

	<p>A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor David Anderson Robert Cinabro Barbara Miller Jack Urban</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Don Cooney* Stephanie Moore**</p> <p>Also present were City Manager James Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Shelby Moss.</p>
Commissioners Excused	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Cooney and Moore. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p> <p>*Commissioner Cooney arrived at 7:01 p.m.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Richard Pilger of Valley Family Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Introduction of Guests	<p>Mayor Hopewell recognized the presence of former City Commissioner Linda Teeter and welcomed her to the meeting.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Public Hearing re: the 2013 Mall Maintenance Assessment	<p>At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding a RESOLUTION approving the 2013 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$12.875.</p> <p>At 7:03 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.</p>
Resolution 14-43 Approving the 2013 Mall Maintenance Assessment	<p>Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to adopt <b>RESOLUTION #4</b> for the purpose of approving the 2013 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$12.875.</p> <p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p> <p>AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>
Public Hearing re: Rezoning of Parcels for the Campus of KVCC	<p>At 7:04 Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding an ORDINANCE to rezone 33 parcels for the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Healthy Living Campus from Zone M-1 to Zone CC and Zone CCBD.</p>

At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone 33 parcels for the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Healthy Living Campus from Zone M-1 to Zone CC and Zone CCBD.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor Anderson

At the time of the vote, Vice Mayor Anderson stated he was abstaining from the vote because his employer, Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, would be occupying a portion of the rezoned property.

\*\*Commissioner Moore arrived at 7:06 p.m.

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 contract extension with Alexander Chemical Corporation for the purchase of 16% Sodium Hypochlorite in the amount of \$160,270.00.
- 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 \$150,000.00.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving an amendment to the City of Kalamazoo's Brownfield Plan [Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 24)], implemented and recommended for approval by the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority following a public hearing before the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
- authorization for the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed and related documents for the conveyance of 318 Stockbridge to the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority to expedite quiet title, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.
- acceptance of a JAG award of \$68,248 from the U.S. Justice Department and authorization for the City Manager to sign the Grant award and special conditions document.
- acceptance of the 2014 Bulletproof Vest Grant award in the amount of \$21,827.44 from the Office of Justice Programs.

Public Hearing re:  
Rezoning of Parcels  
for the Campus of  
KVCC (cont'd)

Consent Agenda

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Consent Agenda  
(cont'd)

- approval of the Mayor's appointment of Josh Cook to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2016.
- approval of a recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners to appoint Garrylee McCormick, Linda Teeter and Greg Rosine as the three City of Kalamazoo representatives to the newly created Central County Transportation Authority.
- approval of minutes from the following City Commission meetings: the neighborhood meeting on August 18, 2014 and the business meetings on July 7 and August 18, 2014.

Vice Mayor Anderson, 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.

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

NAYS: None

## Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Legacy Cost Task  
Force Report

City Manager Ritsema informed the Commission he had been working with the administration to develop an implementation plan and timeline for the recommendations given in the Legacy Cost Task Force Report. City Manager Ritsema stated he would be sharing the implementation plan with Commissioners in a few weeks' time.

When given an opportunity to comment on the Legacy Cost Task Force Report, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Rob Keller, City Resident, informed the Commission Senate Bill 922 to extend the sunset of Public Act 329 from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015 had been approved by the Michigan State Senate and was now being consideration in the Michigan House of Representatives. Mr. Keller urged the Commission to ask the City's lobbyists to track the status of the bill and monitor the course of the legislation. Mr. Keller stated the extension would give the City an opportunity for further negotiations with retirees and employees regarding this important issue.

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to accept the Legacy Cost Task Force Report that was presented at the August 18, 2014 meeting, and direct the Administration to proceed with the recommendations.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

Legacy Cost Task Force Report (cont'd)

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Cinabro

At the time of the vote, Commissioner Cinabro stated he would be abstaining from the vote for the reasons given in the August 18, 2014 meeting minutes.

City Manager Ritsema stated he had an opportunity to participate in a ride along with the City's Department of Public Safety. City Manager Ritsema thanked the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety for the tremendous work they do, and Sargent Scott Boling for his time and the opportunity to participate in a ride along. City Manager Ritsema encouraged others to participate in a ride along as well.

City Manager's Report

When given a final opportunity for citizen comments, the following citizens addressed the City Commission:

Citizen Comments

Garrylee McCormick and Linda Teeter, City residents, thanked the Commission for their recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners to appoint Garrylee McCormick, Linda Teeter and Greg Rosine as the City or Kalamazoo representatives to the newly created Central County Transportation Authority. Ms. Teeter stated she appreciated the opportunity to represent the City, and the Commission could expect lots of due diligence and communication on the work being done. Mr. McCormick thanked Transportation Director Sean McBride for all his hard work and stated Director McBride was doing an outstanding job.

Mayor Hopewell thanked Ms. Teeter and Mr. McCormick for all their hard work and many years of service to the City of Kalamazoo.

Mike Fleckenstein, City business owner, offered remarks about the building regulations in the City. Mr. Fleckenstein stated the City's building department was doing a great job and wished they could receive more help to keep up with all the work.

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

City Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Urban stated he had received several questions regarding the new energy efficient lighting on the Kalamazoo Mall and he had received complaints from business owners and residents regarding the area south of Lovell Street not being well lit. Commissioner Urban suggested this was a potential opportunity for public/private cooperation between the City and business owners to extend the new energy efficient lighting beyond Lovell Street. Commissioner Urban stated the cooperation, if successful, could be extended to other areas of the City and would build a sense of ownership in the community.

City Commissioner  
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Moore reported the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) had concerns regarding the selection of the new Parks Manager. On behalf of PRAB Commissioner Moore suggested the creation of an interview task force or committee and asked if members of PRAB could serve on the committee. Commissioner Moore invited the community to the following events: the "Know Your Rights" event at the Ecumenical Senior Center on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.; Grandparent's Day hosted by the Ecumenical Senior Center on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church; the Kalamazoo County Youth Advisory Council was seeking applicants ages 15 to 20 and accepting applications Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Douglass Community Center. Commissioner Moore reminded parents enrollment for the Northside preschool was still taking place for children ages 3-4 years old. Commissioner Moore asked City Attorney Robinson to clarify the charges that had been brought against Troy Frey and to explain why additional charges had been brought against him in court compared to his arrest charges.

Commissioner Cooney commented on an article in the Kalamazoo Gazette by Al Jones titled "24% of Kalamazoo County Households Live above Poverty Line but Below Cost-Of-Living Levels." Commissioner Cooney remarked on statistics from a recent study by the United Way concerning the poverty line and families who had one member of the household working, but could not afford basic necessities. Commissioner Cooney stated the article would provide motivation to make the reduction of poverty among children in the City of Kalamazoo a reality.

Mayor Hopewell invited the Community to attend a Clean Energy Business Roundtable event at Boat Yard Brewing on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, where he would be speaking. Mayor Hopewell commented on welcoming students back to Woodward Elementary School. Mayor Hopewell encouraged the community to work with the schools, and be positive role models for our children. Mayor Hopewell asked City Manager Ritsema and Director Post if the City could encourage opportunities for City staff to work with kids. Mayor Hopewell challenged the community and businesses in the community to invest in their employees' families and fill any gaps where there were needs. Mayor Hopewell wished City Manager Ritsema, "Happy 49<sup>th</sup> Birthday."

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Moss  
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 6, 2014

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: October 6, 2014