverty Reduction Initiative.

Vice Mayor McKinney stated she was ready to approve the General Fund Budget. Vice Mayor McKinney noted the \$600,000 pension contribution was symbolic, but not necessary, and she stated she would rather take \$25,000 from the pension contribution than from KCIS. Vice Mayor McKinney remarked that the solutions to future challenges would not be straight lines from the City's current position, and it would be good to be setting the stage for FY2014-2018.

Commissioner Anderson noted the 2014 budget was not in the purview of the 49th CC, but decisions about the 2014 budget would need to be made in 2013. As we use the arrows in our quiver, they will be gone. Supports

Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for Commissioner Cooney's request and suggested approving the General Fund budget subject to the City Administration bringing forward a recommendation regarding funding sources for the Poverty Reduction Initiative.

Commissioner Anderson suggested the City look at the total viability of the Poverty Reduction Initiative before granting funding.

Commissioner Miller expressed frustration with last minute requests for funding.

Mayor Hopewell expressed frustration with the tentative approval process and stated he still had questions on a number of issues, including the proposed tax collection administrative fee and the payback to the Pension Fund. Mayor Hopewell stated this meeting should be an opportunity for Commissioners to ask questions and raise issues, and he remarked he was not comfortable with the way this meeting was unfolding.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to amend the main motion to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 General Fund Budget and either appropriate \$25,000 each for Kalamazoo Communities in Schools and the Poverty Reduction Initiative or direct the City Administration to identify possible funding sources for the Poverty Reduction Initiative and present those options to the City Commission prior to the public hearing on the budget.

Tentative Approval
of the Proposed
General Fund
Budget (cont'd)

With a roll call vote the motion to amend passed by a vote of 4-3.

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Moore, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: Commissioners Anderson, Miller, Vice Mayor McKinney

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, City Manager Collard stated an ethical commitment had been made to payback the Pension Fund \$600,000 per year for five years.

Mayor Hopewell stated there needed to be discussion by the Commission on whether the Pension Fund should be paid back and/or how much should be paid back.

City Manager Collard stated he would be prepared to address issues like the payments to the Pension Fund and the Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund following the availability of the 2012 4th Quarter Budget Report.

Commissioner Cinabro agreed the Commission needed to revisit the issue of pension system payments, but at a later date. Commissioner Cinabro stated stakeholders would need to be educated regarding changes to the commitment to repay the pension system.

Commissioner Miller expressed concern about "kicking the can down the road" and indicated the Retirement System Investment Committee had said it would be good discipline for the City to repay the Pension Fund.

Mayor Hopewell state he was struggling with tentative approval process.

An opportunity was given for citizen comments on the amended motion to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 General Fund Budget, but no comments were offered.

With a roll call vote the motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Hopewell

City Manager Collard thanked Commissioners and remarked their imprint was on the budget, even if they had not poured over the numbers.

Tentative Approval
of the Proposed
Wastewater Budget

The meeting recessed at 8:08 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 8:32 p.m.

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Enterprise Funds - Wastewater

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor McKinney, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Enterprise Fund - Wastewater Budget

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Tentative Approval
of the Proposed
Water Budget

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Enterprise Funds – Water.

Vice Mayor McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Enterprise Fund - Water Budget

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Tentative Approval
of the Proposed
Farmers' Market
Budget

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Enterprise Funds – Farmers Market.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Enterprise Fund – Farmers' Market Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Tentative Approval
of the Proposed
Transportation
Department Budget

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Enterprise Funds – Transportation.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Transportation Director Bill Schomisch stated the difference between the 2012 and 2013 budgets was capital expenditures. Director Schomisch stated the proposed budget was not shared with Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA).

City Manager Collard explained the City did not share the budget document until the City Commission approved it. City Manager Collard stated the working agreement between the City the KCTA and the Transit Authority Board included both boards in the approval sequence for 2014.

Tentative Approval of the Proposed Transportation Department Budget (cont'd)

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney Director Schomisch explained the drop in capital expenditures was due to the completion of a building project the purchase of busses and the Intelligent Transportation System project, which was funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment dollars.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Enterprise Fund – Transportation Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Special Revenue Funds – Major Streets Fund.

Tentative Approval of the Proposed Major Streets Budget

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Skrobola stated the amortization for CIP projects was 15 years.

Commissioner Moore requested a list of streets scheduled to be pave in 2013.

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Special Revenue Funds – Major Streets Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Special Revenue Funds – Local Streets Fund.

Tentative Approval of the Proposed Local Streets Budget

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Special Revenue Funds – Local Streets Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

Tentative Approval of the Proposed Cemeteries Budget

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

NAYS: None

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Special Revenue Funds – Cemetery Fund.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Special Revenue Funds – Cemetery Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Tentative Approval of the Proposed Solid Waste Budget

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Special Revenue Funds – Solid Waste Fund.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Skrobola stated the Solid Waste Fund had a healthy fund balance, which was being spent down.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Special Revenue Funds – Solid Waste Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Tentative Approval of the Proposed BRA Budget

Economic Development Director Jerome Kisscorni reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Economic Development Director Jerome Kisscorni reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Economic Development Corporation.

Tentative Approval of the Proposed EDC Budget

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Economic Development Corporation Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Economic Development Director Jerome Kisscorni reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Local Development Finance Authority.

Tentative Approval of the Proposed LDFA Budget

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Local Development Finance Authority Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association.

Tentative Approval of the Proposed KMGA Budget

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Director Skrobola reviewed the Proposed FY2013 Budget for the Historic Preservation Commission.

Tentative Approval of the Proposed HPC Budget

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY2013 Historic Preservation Commission Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

Community Planning
& Development
Presentation

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

NAYS: None

Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain delivered a presentation in which he described the staffing and organizational changes associated with the Early Retirement Initiative (ERI), reviewed the Department's use of federal stimulus grant funds, and provided an update on the status of property foreclosures in the City. Director Chamberlain stated the new focus for the Department in 2013 was captured with the slogan "Engage : Create : Support."

In response to a question from Commissioner Moore, Director Chamberlain stated most of the foreclosures in the Kalamazoo County were in the City of Kalamazoo, and most of the foreclosures in the City of Kalamazoo were in the Northside, Eastside, and Edison Neighborhoods.

Commissioner Anderson commended the Community Planning and Development staff for their work with the stimulus grants and stated these grants were a good example of an effective partnership between the federal government and local units of government.

Mayor Hopewell noted the Kalamazoo County Land Bank would not have been able to achieve its accomplishments without the work of City staff.

Public Services
Presentation

Public Services Director Bruce Merchant delivered a presentation in which he reviewed staffing and service changes associated with the ERI, stated the Department would focus on the delivery of key services (leaf pick-up, snow plowing, and water/wastewater service), and reviewed water and wastewater capital improvements that would be made in 2013. Director Merchant reported there were no water or wastewater rate increases planned for 2013, but planned infrastructure investments in 2013 and 2014 would mean in-city rates would increase and out-city rates would decrease. Director Merchant explained these planned investments would replace equipment that was installed 30 years ago.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Merchant reported the condition of sanitary sewer pipes was generally ok, with City pipes being in worse condition than pipes outside the City. Director Merchant stated City crews tried to assess the condition of water mains whenever streets were reconstructed or repaved.

Parks and Recreation
Presentation

Parks and Recreation Director Frances Jewell delivered a presentation in which she reviewed the staffing and service impacts of the ERI on the Parks and Recreation Department, the parks capital projects undertaken in 2012 and planned for 2013, and the 2013 fee schedule. Director Jewell noted the Peoples' Food Co-Op would be operating the Farmers' Market in 2013.

Human Resources
Presentation

Human Resources Director Jerome Post delivered a presentation in which he reviewed the 2012 employment activity surrounding the ERI, the effect of the ERI on women and minority representation in the City's

workforce, and the training that the Human Resources Department had provided in 2012.

Human Resources
Presentation (cont'd)

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Post stated the collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) would expire on October 2, 2014.

In response to a question from Commissioner Moore, Director Post stated 11 search firms had responded to the request for proposal for the City Manager search, and there were options for narrowing the search process.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Post stated the 11 search firm proposals each had strengths and weaknesses, and the bids prices did not deviate much.

Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley delivered a presentation in which he reviewed the 2012 accomplishments of the Public Safety Department and discussed the challenges facing the Department in the near future.

Public Safety
Presentation

In response to a question from Commissioner Moore, Chief Hadley stated "juvenile" arrests were for young adults 16 years of age and under, and there was no distinction in the type of crimes for which they were arrested.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Chief Hadley stated Public Safety needed its own finance and IT staff due to the size of the department and the nature of its operations. Chief Hadley noted the Training and Service Divisions had been merged to gain operational efficiencies.

City Manager Collard stated the question of whether the Public Safety Department should have its own finance and IT staff was a question of centralization versus decentralization.

Management Services Deputy Director Patsy Moore reviewed the General Fund Capital Improvement Plan projects, and City Engineer Fred Nagler reviewed the Major Streets and Local Streets projects.

Presentation on CIP
and Streets Projects

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Deputy Director Moore stated a purchase was considered a "capital purchase" if the purchase amount was over \$10,000.

City Manager Collard offered closing remarks and a brief presentation on the Five Year Fiscal Plan.

Remarks on Five Year
Fiscal Plan

Director Jewell, Director Merchant, and Director Schomisch offered reflections on their years of public service with the City.

Reflections by Retiring
Department Directors

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

Citizen Comments

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 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 7, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 7, 2013

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 17, 2012 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 Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney Stephanie Moore</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Cinabro seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Moore. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Communications	<p>When an opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, City Manager Collard announced Management Services Director Tom Skrobola and his wife had welcomed a new baby into the family.</p>
Presentation and Tentative Approval of the Proposed FY2013 DDA Budget	<p>Steve Diesler, Executive Director of Downtown Kalamazoo, Inc., presented the FY2013 proposed operating budget for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Mr. Diesler reported the budget included a reduction of staffing from nine to five and stated 2014 would be the "trough" year from a budgetary perspective. Mr. Diesler announced \$55,000 in private donations had been raised to fund a Community Police Officer for the downtown area, and he expressed confidence the position would be retained in 2013.</p>
	<p>In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, Mr. Diesler stated the downtown development organizations would be developing a 3- or 5-year financial plan.</p>
	<p>In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Diesler stated the transfer of funds from the Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI) fund balance to the DDA was not sustainable beyond 2014.</p>
	<p>When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the proposed DDA budget, the following people addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p>Ryan Reedy, non-resident and owner of Reedy Corp., asked for a third-party evaluation of the Parking System to see if costs and charges were valid. Mr. Reedy stated DKI needed to do a better job of communicating with all stakeholders.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to tentatively approve the FY2013 Proposed DDA TIF and 2-Mill Operating Budget</p>

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Diesler stated the lease and sublease agreement for the Parking System identified the DDA as the body that approved the Parking System budget.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, Mr. Diesler took exception to some of Mr. Reedy's statements and indicated a total review of the parking system could be done.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Diesler stated the DKI Board of Directors appointed the members of the Parking Committee, and there was a member on the Committee from the entertainment sector.

Commissioner Miller stated it was sad that DKI was significantly reducing its staff.

Mr. Diesler presented as informational the FY2013 proposed Parking System budget and noted the proposed budget included a 5% fee increase for ramp and lot users. Mr. Diesler reported the DDA had turned down a recommendation to increase the operating hours at ramps and lots until midnight.

Mayor Hopewell stated community leaders needed to move strategy differently for the downtown area. Mayor Hopewell thanked DKI for developing a 5-year plan several years ago. We have had hearings, but we have not aggressively engaged the community.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:

Northside Neighborhood Association
Shirley Gordon, President
Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director

The Gateway Coalition/Southside Historic District
Kim Cummings, Co-Chair

The Northside Neighborhood Association representatives:

- thanked the Public Works Division for keeping the neighborhood clean.
- stated there was an ongoing complain from a resident on Burdick Street regarding criminal activity, and she was working with the Public Safety Department on a long-term plan.

Presentation and Tentative Approval of the Proposed FY2013 DDA Budget (cont'd)

Neighborhood Communications

Northside Neighborhood

Northside
Neighborhood
(cont'd)

- expressed a desire to see Public Safety partner with the Association for driving classes for low-income young people.
- reported the low-income senior apartment project was scaled back due to rising costs.
- stated Neighborhood residents were supportive of the housing demolitions that had taken place through the Neighborhood Stabilization Plan 2 program.
- invited Commissioners to a meeting on January 24th regarding the development of a housing plan for the Northside. The houses being build are not affordable for low-income residents.
- reported the Park Street Market had agreed to a 5-year lease extension, but the property taxes were scheduled to increase \$34,000 in 2016. Ms. Jordan-Woods requested that the City look at some type of neighborhood enterprise zone for this property.

Gateway
Coalition/South
Street Historic
District

The Gateway Coalition/South Street Historic District representative:

- thanked the City for its continued support for maintenance of the West Gateway colonnades.
- thanked the City for picking up 170 cubic yards of trash and debris from the Building Blocks program.

Citizen Comments

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.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 4, 2013

Approved by: _____

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor

Dated: February 4, 2013

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Roll Call	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 17, 2012 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 Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Barbara Miller Stephanie Moore</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 Cinabro, seconded by Commission Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor McKinney. With a voice call vote the motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Bill Abernathy, Berean Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Mayor Hopewell recognized the presence of County Commissioners Phil Stinchcomb and Jack Urban.</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: a Tax Abatement for Cytec Industries	<p>At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding a RESOLUTION to approve the application from Cytec Industries, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for six years for real property valued at \$4,844,603 and three years for personal property valued at \$9,130,472 in existing Industrial Development District No. 6 located at 2715 Miller Road.</p>
	<p>At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Resolution 12-94 Approving a Tax Abatement for Cytec Industries	<p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a RESOLUTION to approve the application from Cytec Industries, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for six years for real property valued at \$4,844,603 and three years for personal property valued at \$9,130,472 in existing Industrial Development District No. 6 located at 2715 Miller Road.</p>
	<p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p>
	<p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Mayor Hopewell</p>
	<p>NAYS: None</p>

Budget Director Patsy Moore presented a brief overview of the Proposed FY2013 Budget.

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the Proposed
FY2013 Budget

At 7:11 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget for the City of Kalamazoo.

Phil Stinchcomb, non-resident, expressed opposition to the new tax collection administrative fee.

Jeff Weisman, City resident, stated the City needed to come up with new sources of revenue like assessing a fee to non-profit organizations for City services.

Anthony Dugal, City resident, expressed opposition to the new tax collection administrative fee.

Patti Owens, City resident, expressed opposition to the new tax collection administrative fee and suggested the City reduce its repayment to the pension system and use those funds to replace the estimated revenue from the fee.

Garrylee McCormick, City resident and Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), expressed support for the Parks and Recreation Department budget on behalf of PRAB.

At 7:19 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Anderson thanked citizens for their comments and discussed funding for the Poverty Reduction Initiative, the tax collection fee the negative budget projections facing the City over the next five years, and the need to have serious discussions about new revenue sources and how the community supported basic functions of government.

Commissioner Cooney commented on poverty in the City and the need to support the Poverty Reduction Initiative.

Commissioner Miller thanked staff for their work on the budget and offered remarks on the tax collection fee, areas for possible budget savings, and the process for approving funding for non-profit organizations like the Poverty Reduction Initiative.

Commissioner Moore thanked the City Manager and staff for their work on the budget and commented on poverty in the Kalamazoo community, the City's role in addressing poverty, the need to be creatively seek additional resources, and the tax collection fee. Commissioner Moore expressed support for the budget as presented.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked the City Manager and his staff for their work on the budget and expressed support for the budget as presented. Commissioner Cinabro commented on the need to have conversations about repaying the pension system for the Early Retirement Initiative, the

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FY2013 Budget

need to discuss contributions from non-profit organizations for City services, and the need to talk about a Headley Override.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on the reduction in State Shared Revenue payments, the need to look at both expenditures and revenue in the City's budget, and the City's failure to engage citizens about the tax collection fee. Mayor Hopewell stated dialogue with the community and discussion of major issues needed to take place in the first quarter of 2013.

Consent Agenda

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

- approval of a contract with Lakeland Asphalt Corporation for the purchase of 1,200 tons of asphalt patching material in the amount of \$100,740.
- approval of a 12-month maintenance contract with Intergraph Public Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$151,383.60 for the continued maintenance of the City's computer-aided dispatching, records management systems and mobile data computing systems.
- approval of a two-year contract with Mercer for health care and benefits consulting and brokerage services in the amount of \$165,384, for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.
- approval of a one-year contract extension for Cationic Emulsion Polymer with Polydyne Incorporated in the amount of \$187,110.
- approval of a one-year contract with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority through Ibex Insurance Agency for property and casualty insurance at an annual premium of \$620,672.

Resolution 12-95

- the repeal RESOLUTION No. 1215 and adoption of a **RESOLUTION** granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to South Mall Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership for 204 units of affordable rental housing at 105 E. Walnut Street, (06-22-137-004), also known as the Skyrise, pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.

Resolutions 12-96,
12-97, 12-98, and
12-99

- adoption of **RESOLUTIONS** approving five applications for Neighborhood Enterprise Zone certificates in the Vine Neighborhood Enterprise Zone, as well as three applications for certificate transfers in the Edison Neighborhood Enterprise Zone.

Resolution 12-100

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the removal of Building 267 from the Pharmaceutical Recovery Renaissance Zone, approving the Restated Pharmaceutical Recovery Renaissance Zone Agreement with MPI Research, Inc., and to authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary for its implementation and performance.

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recommending Michigan Liquor Control Commission approval of a Temporary Dance Permit for Houz Enterprises, Inc. (dba Main Street Pub) for a public dance on December 31, 2012, and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the permit application on behalf of the City.
- approval of an agreement between the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety and the State of Michigan for inspection delegation for consumer fireworks sales facilities.
- approval of an agreement with AP Wireless, Inc. to buy out the existing lease agreement between Verizon Wireless, Inc. and the City of Kalamazoo for the cell tower located at the Eastern Hills Golf Course, in the amount of \$150,000 (plus closing costs), to be paid by December 31, 2012 in exchange for granting AP Wireless revenue streams from the lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for a period of 50 years.
- approval of a request from New Year's Fest of Kalamazoo, to publicly display fireworks from the Epic Center Parking Structure on Monday, December 31, 2012 at midnight as part of the annual New Year's Fest event.
- acceptance of funding from Milwood Elementary for \$3,923.84 and Woods Lake Elementary for \$1,162.62 to fund a Lunch n Learn program at each of these schools from January 21 – May 31, 2013.
- acceptance of funding from Oakwood Neighborhood Association for up to \$3147.47 to fund the after school tutoring program 3 days per week from January 7, 2013 – June 7, 2013 at Oakwood Neighborhood Association.
- approval of the sale of 1113 James Street to Gloria Gervacio for \$120.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- approval of the sale of 1206 Lake Street to Christopher and Maria Vogt for \$30.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.
- authorization for the City Manager to sign a Quit Claim Deed transferring ownership of the vacant lot at 1218 Knollwood to Western Michigan University.
- approval of the following appointments to advisory boards and commissions:
 - the appointment of **Michael Anderson** to the Board of Review for a term expiring on January 31, 2016.
 - the reappointment of **William Gladstone** to the Board of Review for a term expiring on January 31, 2016.

Resolution 12-101

Consent Agenda
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- the appointment of **Terry Nelson** to the Board of Review for a term expiring on January 31, 2016.
- the reappointment of **Linda Servis** to the Board of Review for a term expiring on January 31, 2016. This recommendation includes a recommendation to waive City Commission Rule 12k. regarding dual board memberships.
- the appointment of **Travis Bell** to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2016.
- the reappointment of **John Johnson** to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2016.
- the reappointment of **Michael Markel, Jr.** to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2016.

Commissioner Cinabro, 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, Moore, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

City Manager Collard provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- *Inside the City* newsletter, December 2012 edition

Appointment of
Evaluation Panel to
Review Executive
Search Firm
Proposals

Mayor Hopewell reviewed the City Manager search process to date and recommended the City Commission appoint him, Vice Mayor McKinney, and Commissioner Cooney to an Evaluation Panel to review the 11 proposals that had been received from executive search firms and to recommend to the City Commission no more than 3 firms for final consideration. Mayor Hopewell indicated the Evaluation Panel would meet in open session and, the panel could meet on January 10th if the City Commission approved the recommendation. Mayor Hopewell stated the City Attorney, City Clerk, and Internal Auditor would assist the Panel, and the City Manager had made available the Human Resources Director as an additional resource.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mayor Hopewell stated he and Commissioner Cooney would like to have a recommendation for the City Commission by its last meeting in January or for consideration at a special work session. Mayor Hopewell stated he

would work with staff on a location for the Evaluation Panel meeting, but he thought the Community Room was a likely venue.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mayor Hopewell clarified the Evaluation Panel would only review the search firm proposals and bring a recommendation to the entire City Commission.

Commissioner Miller expressed a preference for a special meeting to deal with the City Manager search process and suggested January 14th for this meeting. Commissioner Miller stated the process seemed to be taking a long time, and she urged the City Commission to develop a timeline for the entire search process out of respect to City Manager Collard.

Commissioners indicated they would be available for a meeting on January 14th. Mayor Hopewell stated Commissioners should tentatively plan on a meeting for that date and acknowledged the need for a long-range timeline.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the appointment of an Evaluation Panel and use of the City's standard evaluation process to select the consultant to act in the City's best interest while conducting the executive search to fill the vacancy of City Manager, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to appoint Mayor Hopewell, Vice Mayor McKinney, and Commissioner Cooney to an Evaluation Panel and direct the Panel to use the City's standard evaluation process to select and recommend no more than three executive search consultants to the City Commission for final consideration.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Frank Warren, City resident, offered comments on a pro-union rally that took place at the State Capitol regarding right-to-work legislation.

Alfonso Harris, City resident, spoke about being profiled at the Radisson Hotel.

An unidentified City resident stated there would need to be give-and-take on the City's budget with all demographic segments of the community.

Appointment of
Evaluation Panel to
Review Executive
Search Firm
Proposals (cont'd)

Citizen Comments

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Moore thanked Public Safety Officer Del Luther for assisting her when some items were stolen recently.

Commissioner Cinabro wished everyone "happy holidays."

Commissioner Miller expressed condolences to the family of Steve Tyler, former golf director of the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association, who passed away recently.

Commissioner Cooney expressed condolences to the families of children who were killed by a gunman in Newtown, Connecticut. Commissioner Cooney expressed support for the City's work with David Kennedy to reduce violence in the community.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on recent shootings in Kalamazoo and other parts of the country. Mayor Hopewell noted Frances Jewell was attending her last City Commission meeting as the Parks and Recreation Director, and he wished her well.

Closed Session

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss pending litigation and a City Attorney's opinion.

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, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

At 8:43 p.m. the City Commission went into closes session.

At 9:04 p.m. the City Commission returned to open session.

Recommendation re:
Evans v Magnan

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to authorize the City Attorney to implement his recommendation regarding the possible settlement of the Evans v Magnan matter pending in federal court.

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, Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 4, 2013

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: February 4, 2013

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

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Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: February 4, 2013