

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 18, 2015 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 David Anderson Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Eric Cunningham Barbara Miller Jack Urban</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Bishop Daniel Cunningham, 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 indicated the approval of a fireworks permit for the Kalamazoo Growlers would be added to the Consent Agenda.</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 one-year contract extension with Aaron Powers of Wayne County Appraisal, LLC d/b/a WCA Assessing to provide City Assessor/Assessor of Record services through May 31, 2016 in the amount of \$97,236. - approval of a contract with James E. Fulton & Sons for Hays Park renovations in the amount of \$150,802. - approval of a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Riverview Drive and the realignment of Mt. Olivet at Riverview in the amount of \$211,100. - approval of the purchase of a new fire apparatus from Spartan ERV utilizing the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$498,650. - approval of a two-year contract extension with Wayne County Appraisal, LLC d/b/a WCA Assessing for field inspections, data entry of real property parcels, and data entry and canvas of personal property parcels in the amount of \$526,868; and the handling of all small claims tribunal appeals on an as-needed basis at the rate of \$66.77 per hour.

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** designating financial institutions as approved depositories for the City and authorizing the positions of Finance Director (also known as the Director of Management Services/Chief Financial Officer), the City Treasurer and the Assistant City Treasurer to execute and sign agreements to procure various cash management services of financial institutions and to provide specific operational and procedural information to such institutions as may be required.
- adoption of a the following resolutions authorizing the issuance of Building Authority Refunding Bonds:
 - a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the issuance of tax-exempt Building Authority Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000.
 - a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the issuance of taxable Building Authority Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.
- approval of the Mayor’s appointment of Tracy Hall to the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2018.
- approval of the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:
 - the appointment of Chris Gheen as Alternate #1 for a term expiring on March 31, 2018; and
 - the appointment of Matthew McClelland as Alternate #2 for a term expiring on March 31, 2017.
- approval of the minutes from the City Commission meetings on April 6, April 20, and May 4, 2015.
- approval of a request from the Kalamazoo Growlers to publicly display fireworks at Homer Stryker Field on May 29 and June 12, 2015, subject to final administrative review and approval.

Resolution 15-21

Resolutions 15-22 and 15-23

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, 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

City Manager's Report

City Manager Ritsema provided the following reports and updates:

- Parks and Recreation Director Sean Fletcher and Recreation Manager Patrick McVerry delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Parks and Recreation City Commission Update, May 18, 2015* and responded to questions from Commissioners.
- City Manager Ritsema introduced Kelli Steinmann as the new City Treasurer.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Jamar James and Terry Burroughs, City residents, invited people to the Hearing Voices Support Group at the Recovery Institute of Southwest Michigan and announced Public Media Network was airing videos by Ron Coleman regarding hearing voices. Information provided by Mr. James and Ms. Burroughs was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Olga Bonfiglio, City resident, described her experience at the Public Safety Citizens' Academy and commended Public Safety Officers for the heroism and service. Ms. Bonfiglio's written remarks were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Asha Kazhad, City resident, spoke about the differences between "right wing" and "left wing" politics.

Jody Dozeman, City resident, spoke about gun safety classes in Bloomingdale. Ms. Dozeman's written remarks were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Cody Dekker, City resident, thanked the Recovery Institute for their services and made recommendations in the areas of park maintenance, recreation programs, and mental health training for City employees.

Tim Graham, City resident, spoke about economic indicators for the state of Michigan and the erosion of "home rule" for cities across the country.

Chris Mbah, City resident, asked the City Commission to define "intentional engagement" and expressed frustration that the City had not implemented his idea for a citizen comment form.

Zach Lassiter, City resident, spoke about the need for open data in city government and described Michigan cities that had online data portals.

Lisa Kelly, non-resident, stated the Public Safety Department would not reopen her attempted murder/rape case from 1987 and told her the County Prosecutor would need to reopen the case.

Reg Ienvolina, non-resident, thanked Mayor Hopewell for sending a letter of recognition to Rudy Hanson and stated the letter had meant a lot to Mr. Hanson.

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Cunningham offered remarks on Kalamazoo Rocket Football.

Commissioner Urban offered remarks on the May 15th Shared Prosperity event and spoke about the similarities and differences between "authentic engagement" and "intentional engagement."

Commissioner Miller spoke about "authentic engagement," thanked Ms. Bonfiglio for her comments, and congratulated Carolyn Alford on receiving the YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Commissioner Cooney commented on the Shared Prosperity event on May 15th, which focused on employment.

Mayor Hopewell expressed condolences to the family of Rudy Hanson, invited people to the "Run This Town" and "Downtown Music Jam" events on May 19th, encouraged people to participate in Commissioner Cunningham's Networking Out events on Tuesdays, noted it was EMS Week, and offered remarks on the May 15th Shared Prosperity event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 1, 2015

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 1, 2015