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|   | <p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>   |
| <p>Roll Call</p>  | <p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell<br/>Vice Mayor David Anderson<br/>Robert Cinabro<br/>Don Cooney<br/>Barbara Miller<br/>Jack Urban</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephanie Moore*</p>  |
|   | <p>Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>  |
| <p>Commissioner Excused</p>   | <p>Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Moore. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>  |
| <p>Invocation</p>   | <p>The invocation, given by Pastor Dan Sarkipato of Southern Heights Christian Reformed Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>   |
|   | <p>*Commissioner Moore arrived at 7:02 p.m.</p>   |
| <p>Adoption of the Agenda</p>   | <p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>  |
| <p>Communications</p>   | <p>City Manager Ritsema provided the following communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Legacy Cost Task Force would meet on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.</li> <li>- City Manager Ritsema thanked Reverend Addis Moore and the congregation of Mt. Zion Baptist Church for hosting the meetings of the Legacy Cost Task Force.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Public Hearing re: an Ordinance to Rezone a Section of Old South Park Street</p> | <p>At 7:03 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding recommendation to take the following two actions: 1) adopt an ORDINANCE to rezone a 270-foot segment of old S. Park Street from Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District) to Zone CO (Commercial, Office District); and 2) adopt a RESOLUTION to vacate the same street segment.</p> <p>Matt Fletcher, managing partner of Park Place of Kalamazoo, LLC (the applicant), remarked on the five-year plan for the subject property and expressed support for the proposed ordinance and street vacation.</p> <p>At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p> |

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to take the following two actions: 1) adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone a 270-foot segment of old S. Park Street from Zone RS-5 (Residential, Single-Dwelling District) to Zone CO (Commercial, Office District); and 2) adopt a **RESOLUTION** to vacate the same street segment.

Ordinance 1925  
Rezoning a 270-Foot Segment of Old South Park Street

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller and Vice Mayor Anderson thanked Mr. Fletcher for investing in the City and being involved in the community.

Resolution 14-35  
Vacating a Section of Old South Park Street

Commissioner Urban noted the project area was very attractive and expressed support for the motion.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

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

Consent Agenda

- the adoption of **RESOLUTIONS** 1, 2, and 3 for the purpose of approving the 2013 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$12.874. Adoption of Resolution 3 schedules a public hearing for September 2, 2014.
- approval of the following amendments to the FY2014 Budget: a) carry forward certain expenditures that were included in the FY 2013 Budget but not completed in FY 2013 in the amount of \$125,401; and b) approve an increase of \$20,000 to City Maintenance expenditures for the repair of the snowmelt system and reduce the transfer to Local Streets by \$20,000.
- acceptance of funding from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, John E. Fetzer Institute Fund in the amount of \$4,500 for the Red Arrow Golf Course.
- acceptance of a grant from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation in the amount of \$55,000 to develop a master plan for Bronson Park.
- approval of the minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the neighborhood meetings on May 19 and June 16, 2014, and the business meetings on May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16, 2014.

Resolutions 14-36, 14-37, and 14-38

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to approve the consent agenda requests and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

Approval of a Section 3 Policy for HUD-Related Activities

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a Section 3 Policy for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development related activities, but no comments were offered.

Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to approve a Section 3 Policy for all applicable U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development related activities.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Moore, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Citizen Comments

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

Marvin Hoffman, City resident, read a letter he had submitted to the Kalamazoo Gazette regarding dangerous trees on City property. A copy of Mr. Hoffman's letter was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Urban remarked on construction projects taking place just outside the City limits and noted the differences in tax rates between local jurisdictions in Kalamazoo County. Commissioner Urban stated a single countywide millage rate of 8 mills would generate the same operating revenue for local governments as the current rates, which varied considerably. Commissioner Urban recognized the passage of a countywide millage was not realistic, and he suggested an alternative arrangement where the City of Kalamazoo, City of Portage, Kalamazoo Township, Oshtemo Township, Comstock Township and Texas Township would share an operating millage rate of 10.28 mills.

Commissioner Moore thanked City staff for their help with the Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion and reported over 4,000 people had attended. Commissioner Moore commented on the following events: the Peace Walk starting at East Main and Humphrey Streets on August 10th; a criminal record expungement workshop hosted by the NAACP at Galilee Baptist Church on August 12<sup>th</sup>; and the Empowerment Michigan Summit on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Moore reported 400 people had attended the "Sistahs...Can We Talk?" event on August 1<sup>st</sup> and noted there would be a similar forum for men on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Moore remarked on poverty in Kalamazoo and urged people to vote on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Cinabro expressed condolences to Vice Mayor Anderson on the death of his mother-in-law and congratulated City Manager Ritsema on moving into the City.

Commissioner  
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Miller urged people to vote on August 5<sup>th</sup> and asked about the status of the City's Noise Ordinance and the recommendations of the Downtown Noise Task Force.

Commissioner Cooney commended Commissioner Moore and Mothers of Hope for the "Sistahs...Can We Talk?" events, and he thanked Mothers of Hope and City staff for a great Ultimate Family Reunion. Commissioner Cooney urged people to vote on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Hopewell urged people to vote and expressed condolences to Vice Mayor Anderson on the death of his mother-in-law.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling  
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 18, 2014

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: August 18, 2014

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