

Roll Call	<p>A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the business originally scheduled for consideration on February 2, 2015.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor David Anderson Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Erin Cunningham Barbara Miller Jack Urban</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager James Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Shelby Moss.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Head Elder Isaac Kubvoruno of Kalamazoo Seventh-day Adventist 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 changes:</p>
	<p>Commissioner Miller requested Item F3 (resolution approving the City of Kalamazoo Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan) be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.</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 Alexander Chemical Corporation for the purchase of fluorosilic acid in the amount of \$112,000. - approval of the purchase of one (1) street sweeper from Bell Equipment Company through a State of Michigan Mi-Deal contract for a total expenditure of \$184,454. - approval of a contract with L & T Painting, Inc. for the painting of the Edgemoor Water Storage Facility in the amount of \$312,900. - approval of a sale and purchase agreement with Kalamazoo Charter Township for a strip of land at 1720 Riverview for public right-of way purposes. - acceptance of funding from King Westwood Elementary School in the amount of \$1,375 to fund the Lunch and Learn Recess program two days per week from January 21st – May 28th, 2015. - acceptance of funding from Spring Valley Elementary School in the amount of \$1,079 to fund the Lunch and Learn Recess program two days per week from January 19th – March 27th, 2015.

- acceptance of grant funding from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for the Kalamazoo Group Violence Intervention Project.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

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.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Commissioner Miller asked Director Jerome Kisscorni to give a brief presentation on the Brownfield Plan amendments to highlight positive developments in the City.

Resolution 15-07
Approving the
Amended and
Restated Brownfield
Plan (Amendment
No. 25)

Economic Development Director Jerome Kisscorni addressed the Commission and stated the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority hoped to bring several more amendments of the Plan throughout 2015. Director Kisscorni highlighted the project at 508 E. Frank Street by NoMI Developers, LLC, which would include forty-five residential units and a restaurant. Director Kisscorni provided an update on the development of properties in the Riverfront Redevelopment Project Area, and other projects around the City.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the City of Kalamazoo's Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 25).

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager Ritsema reported he had travelled with Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley, the Mayor, representatives from the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS), and some community leaders to attend a two-day instructional session in New York City on the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) model by the National Network for Safe Communities. City Manager Ritsema stated there would be a presentation to the Commission at a later date on what they had learned.

City Manager's
Report

City Manager Ritsema thanked KDPS and the Public Services Department for all their hard work during the heavy snowfall on February 1, 2015.

Citizen Comments

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

Cody Dekker, City resident, requested the information learned at the Group Violence Intervention training be made available on either the City of Kalamazoo website or Public Safety website. Mr. Dekker also requested an IT position be added at Public Safety.

Chris Mbah, City resident, asked the City Commission to define “authentic community engagement” for the community and what had happened with the poverty reduction task force?

Tim Graham, City resident, commented on the recent lecture entitled “Detroit Bankruptcy: Lessons Learned” at Kalamazoo College on February 5, 2015, by U.S. District Court Judge Gerald Rosen. Mr. Graham urged the Commission to learn from the lessons of Detroit and face the situation before them.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Miller offered condolences to Steve Deisler, Executive Director of Downtown Kalamazoo Inc., on the passing of his wife.

Commissioner Cooney remarked on the recent fundraiser celebrating the 95th anniversary of the Douglass Community Association, and thanked the Association Board members and Chairperson for all their hard work.

Mayor Hopewell offered condolences to the family of Adam Carter, a well-known actor in the local performing arts community.

Closed Session

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Collective Bargaining Agreement with the ATU

Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and the Amalgamated Transit Union Division Number 1093 for the period February 14, 2015 through February 13, 2019.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Moss
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 6, 2015

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 6, 2015