



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the City Commission

City of Kalamazoo

Monday, April 6, 2015

7:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. OPENING CEREMONY

1. Invocation: **Chaplain Mike Kemple**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Proclamations
 - a. Child Abuse Prevention Month

C. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. [Calendar of Upcoming Meetings](#)

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. CONSENT AGENDA

(Action: Motion to approve items “1-6” and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents on behalf of the City)

1. [Approval of a one-year contract extension with Western Michigan International, Inc. for the purchase of Cummins engine parts in an amount not to exceed \\$193,660.17.](#)
2. [Authorization for the City Manager to enter into contracts with ice control salt suppliers as awarded by the State of Michigan for the 2015/2016 winter season requirements in an amount not to exceed \\$450,000.](#)
3. [Approval of a one-year contract extension with Waste Management for loading, hauling, and disposal of belt press solids in the amount of \\$3,183,080.](#)

4. Approval of the following appointments and reappointments to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee:
 - a. the reappointment of **Jennette Tarver** as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2018.
 - b. the reappointment of **Dana Underwood** as the Stuart Neighborhood Representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2018.
 - c. the appointment of **Todd Ide** as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2017.
5. Acceptance of a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation from the Mayors' Riverfront Park Endowment Fund in the amount of \$25,000, and increase the General Fund appropriation by \$15,000.
6. Approval of the City Commission minutes from January 5, January 20, February 9, February 16, March 2, March 9, and March 16, 2015.

G. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Adoption of a RESOLUTION supporting the proposed public transportation millage to be placed before the voters within the CCTA boundaries on August 4, 2015. **(Action: Motion to adopt)**
2. Authorize the creation of a 21-member Blue-ribbon Panel comprised of city residents, businesses, non-profit, and education stakeholders from the community to research, study, and explore revenue options that, when considered together, would address the City's General Fund structural budget imbalance. **(Action: Motion to authorize)**

H. REPORTS AND LEGISLATION

1. City Manager's Report

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. POLICY ITEMS

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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M. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**N. CLOSED SESSION****O. ADJOURNMENT**

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 - a. Consideration of Regular Agenda items. Citizens are permitted to speak to the Commission on Regular Agenda and Unfinished Business prior to the City Commission voting, except those votes setting a public hearing. (Note: The Consent Agenda is a list of items proposed for City Commission approval to be voted upon all at one time. This is a time-saving procedure as most Consent Agenda items are housekeeping measures. A citizen may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration or discussion.) Comments must be germane to the specific item under consideration.
 - b. The Citizen Comment period near the end of the meeting is for comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda items.

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Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

City of Kalamazoo

City Commission (next 30 days)

Regular Business Meetings – 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers

April 20th and May 4th

Regular Neighborhood Meetings – 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall

April 20th

Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees (next two weeks)

The **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** will meet on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 5:20 p.m., in the Parks and Recreation Community Room at Mayors' Riverfront Park, located at 251 Mills Street.

The **Friends of Recreation Board** will meet on Monday, April 9, 2015 at 11:30 a.m., in the Parks and Recreation Community Room at Mayors' Riverfront Park, located at 251 Mills Street.

The **Traffic Board** will meet on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., in the Public Services Conference Room, located at 415 Stockbridge Avenue.

The **Community Development Act Advisory Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.

The **Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission** will meet on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

The **Environmental Concerns Committee** will meet on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.

The **Economic Development Corporation** will meet on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:30 a.m., in the Community Room at City Hall. The **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** will meet immediately following.

The **Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association** will meet on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., in the clubhouse at Milham Park Golf Course, located at 4200 Lovers Lane.

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

The **Downtown Development Authority** will meet on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 3:00 p.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.



Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

Date: **04/06/15**

Item **F1**

TO: Mayor Hopewell, Vice Mayor Anderson, and City Commissioners

FROM: James K. Ritsema, City Manager
Reviewed by: Sean McBride, Executive Director
Prepared by: Marcella Dorr, Purchasing Maint. Supervisor, CPPO, CPPB

DATE: April 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Cummins Engine Parts Contract

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a one year contract extension with Western Michigan International, Inc., Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the amount not to exceed \$193,660.17 for the purchase of Cummins engine parts.

BACKGROUND

The original contract with Western Michigan International, Inc., was approved by the City Commission on April 21, 2014. Formal bids were taken, reference number 557-33-010/ME. There was an option in the original contract that the City of Kalamazoo can extend the contract if both parties agree to the terms and conditions. Based on a review of a sampling of parts, the prices continue to be competitive. This contract is the most cost effective method of obtaining the necessary parts.

Metro Transit seeks quotes for bus parts each week to secure the best pricing and timely delivery. This practice will continue and the parts awarded to Western Michigan International, Inc. will be purchased under this contract. The reduced time and paperwork afforded by this contract has been an important benefit. Metro Transit is satisfied with the vendor for their efficient service, and availability of necessary parts.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONSULTED

Under the City's Working Agreement with the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board of Directors, the Board is not required to approve this contract. Staff will apprise the Board of this contract as an informational item at their next meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adequate funding for the purchase of parts for the repair of buses is included in the approved 2015 Operating and Capital Budget. No City General Fund dollars will be used for this contract.

ALTERNATIVES

Staff review did not identify other practical alternatives for this purchase.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

Date: **04/06/15**

Item **F2**

TO: Mayor Hopewell, Vice Mayor Anderson, and City Commissioners

FROM: James Ritsema, City Manager

Reviewed By: Sue Founé, Public Services Managing Director

Prepared By: Douglas J. Nord, Financial Services Manager

DATE: March 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Cooperative Contract for 2015 - 2016 Winter Season Ice Control

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with ice control salt suppliers as awarded by the State of Michigan for the 2015/2016 winter season requirements in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

BACKGROUND

Each year the State of Michigan solicits bids for ice control salt. The City has traditionally participated with the State as the volume of salt purchased through this cooperative effort results in the lowest possible cost of salt per ton.

The State of Michigan has moved to an online requisition system to procure ice control. This requisition serves as the agreement between the City and the State of Michigan. If we do not complete the requisition by the specified date we will not be allowed to participate in the cooperative purchase contract. By completing the requisition and participating in the contract, the City is making a commitment to purchase at least 7,000 tons of road salt through the winter season. Once we receive bid results, paperwork will be forwarded to the City Manager for purchase approval.

City staff typically uses between 6,000 to 7,000 tons of salt per winter season depending on weather conditions. Any salt not used is stockpiled for use during the next winter season. If additional salt is needed it can be purchased under this contract as well.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONSULTED

This recommendation did not require advisory board consultation or additional public input.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City's participation in the State's cooperative bidding contract will ensure the best pricing for road salt for the 2015-2016 winter season. When the bid results are obtained from the State, appropriate paperwork will be submitted for the purchase of a minimum of 7,000 tons of road salt. Funds are available within the Major and Local Street Maintenance budgets for this purchase in the amount of \$450,000.00.

ALTERNATIVES

The City of Kalamazoo could individually solicit bids for the salt at a higher cost per ton. Staff does not recommend this alternative at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Commission Agenda Report

Date: **04/06/15**

Item **F3**

City of Kalamazoo

TO: Mayor Hopewell, Vice Mayor Anderson, and City Commissioners

FROM: James K. Ritsema, City Manager, ICMA-CM
Reviewed by: Sue Founé, Public Services Managing Director
Prepared by: James Cornell, Wastewater Superintendent

DATE: March 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Belt Press Solids Disposal Contract Extension

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a one-year contract extension for loading, hauling, and disposal of belt press solids with Waste Management in the amount of \$3,183,080.

BACKGROUND

Approximately 80,000 to 90,000 wet tons of biosolids are generated every year at the Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant as part of various wastewater treatment processes. The most economical method of disposal for most of the biosolids produced at the Water Reclamation Plant is placement in regional landfills. This method of disposal requires loading and hauling of these biosolids. Generally these biosolids are mixed with other municipal solid waste to ensure that proper compaction of waste materials in the landfill. The disposal of the biosolids in the landfill increases the amount of bio-gas that the landfill generates and collects as an energy source.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONSULTED

This recommendation did not require advisory board consultation or additional public input.

FISCAL IMPACT

This contract extension represents a 3.0% increase in price to \$34.33 a ton. One of the factors for the large increase is that landfills across the country are facing reduced residential waste to mix with the belt press solids. This results in handling issues at the landfill and associated increased costs.

This contract extension will run from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016. The 2015 portion of this contract will be \$2,122,053.33 and the 2016 portion of this contract will be

\$1,061,026.67. Funds for this contract are available in the 2015 Wastewater Treatment Contractual Services budget. The 2016 portion of the contract will be budgeted for in the 2016 Wastewater Treatment Outside Contractual Services budget.

ALTERNATIVES

Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant staff are committed to exploring alternatives for future contracts. Options include: splitting the hauling contract between two vendors; awarding the contract to one trucking company that contracts with several landfills to suit our hauling needs and resolve some of the landfill issues associated with handling this type of waste material. Staff revisited the land application option, however; landfill disposal is currently much less expensive than land application. Composting of residual solids for beneficial reuse is an option as the local composting facility ceased operations. Water reclamation plant staff have begun the process of conducting solid studies to evaluate new dewatering technologies to see if biosolids cake dryness can be increased to help reduce hauling costs. The solid study data will be used to do a cost analysis to identify any cost effective capital improvement projects that can be recommended to reduce solids hauling costs.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

Date: **04/06/15**

Item **F4**

TO: Mayor Hopewell, Vice Mayor Anderson and City Commissioners

FROM: Scott A. Borling, City Clerk

DATE: April 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Board and Commission Appointments and Reappointments

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Commission approve the following appointment and reappointments to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee:

- the reappointment of **Jennette Tarver** as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2018.
- the reappointment of **Dana Underwood** as the Stuart Neighborhood Representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2018.
- the appointment of **Todd Ide** as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2017.

BACKGROUND

The City Commission must approve appointments to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee (CDAAC). The City Clerk's Office receives applications for this committee and forwards them to the staff liaison. It is then the responsibility of the CDAAC to recommend appointments and reappointments to the City Commission. The attached Appointee Nomination Report details the nominees' qualifications.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONSULTED

None

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact directly associated with these appointments/reappointments.

ALTERNATIVES

The City Commission could choose to approve these appointments, not approve them, or postpone action to a date certain. However, the terms for Ms. Tarver and Ms. Underwood expired on March 31st, and there are five vacancies on the committee. On April 9th CDAAC will hold a public hearing on its recommended allocation of federal funds and take a vote to send its recommendation to the City Commission. If the recommended appointment and reappointments are not approved on April 6th it is possible there will not be enough duly appointed members present to conduct business.

ATTACHMENT

Nomination Report



Advisory Boards and Commissions Appointee Nomination Report

City of Kalamazoo

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Act Advisory Committee (CDAAC) recommends the City Commission approve the following five reappointments and one new appointment:

- The reappointment of **Jennette Tarver** for a first full term as an At-Large Representative. Ms. Tarver's term would expire on March 31, 2018;
- The reappointment of **Dana Underwood** for a second full term as a Stuart Representative. Ms. Underwood's term would expire on March 31, 2018;
- The appointment of **Todd Ide** for a first partial term as an At-Large Representative. Mr. Ide's term would expire on March 31, 2017.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS POSITION

CDAAC membership is open to seven (7) community members-at-large and representatives from the six (6) core neighborhoods.

CDAAC considers funding requests from nonprofit organizations to meet City of Kalamazoo priorities under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and City General Funds. Members of CDAAC are cognizant of community issues, local service providers, and any special restrictions associated with the various funding sources. In order to make informed decisions, the members of CDAAC constitute a microcosm of the community as a whole.

All three of the recommended candidates lend much-needed expertise and diversity to the committee.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants Considered

Members submitted formal applications through the City Clerk's Office. The CDAAC Nominating Committee received and reviewed these applications to fill vacant seats.

Interview Process

Todd Ide had submitted a formal application to serve on CDAAC through the City Clerk's Office on February 12, 2015. On March 12, 2015, the CDAAC Nominating Committee members interviewed Mr. Ide and found his qualifications and interest in serving the City of Kalamazoo the right fit for membership with CDAAC. At the regularly scheduled CDAAC meeting on March 12, 2015, the Nominating Committee expressed their support that Mr. Ide be appointed by the City Commission.

Final Recommendation

During the March 12, 2015 regularly-scheduled CDAAC meeting, the members up for reappointment expressed their desire to remain a member of CDAAC. A quorum of the CDAAC unanimously approved to recommend the reappointment of Jennette Tarver and Dana Underwood.

NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

Dual Board Memberships

Jennette Tarver, Dana Underwood, and Todd Ide do not currently serve on any other City advisory board.

Residency

Ms. Tarver resides in the Eastside Neighborhood; Ms. Underwood resides in the Stuart Neighborhood; and, Mr. Ide resides in the Winchell Neighborhood. All reside in the City of Kalamazoo.

Term Limits

Ms. Tarver and Ms. Underwood would serve full terms through March 31, 2018; Mr. Ide would serve a partial term through March 31, 2017. Ms. Tarver would be eligible for future reappointment for a second full term, and Mr. Ide would be eligible for future reappointment for a first full term. Per current CDAAC bylaws, Ms. Underwood would be ineligible for future consecutive reappointment, having served two full terms.

Training, Experience, Education and Skills

All members bring valuable training, experience, education and skills to CDAAC.

Ms. Tarver has been an active member of the Eastside Neighborhood Association for 10 years.

Ms. Underwood is an active member of the Stuart Area Restoration Association.

Mr. Ide is a writer, professor, past coach and is active within the community. Mr. Ide is also a past recipient of one of our HUD funded programs which will bring the perspective of the citizens CDAAC serves to the committee.

Each of these individuals' backgrounds and enthusiasm for community development are especially noteworthy.

Contribution to Diversity

All the above-mentioned members contribute to the ethnic, gender and age diversity of CDAAC.

NOMINATION RATIONALE

Jennette Tarver, Dana Underwood and Todd Ide have demonstrated an enthusiasm for community service and an eagerness to work on the community issues and needs which CDAAC helps to address. All three bring a valuable set of experiences to CDAAC, which will be more comprehensive in its decision-making because of their perspectives and involvement.

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

The nominee's qualifications regarding dual board memberships, residency, and term limits have been reviewed and verified by the City Clerk's Office.

Scott A. Borling, City Clerk



Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

Date: **04/06/15**

Item **F5**

TO: Mayor Hopewell, Vice Mayor Anderson, and City Commissioners

FROM: James K. Ritsema, City Manager

Prepared By: Sean Fletcher, CPRP, Parks and Recreation
Director

DATE: April 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Kalamazoo Community Foundation Grant Acceptance

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission accept a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation from the Mayors' Riverfront Park Endowment Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to offset wages for the Sport Facilities Coordinator (\$10,000), make sound system improvements, and purchase furniture for Homer Stryker Field (\$15,000) and increase the General Fund appropriation by \$15,000. The \$10,000 for the Sport Facilities Coordinator was already included as an estimate in the 2015 budget.

BACKGROUND

Mayors' Riverfront Park is a premier facility for the community, and as the Kalamazoo Growlers enter their second season, several improvements are needed to meet the event needs of the Growlers and the Parks and Recreation Department. The sound system is at least 10 years old and is in need of upgrades to provide quality sound for games and special events. A new left field deck requires new furniture for fans to enjoy games.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONSULTED

Baseball Stadium Use, Concession Services, and Building Lease Agreement 2014-2018

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant amount of \$25,000 will be used to offset wages for the Sport Facilities Coordinator (\$10,000), make sound system improvements, and purchase furniture for the new left field deck at Homer Stryker Field (\$15,000). The Growlers are investing over \$160,000 in stadium improvements in 2015 (second home plate club and left field deck).

Funds for the sound system improvements and furniture purchase for the left field deck were not included in the 2015 budget.

As of January 21st, 2015 there is \$123,007 available in the Mayors' Riverfront Park Endowment Fund (Agency) to grant at the Community Foundation.

ALTERNATIVES

| There is the alternative to not accept these funds, but this is not being recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

None

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 5, 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 Jack Urban</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Barbara Miller*</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 Pastor Strick Strickland, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Cooney read a proclamation <i>Honoring Stephanie Moore</i>. Mayor Hopewell and Vice Mayor Anderson presented the proclamation and a gift to Commissioner Moore. Commissioners thanked and commended Commissioner Moore for her service to the City and wished her well in her new role as a Kalamazoo County Commissioner.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>Vice Mayor Anderson requested that Item F-4, notice of intent resolutions for capital improvement bonds, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p> <p>City Manager Ritsema requested that Item F-3, first reading of an ordinance to extend the Downtown Design Review District, be moved to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Public Hearing re: the FY2015 Budget	<p>Steve Diesler, Executive Director of Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (DKI), distributed and reviewed the <i>Downtown Development Authority (DDA) 2015 Draft Budget</i>, the <i>Downtown Capital Improvement Program – 2014 CIP/2015CIP Comparison</i>, and the <i>2015 Draft Parking Budget</i>. Mr. Diesler also distributed a document entitled <i>The Stewardship of Downtown: 2014 Strategic Review Report, Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated</i> and highlighted a chart on page 3 depicting the revised structure of DKI. Mr. Diesler reported the DDA was working on a new 5-year parking plan, which would be submitted to the City Commission in March for its review and support.</p> <p>*Commissioner Miller arrived at 7:31 p.m.</p> <p>In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, Mr. Diesler stated the fund balance could have been preserved, but there was a need to address deferred maintenance.</p> <p>In response to questions from Vice Mayor Anderson, Mr. Diesler stated the budget gap was projected to narrow over the next few years, and he reported the greatest area of risk with the Tax Increment Financing (TIF)</p>

legislation proposed by the state legislature at the end of 2014 was the complete loss of TIF revenue. Mr. Diesler noted the start of a new legislative session would require the reintroduction of TIF legislation, and he indicated he would continue working with legislators on this issue.

City Manager Ritsema indicated there would be a link on the City's website to the DDA budget, and he reported the City was working on a solution to provide a dedicated community policing officer for the downtown area.

At 7:48 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed FY2015 Budget for the City of Kalamazoo.

Chris Mbah, City resident, referenced a recent Mlive article that indicated the City had \$14 million in debt, and he asked if that figure was correct.

At 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Urban, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, moved to close the public hearing.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor Anderson stated the City carried a considerable amount of debt and noted the City had recently approved the issuance of bonds to fund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) in the approximate amount of \$90 million.

Commissioner Cooney explained that debt was an important tool the City used to fund projects and improvements, and he stated the credit rating agencies advised the City on how much debt was manageable.

City Manager Ritsema stated the City's debts were disclosed on pages 40-41 of the *FY2015 Proposed Budget*.

With a roll call vote the motion to close the public hearing passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Miller, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, 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 one-year contract extension with Ace Excavating for the removal and disposal of trash, nuisances, and garbage collected pursuant to the enforcement of various city ordinances in the amount of \$140,000.
- approval of a one-year contract extension for the purchase of Cationic Emulsion Polymer from Polydyne Incorporated in the amount of \$267,300.

Public Hearing re: the
FY2015 Budget (cont'd)

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

- first reading of an ordinance to amend certain sections of Chapter 28 of the Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances to incorporate mandated Federal/State Industrial Pretreatment Program Streamlining Regulations and Local Limit Standards.
- acceptance of a donation from Schupan & Sons in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the "Swim for Success" program from March through December, 2015.
- acceptance of funding from Oakwood Neighborhood Association in the amount of \$3,315 to fund an after school tutoring program three days per week from January 5th – June 5th, 2015.
- acceptance of a grant from the Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment Fund in the amount of \$17,417 for youth program financial assistance scholarships in 2014.
- authorization for the City Manager to execute a one-year lease with Kalamazoo County for Bronson Park.
- acceptance of an easement from University Commons, LLC for the water main constructed on the northeast corner of Drake Road and Stadium Drive.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Urban, 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, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

First Reading of an Ordinance to Create the Southtown Downtown Design Review District

City Planner Rebekah Kik delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *City of Kalamazoo Southtown Downtown Design Review District*. A copy of the presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Kik indicated the Edison Neighborhood Association supported the proposed ordinance and expansion of the Downtown Design Review District (DDRDR).

When given an opportunity to comment on an ordinance to amend Section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance and the Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines pertaining to the extension of the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown area, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Tim Graham, City resident, expressed concern about the due process afforded property owners in the proposed DDRDR and stated the City had not performed an impact study.

Annie Sprague, City resident, expressed concern about development in high-poverty areas like the Edison Neighborhood. Ms. Sprague submitted a written statement, which was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Laura Sprague, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance. Ms. Sprague submitted a written statement, which was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Frank Lucatelli, City resident and President of the Edison Business Association, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Richard Stewart, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance. Mr. Stewart submitted a written statement, which was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Chris Mbah, City resident, expressed concern that the City's planning process did not engage citizens.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to offer for first reading an ordinance to amend Section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance and the Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines pertaining to the extension of the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown area, and schedule a public hearing for January 20, 2015.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney requested that staff hold another meeting in the Edison Neighborhood to explain to residents the benefits of the DDRD expansion.

Vice Mayor Anderson noted that citizen engagement was happening at that moment, and there had been an attempt to get information out on this topic. Vice Mayor Anderson stated most people would agree that having property standards was not a problem, and the debate was usually on the attributes of standards for a specific place at a specific time. Vice Mayor Anderson remarked the Edison Neighborhood Association supported the proposed DDRD expansion, and this organization had been doing work in that neighborhood for years.

Commissioner Urban observed that the concerns about the proposed ordinance seemed to involve a fear of change. Commissioner Urban stated change was going to happen, and the question was how to guide that change and come to terms with it. Commissioner Urban noted there were potentially bad results from having no design standards. Commissioner Urban suggested a retrospective impact study involving other areas of the City where standards had been implemented.

Mayor Hopewell expressed hope that staff would address the concerns raised by the speakers. Mayor Hopewell suggested the Commission needed to hear from the City Attorney regarding claims made about the impact of the proposed ordinance.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of an Ordinance to Create the Southtown Downtown Design Review District (cont'd)

Resolutions 15-01 and
15-02 re: CIP and
Water Revenue Bonds

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

NAYS: None

Commissioner Anderson referenced page 39 of the agenda packet as containing a good summary of the City's indebtedness. Vice Mayor Anderson noted the 2015 budget was a deficit budget and stated there would need to be \$300,000,000 of new investment on taxable property to generate enough revenue to fill the deficit.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Anderson, City Manager Ritsema stated the bond proceeds were earmarked for the following categories: \$1.95 million for general facility improvements; \$1.8 million for major streets projects; and \$1.0 million for local streets projects.

When given an opportunity to comment on the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5.25 million, for the purpose of financing FY 2015 capital projects, and in an amount not to exceed \$3.20 million, for the purpose of financing capital projects for the City's Water System, the following people addressed the City Commission.

Richard Stewart, City resident, stated a large portion of the City's budget deficit could be eliminated if the City eliminated its Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts.

Tim Graham, City resident, stated the City's economic trend was moving in the wrong direction, and the City could not tax and cut its way to prosperity. Mr. Graham stated the City needed to engage everyone in the community to grow the local economy.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt of the following bond resolutions: 1) a Notice of Intent **RESOLUTION** for the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5.25 million, for the purpose of financing FY 2015 capital projects; and 2) a Notice of Intent **RESOLUTION** for the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3.20 million, for the purpose of financing capital projects for the City's Water System.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Urban remarked that the City was borrowing money to make basic repairs. Commissioner Urban stated if Kalamazoo continued on this path it would become like the City of Galesburg. Commissioner Urban indicated the City would be talking about new revenue sources in the coming months.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

The City Commission discussed filling the vacancy on the Commission due to the resignation of Commission Stephanie Moore. Mayor Hopewell read the names of the 15 applicants and opened the floor for discussion on the next steps in the process.

By consensus the City Commission agreed that each Commissioner would be able to select up to five applicants, and applicants that were selected by at least two Commissioners would be interviewed on January 12th.

City Clerk Borling distributed paper ballots containing the names of the 15 City Commission applicants.

Prior to voting, Commissioners offered the following comments:

Commissioner Cooney stated the person who finished eighth in the 2013 voting for City Commission deserved consideration, and the person appointed to the Commission should share attributes with Commissioner Moore.

Vice Mayor Anderson described the process he used to winnow the field of candidates in his own mind.

Mayor Hopewell urged the applicants and all residents to serve in different ways.

Commissioner Urban stated he was depending on the wisdom of other people in making this decision, and he announced he would be selecting only three applicants. Commissioner Urban stated he was impressed with the applications in general, but they did not convey a sense of the applicants' vision for the City.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked the people who had applied to fill the vacancy on the Commission and stated he was impressed with the field of applicants.

Commissioners marked their ballots and returned them to the Clerk. City Clerk Borling announced Commissioners had made the following selections:

Commissioner Cinabro

Leona Carter
Grant Fletcher
Mark Fricke
Tracy Hall
William Wells

Commissioner Cooney

Leona Carter
Eric Cunningham
Tracy Hall
William Wells
Rico White

Selection of Candidates
to Interview to Fill the
Vacancy on the City
Commission

Selection of Candidates to Interview to Fill the Vacancy on the City Commission (cont'd)

Commissioner Miller

Grant Fletcher
Mark Fricke
Sonjalita Hulbert
Thomas Myers
William Wells

Commissioner Urban

Leona Carter
Grant Fletcher
James Houston

Vice Mayor Anderson

Robert Barnard
Leona Carter
Eric Cunningham
Tracy Hall
William Wells

Mayor Hopewell

Leona Carter
Eric Cunningham
Grant Fletcher
Tracy Hall

Next, City Clerk Borling tallied the votes and announced the following candidates had received at least two votes and would be interviewed on Monday, January 12th:

Leona Carter
Eric Cunningham
Grant Fletcher
Mark Fricke
Tracy Hall
William Wells

Mayor Hopewell described the interview process that was used in 2010 to fill the seat of former Commissioner Terry Kuseske.

By consensus the City Commission agreed to send interview questions to the City Clerk, who would compile them and circulate the list of questions to Commissioners for review.

In response to a question from Commissioner Urban, Mayor Hopewell recommended that each candidate be asked the same questions.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Asha Khazad, City resident, expressed support for Hillary Clinton as the next President of the United States.

Annie Sprague, City resident, stated the expansion of the DDRD would result in property tax foreclosures, and she suggested City

staff develop a logic model to show the cause-and-effect link between the DDRD expansion and the expected results.

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Tim Graham, City resident, commented on the importance of authentic community engagement, the need for feedback systems, and his attendance at a recent Texas Township Board meeting with Commissioner Urban.

Laura Sprague, City resident, expressed concern that new development in the Edison Neighborhood would increase property values and property taxes to the point where she could not afford them. Ms. Sprague expressed concern about a gang of 16-18 year old youth who were dressed in police-style uniforms and were circulating at the New Year's Fest event. Ms. Sprague stated this gang was intimidating.

Chris Mbah, City resident, commended Commissioner Urban for his commitment to the democratic process and his attendance at the Texas Township Board meeting. Mr. Mbah stated the planning process was problematic, and he challenged each Commissioner to invite five constituents to the next City Commission meeting.

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

Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Urban announced he wanted to hear the City Commission candidates express their visions for the City during the interviews on January 12th.

Vice Mayor Anderson explained that City Commissioners engaged the community in many ways outside of the regular business meetings. Vice Mayor Anderson indicated he was a friend of the Mayor of Galesburg and stated Galesburg was a critical partner with the City of Kalamazoo.

Mayor Hopewell stated City Commissioners were engaged with many people every day to make the community better.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk
For City Commission approval on April 6, 2015

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

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 20, 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 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 Pastor Strick Strickland, Second Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Oath of Office for Commissioner Cunningham	<p>City Clerk Borling administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to newly appointed City Commissioner Eric Cunningham.</p>
	<p>Following the Oath of Office City Clerk Borling called the roll again:</p> <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>
Presentation of the Social Justice Youth Awards	<p>Mayor Hopewell introduced the presenters of the 2015 Social Justice Youth Awards.</p> <p>Judy Woolsey, Assistant to the CEO of Schupan and Sons, presented the Schupan and Sons Social Justice Youth Award to Sariah Metcalfe.</p> <p>John Pinkster, Director of South Operation for Life EMS, presented the Life EMS Social Justice Youth Award to Lynn Tomlinson.</p> <p>Ron Foor, Community President of Fifth Third Bank, presented the Fifth Third Bank Social Justice Youth Award to Tiara Blair.</p> <p>Dr. Lewis Walker of the Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations presented the Dr. Lewis Walker Social Justice Youth Award to Zhi Xin.</p> <p>A transcript of the remarks made by Mayor Hopewell and the presenters was filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Community Planning and Development Director Laura Lam described the community engagement efforts that would be utilized during the Priority Based Budgeting process. Ms. Lam announced the City would use both high-tech tools, like a MindMixer website, and high-touch tools, like listening campaigns, focus groups, and events, all under the brand "Imagine Kalamazoo" to establish a dialogue with the community. Director Lam stated Priority Based Budgeting would be the first use of Imagine Kalamazoo, but the hope was that the City would be creating a network of relationships and a system of engagement that could be used on a regular basis to get input on issues as they come up. Director Lam indicated the first engagement efforts around Priority Based Budgeting would be used to gather citizen input about community values and results relative to existing *Blueprint for Action*.

Director Lam explained the City was anticipating increased development in the Southtown area with the opening of the Western Michigan University School of Medicine and the construction of the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Healthy Living Campus. Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines were a tool to make sure development was in line with the neighborhood and current revitalization efforts already underway. Director Lam described ways in which the proposed standards complimented the goals and action items in the City's Master Plan. Director Lam highlighted and addressed questions and concerns that had been raised about the proposed ordinance. Director Lam explained the proposed ordinance included an exemption for buildings that were used exclusively for residential purposes, which was a change from the version of the ordinance presented to the City Commission on January 5th.

At 7:33 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ordinance to amend Section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance and the Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines pertaining to the extension of the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown area.

Dr. Michelle Johnson, City resident and Executive Director of FIRE Historical and Cultural Arts Collaborative, spoke about creative justice and stated she did not see the elements of creative justice in the proposed plan. Dr. Johnson asked the City Commission to look at change in the Edison and Washington Square neighborhoods through the lens of creative justice and let development be driven by the residents and their vision for the neighborhood rather than a top-down plan for development.

Paul Manstrom, Associate Vice President for Kalamazoo College, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Tim Graham, City resident, remarked the City needed a better rationale for not doing an impact study.

Adoption of the
Agenda

Communications

Public Hearing re: An
Ordinance to Expand
the Downtown Design
Review District to the
Southtown Area

Public Hearing re: An Ordinance to Expand the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown Area (cont'd)

Mike Fleckenstein, property owner in the Southtown area, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance and stated the plan needed more study and consideration. Mr. Fleckenstein recommended the following changes to the ordinance and standards: development on in-fill lots should not be subject to the standards; the plan should not try to impose a pedestrian lifestyle on an area that was not ready for it but should focus on transition zones, where pedestrian friendly streetscape already existed; and the review committee should be made up of stakeholders who were familiar with the Southtown area.

Matt Milcarek, City resident, stated citizens wanted to engage on this issue, and he asked the City Commission to allow more time for community engagement.

Frank Lucatelli, City resident, expressed support for the ordinance on behalf of the Edison Business Association. Mr. Lucatelli stated Kalamazoo was an urban area, and suburban development was out of place.

Ardis Kennedy, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance and requested an impact study.

Jeremy Cole, City resident and President of the Kalamazoo Area Landlords Association, asked for more time to dissect the design standards and guidelines, as he had first heard about the proposed ordinance on January 15th.

Tomas Minto, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Monica Zehner, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Mark Fricke, City resident, described the Planning Commission process. Mr. Fricke stated it was good to see increasing interest and community involvement, and he encouraged people to continue to be involved.

Albert Trombley, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance and the increased regulation it would bring.

Chris Wahmhoff, City resident, noted the Edison Neighborhood was not Downtown and stated nobody at the community meeting on January 15th wanted the ordinance to move forward. Mr. Wahmhoff asked for more time to make sure the ordinance was right.

Laura Sprague, City resident, stated the ordinance had been pushed through quickly, and the Commission had not been told the truth about the City's community outreach efforts. Ms. Sprague expressed concern about the leadership of the Edison Neighborhood Association and their attitude towards community engagement.

Max Tibbitts, City resident, stated the City's Planning Department was dedicated to authentic communication, but there had been a breakdown in the process. Mr. Tibbitts stated three months was not enough time and there needed to be more dialogue.

Annie Sprague, City resident, expressed concern that the ordinance was being rushed through and asked the City to step back and restart the process. Ms. Sprague spoke about the most recent Edison Neighborhood Association meeting and how people were using the heritage and culture of Edison residents as a marketing device for the Southtown area.

Gerry Hoffmann, City resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

John VanderSalm, non-resident and owner of VanderSalm's Flower Shop, expressed concern that the new design standards would increase his building maintenance costs to the point where those costs would put him out of business.

Roger Schmitt, non-resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Jacob Johnson, City resident, stated rents in this area were rising, and he was concerned about the effect of the standards on rents.

Chris Mbah, City resident, observed the struggle over this issue seemed to be about culture and identity. Mr. Mbah stated the process had not taken long enough and there needed to be more dialogue.

Steve Deisler, Executive Director of Downtown Kalamazoo, Inc., expressed support for the Downtown Design Standards and the proposed ordinance.

Richard Stewart, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance and stated the ordinance needed to be rewritten from the ground up.

At 8:36 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt an ORDINANCE to amend Section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance and the Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines pertaining to the extension of the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown area.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Cooney suggested the creation of a task force to let neighborhood residents help determine how the neighborhood was developed.

Public Hearing re: An Ordinance to Expand the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown Area
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Public Hearing re: An Ordinance to Expand the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown Area (cont'd)

Commissioner Urban stated any extension of time for additional work on the ordinance should include milestones and goals to keep the process moving. Commissioner Urban asked for assurances a solution existed that would be satisfactory to most people, as the strong language being used suggested compromise was impossible. Commissioner Urban stated the Commission needed to think about what was best for the whole community. Commissioner Urban expressed concern about the use of the term "authentic communication" and stated authentic communication would happen on a case-by-case basis during the implementation of the ordinance.

Commissioner Cinabro noted the ordinance started as a proposal for a proactive tool to guide anticipated development. Commissioner Cinabro stated he would support the ordinance if there was a commitment to review the impacts after one year and report back to the City Commission. Commissioner Cinabro suggested a task force not be formed unless the City Manager recommended it as a result of the impact study.

Vice Mayor Anderson stated it was difficult to engage in a public setting, but people needed to move beyond this in order to have a public discussion. Vice Mayor Anderson expressed hope that people would engage around Priority Based Budgeting, as the budget was more important. Vice Mayor Anderson commented on how people tended to personalize their disagreements, and he urged everyone to assume positive intent and remember the people they disagreed with were their neighbors. Vice Mayor Anderson stated the proposed ordinance was based on the idea that planning was valuable. Vice Mayor Anderson indicated the community could not talk about this issue forever, and he stated he was not sure what would be gained by waiting and what specific changes would be needed to improve the plan.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Director Lam stated the cost for fully implementing the Portage Street Corridor Plan was estimated to be \$13 million.

Commissioner Miller stated the Portage Street Corridor Plan was a vision, and she remarked the Southtown area could be a beautiful area with a vision. Commissioner Miller expressed support for the ordinance and agreement with Commissioner Cinabro. Commissioner Miller stated she had faith in the staff who would implement the ordinance.

Commissioner Urban expressed support for a one-year review of the impacts of the ordinance and the creation of a task force at that time. Commissioner Urban stated a task force would need to have clear goals. Commissioner Urban indicated he had faith in City staff and peoples' good will.

Commissioner Cooney stated there was no question about the dedication and competence of City staff, but there were two types of expertise: professionals, and those with real life experience. Commissioner Cooney stated the two types of experts needed to work together.

Mayor Hopewell noted there were no design standards for the Southtown area, and with no standards there could be chaos. Mayor Hopewell observed the battle would not change with more time if people were not willing to change their minds. Mayor Hopewell expressed support for moving forward and stated he agreed with a one-year review and reevaluation of the ordinance.

City Attorney Robinson noted there was a proposed amendment that should be voted on prior to a vote on the main motion. City Attorney Robinson clarified the amendment, if approved, would be a substantive change that would require postponing final adoption of the ordinance until a future meeting.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to amend Section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance and the Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines pertaining to the extension of the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown Design Review District, to specifically exempt structures solely used as single-family residential structures, duplex homes, and multi-family residential structures.

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

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

NAYS: None

City Attorney Robinson offered optional language that would further amend the proposed ordinance to require an evaluation of the effects of the ordinance one year after adoption.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to amend the proposed ordinance by adding Section 5 to read, "One year following the adoption of this ordinance the City Manager shall conduct an evaluation of the effects of the Design Review Standards and Guidelines on the affected Southtown Design Review District, and recommend to the City Commission whether a task force should be created to consider further amendments to the ordinance.

Commissioner Cooney expressed opposition to the proposed amendment and stated it was evidence the ordinance was not ready for adoption.

With a roll call vote the motion to amend passed 6-1.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Cooney

Amendment to DDRD Expansion Ordinance re: Exemption of Residential Structures

Amendment to DDRD Expansion Ordinance re: Impact Study 12 Months After Implementation

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 the Michigan Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of the I-94 and Sprinkle Road interchange in the amount of \$519,700.
- approval of the following appointments and reappointments to boards and commissions:
 - the appointment of **Margy Belchak** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2017.
 - the appointment of **Chris Patchell** to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2018.
 - the appointment of **Zadie Jackson** to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2018.
 - the appointment of **Kenneth C. Jones** to the Transit Authority Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2015.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until February 2, 2015 consideration of a sale and purchase agreement with Kalamazoo Charter Township for a strip of land at 1720 Riverview for public right-of-way purposes.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, 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, Cunningham, Miller, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Adoption of the FY2015 Budget

Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to approve the City's Proposed FY2015 Budget and various fee schedules:

Resolution 15-03

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the Annual Appropriation for the year 2015, setting forth the number of mills to be levied, approving an interim appropriation for the year 2016 and establishing policies for the administration of the budget.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the proposed FY2015 Downtown Development Authority Operating Budget as submitted by the DDA Board (including 2015 Capital Improvement Program) and approve a two-mill tax levy. - approval of the proposed FY 2015 Economic Development Corporation budget as submitted by the EDC Board. - approval of the proposed FY2015 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority budget as submitted by the BRA Board. - approval of the proposed FY 2015 Local Development Finance Authority budget as submitted by the LDFA Board. - adoption of a RESOLUTION which sets various permit fees for the Public Services Engineering Division. - adoption of a RESOLUTION to establish Department of Parks and Recreation fees and charges. - adoption of a RESOLUTION establishing the fees to be charged for special event applications, late fees and service fees. - approval of the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association FY2015 fee schedule | <p>Adoption of the FY2015 Budget (cont'd)</p> <p>Resolution 15-04</p> <p>Resolution 15-05</p> <p>Resolution 15-06</p> |
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Prior to a vote on the motion, City Manager Ritsema highlighted changes to the budget that were made as a result of the sale of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Bonds. City Manager Ritsema reported the pricing of the bonds was less than anticipated, which would mean a savings of approximately \$10 million over the 30-year life of the bonds. City Manager Ritsema explained there would be savings to the General Fund of \$2.3 million in FY2015 as a result of replacing direct payments for healthcare services with the debt service payments on the OPEB Bonds. City Manager Ritsema stated the budget being considered for adoption included a new communications coordinator position in the City Manager's Office, but the added position would not have an impact on the budget.

When given an opportunity to comment on the Proposed FY2015 Budget, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Steve Deisler, Executive Director of Downtown Kalamazoo, Inc., thanked the City for its support and Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley for finding a way to keep the additional Community Police Officer (CPO) for the downtown area.

Mark Fricke, City resident, stated there were only two ways to grow a business: get customers to pay more or get more customers. Mr. Fricke stated the City had two basic options to address its structural budget problems: increase taxes or get more people to move into the City.

Adoption of the
FY2015 Budget
(cont'd)

Matt Milcarek, City resident, stated the City's spending and revenue did not add up. Mr. Milcarek indicated the City needed new customers and urged the Commission to diversify the City's revenue in the form of an income tax.

Tim Graham, City resident, spoke about the City's budget deficit over the next 20 years, the need to address inequalities, and the importance of due process.

Dana Underwood, City resident, suggested the City consider alternatives to tax abatements, like granting business tax credits if they met performance standards.

Commissioner Cooney stated the FY2015 budget did not being to do everything the City wanted it to do, and he discussed the need for the state to do more for cities. Commissioner Cooney commended staff for their work on the budget.

Commissioner Cunningham expressed excitement about the leadership of City Manager Ritsema and stated Priority Based Budgeting would be the key to moving forward.

Commissioner Miller thanked City staff for their work on the budget and thanked Chief Hadley for finding a way to keep a CPO in the downtown area.

Commissioner Anderson thanked citizens for staying during the approval of the budget.

With a roll call vote this motion to approve the budget passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 1931
Amending Chapter 28
to Incorporate Federal
and State Regulations
and Standards

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on an ordinance to amend certain sections of Chapter 28 of the Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances to incorporate mandated Federal/State Industrial Pretreatment Program Streamlining Regulations and Local Limit Standards, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend certain sections of Chapter 28 of the Kalamazoo Code of Ordinances to incorporate mandated Federal/State Industrial Pretreatment Program Streamlining Regulations and Local Limit Standards.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on authorization for the City Manager to offer incentives to 230 City of Kalamazoo public safety retirees who are not enrolled in Medicare Part B, as an enticement to voluntarily elect Medicare Part B as their primary health care coverage, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, moved to authorize the City Manager to offer incentives to 230 City of Kalamazoo public safety retirees who are not enrolled in Medicare Part B, as an enticement to voluntarily elect Medicare Part B as their primary health care coverage.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Miller explained that certain collective bargaining agreements did not require Public Safety retirees to sign up for Medicare when they became eligible, which meant the City had to pay more for the healthcare of these retirees than retirees under other contracts.

Commissioner Urban commended City Manager Ritsema for his approach to this matter and noted an incentive was needed because the City was contractually obligated to provide benefits, and any change would need to be voluntary on the part of each individual retiree.

Mayor Hopewell thanked City Manager Ritsema for how he had addressed challenges during his first year as City Manager, and he thanked the retirees who would participate in this incentive.

Commissioner Cinabro stated he would be abstaining on this vote to be consistent with his abstentions on other retiree benefit-related votes in August and December of 2014. Commissioner Cinabro indicated he made statements at those meeting explaining his abstentions, and those statements were on the record.

Vice Mayor Anderson stated this item was grounded in the work of the Legacy Cost Task Force, which was an effort to engage the community around the issue of retiree healthcare benefits. Vice Mayor Anderson explained the City was bound by law to honor the retiree healthcare provisions of the union contracts and noted they had been upheld through arbitration and a lawsuit. Vice Mayor Anderson asked retirees to think about their honorable choice to become a public servant and to consider this another opportunity to help the City of Kalamazoo.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Authorization for the City Manager to Offer Incentives to Retirees for Voluntarily Electing Medicare Part B as Their Primary Health Coverage

City Manager's Report

City Manager Ritsema provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- Monthly Investment Report – December 2014
- December 2014 Purchases

City Manager Ritsema thanked Management Services Director Tom Skrobola and his staff for their work on the budget and Director Lam for her work on community engagement. City Manager Ritsema reported 711 people had taken the Public Safety Officer position test on January 16th.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Dana Underwood, City resident, thanked Vice Mayor Anderson and Commissioner Cinabro for their comments and stated they are a precursor to the citizen engagement efforts surrounding the Priority Based Budgeting process. Ms. Underwood expressed support for Director Lam and for the new Communications Coordinator position. Ms. Underwood suggested Director Lam dissect the DDRD expansion process and figure out how to get people to the table.

Tim Graham, City resident, stated the City could not assume help would come from the federal or state government, and he stated there needed to be an economic development visioning process. Mr. Graham commended the City Commission for appointing a member of the millennial generation to fill the vacancy on the Commission. Mr. Graham read a passage from Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Chris Mbah, City resident, stated there needed to be clarification around the definition of "authentic community engagement" and suggested it involved building authentic relationships. Mr. Mbah indicated the City needed to change its processes, as the use of flyers and neighborhood associations had been a "flop."

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Cunningham stated the conversation about the FY2016 budget was started. Commissioner Cunningham indicated his approach would be to use love and compassion to gain understanding, and he needed to hear from residents in order to serve effectively.

Commissioner Urban stated Ms. Underwood's suggestion about tax credits was intriguing. Commissioner Urban expressed support for a lively public discussion about a city income tax and stated there was an opportunity for real citizen engagement around this issue. Commissioner Urban stated the City needed to engage people "where they are."

Commissioner Cinabro welcomed Commissioner Cunningham to the City Commission.

Commissioner Miller welcomed Commissioner Cunningham to the City Commission and announced City Manager Ritsema would be the featured speaker at the next Oakland/Winchell Neighborhood Association meeting.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Mayor Hopewell welcomed Commissioner Cunningham to the City Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk
For City Commission approval on April 6, 2015

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

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.

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

Adjournment

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, February 16, 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 Jack Urban</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cinabro, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Miller. With a voice vote this motion passed.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Commissioner Cooney, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Central County Transportation Authority Update	<p>Linda Teeter and Greg Rosine, Chair and Vice Chair of the Central County Transportation Authority (CCTA), distributed and reviewed a document entitled Central County Transportation Authority Policy Statement and Implementing Procedures and a map of the CCTA District. Ms. Teeter indicated the CCTA would be submitting a five-year, 0.75 mills proposal to voters in August.</p> <p>In response to questions from Vice Mayor Anderson, Ms. Teeter stated information about the opt-in policy, and specifically the fact that opting-in to the millage was a condition of getting service, was given to the affected jurisdictions multiple times in various forms. Ms. Teeter indicated it was still possible for jurisdictions to opt-in to the millage, although the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners would need to approve the change.</p> <p>In response to a question from Commissioner Urban, Ms. Teeter explained the proposed district map and opt-in/opt-out policy were based on voting precincts, which was a requirement of state law.</p> <p>Commissioner Cinabro stated the CCTA policy was very reasonable.</p> <p>In response to a question from Vice Mayor Anderson, Ms. Teeter stated she had been working on countywide transportation issues since 2006, and she was involved in this work because collaboration was important to her. Mr. Rosine stated he was involved with movement towards a countywide transportation system because public transportation balanced the scales of opportunity.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>

City Manager Ritsema announced the City Commission would meet in special session for a retreat on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Governing Board Room at Metro Transit, 530 N. Rose Street. The purpose of the meeting was to engage around the 2014-2015 City Commission Priorities.

Communications

City Manager Ritsema reported there were some frozen water service lines, and he asked customers to ensure the areas were heated where service lines enter their homes. City Manager Ritsema also asked customers who experienced a drop in water pressure to keep a faucet running at a pencil width to maintain water flow in the lines.

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 five 4x4 pickup trucks and two utility body chassis from Red Holman Buick GMC for a total expenditure of \$188,357.60.
- approval of the purchase of two cab and chassis from Tri County International Trucks for a total expenditure of \$168,030.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** from the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Liquor Control Commission to allow Noble Experiment, LLC to open a new restaurant with a Redevelopment Liquor License.
- approval of the Mayor's appointment of Joel Wittenberg to the Investment Committee of the Employees' Retirement System for a term expiring on March 31, 2016.
- approval of the following appointments to boards and commission:
 - the appointment of James Lippincott to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2018.
 - the appointment of Richard Skalski to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2018.
 - the appointment of Emily Parfet to the Building Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2018.

Resolution 15-08

Commissioner Cooney, 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 unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Ordinance 1932
Expanding the
Downtown Design
Review District to the
Southtown Area

Community Planning and Development Director Laura Lam reviewed a proposal from the City Administration to expand the Downtown Design Review District (DDRD) to the Southtown area.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, Director Lam stated grandfathering was not recommended, as consistency was important to whole idea of having standards.

In response to a question from Commissioner Urban, Director Lam explained the differences between the ordinance as first introduced and the ordinance recommended for adoption were as follows: 1) the current ordinance exempted from the standards all properties exclusively used for residential purposes; and 2) the current ordinance required the City Manager to evaluate the impact of the standards after one year.

When given an opportunity to comment on an ordinance to amend Section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance and the Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines pertaining to the extension of the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown area, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Richard Stewart, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance and stated he had requested that existing commercial property be grandfathered.

Annie Sprague, City resident, distributed and reviewed statistics on housing values, housing units, and income within the existing DDRD.

Chris Wahmhoff, City resident, stated he agreed with some parts of the design standards and had issues with some parts. Mr. Wahmhoff stated there needed to be more work done to inform the neighborhoods about the proposed standards.

Laura Sprague, City resident, read a statement from Michelle Johnson asking for authentic community input on this issue.

Asha Khazad, City resident, suggested the Kalamazoo Transportation Center be open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., the same operating hours as the busses, and he asked that the hours be posted.

Shannon Sykes, City resident, stated residents of the DDRD were afraid of the displacement they knew would take place. Ms. Sykes stated the City needed to engage residents to develop a plan that would lift up all people.

Jorray, a City resident, stated expansion of the DDRD would lead to gentrification and racial oppression.

Kaitlin Martin, City resident, continued reading the statement from Michelle Johnson, which Ms. Sprague had started.

Chris Mbah, City resident, commented on the citizen engagement that was taking place and expressed support for equity and justice for all.

Tim Graham, City resident, read a passage from Robert Greenleaf regarding servant leadership and stated none of the people on the dais were servant leaders.

Steve Dysterhoff, owner of Gordon Water on Vine Street, stated the people who were speaking wanted to move forward but with more engagement and dialogue.

Christopher Wright, City resident, stated the Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines were a useful tool.

Jacob Johnson, City resident, expressed support for development but indicated it would raise peoples' rent. Mr. Johnson questioned who would benefit from the proposed ordinance.

Lillie Wolff, City resident, expressed concern with the speed of the process and stated accountability needed to be built into the proposed ordinance. Ms. Wolff stated peoples' voices needed to be heard.

Katie Pearson, City resident, stated a presentation by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Bronson Hospital in January 2014 had not included community engagement, and she had not heard anything else about this development until very recently.

Bailey Martin, City resident, read a letter from Mike Fleckenstein and stated people with concerns about the ordinance were asking for more time.

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to amend Section 6.5C of the Zoning Ordinance and the Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines pertaining to the extension of the Downtown Design Review District to the Southtown area.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor Anderson stated his decision was based, in part, on the feedback from citizens and described the variables to consider when evaluating citizen feedback. Vice Mayor Anderson observed that opposition to the ordinance seemed fall into two themes: 1) there should be less regulation; and 2) there should be more regulation. Vice Mayor Anderson reminded people the topic of discussion was not development in the Southtown area but standards – more specifically, architectural designs standards for commercial property – to guide development that might happen. Vice Mayor Anderson noted the Priority Based Budgeting process would provide a great, extended opportunity for community engagement around how Kalamazoo could support employment opportunities, an expanded tax base, and a vibrant community.

Ordinance 1932
Expanding the
Downtown Design
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Southtown Area
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Ordinance 1932
Expanding the
Downtown Design
Review District to the
Southtown Area
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Commissioner Urban expressed support for the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Urban stated he listened carefully to people who had asked for more time at the last City Commission meeting but indicated the City would learn more from an impact study using real cases than a study using imaginary cases. Commissioner Urban stated Commissioners needed to consider what was best for the whole City, not just one area.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked people for speaking. Commissioner Cinabro stated there had been a conflating of fears and ideas, and he suggested peoples' fears should be assuaged by the 12-month evaluation period. Commissioner Cinabro discussed the need for planning and standards. Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Cunningham indicated the City's work had been good. Commissioner Cunningham stated he was excited by the energy around the DDRD issue, and he urged people to continue to be proactive.

Commissioner Cooney thanked people for speaking. Commissioner Cooney stated the City needed to use revitalization to lead to a better quality of life for everyone in the neighborhood. Commissioner Cooney indicated it would be a mistake to adopt the design standards without input from people. Commissioner Cooney stated the City Commission could live up to Priority #5 (poverty reduction) by delaying the vote and allowing for more community engagement.

Mayor Hopewell talked about development standards and stated they were needed to achieve some of the community's goals, like walkability.

Vice Mayor Anderson stated the conversation was really about the community benefits associated with development. Vice Mayor Anderson suggested the energy around the DDRD issue could be used to have a conversation about community benefits, if the ordinance was adopted.

Mayor Hopewell agreed with Vice Mayor Anderson and noted there were ongoing conversations already about the issue of community benefits.

Commissioner Cooney stated a lot of people had concerns about the ordinance, and it would be a mistake to adopt the ordinance without looking at the larger perspective.

With a roll call vote the motion passed 4-2.

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson,
Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: Commissioners Cooney and Cunningham

City Manager's Report

City Manager Ritsema provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- *Inside the City* newsletter, February 2015 edition
- January 2015 Purchases
- Equal Employment/Affirmative Action Report – 4th Quarter 2014

Director Lam offered the following as a provisional definition of authentic community engagement: really deep reaching community conversation that resulted in meaningful action. Director Lam reported the collaborative engagement tool imaginekalamazoo.com would be launched the next day, February 17th, and would feature a budget exercise where people would have an imaginary \$1000 to allocate towards various community results, which were based on the Strategic Focus areas in the current *Blueprint for Action*. Director Lam stated this “high tech” tool would be balanced by “high touch” tools that allowed for face-to-face interaction and outreach to over 300 community leaders to learn how they engage their people. Director Lam encouraged people to use imaginekalamazoo.com and noted paper surveys and materials were available from the Community Planning and Development Department.

Update on Community Engagement Efforts

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Monica Westover, non-resident, announced her new Facebook page was up and running and was entitled Justice is No Mistake.

Tim Graham, City resident, stated he was proud to be a part of the process that night and expressed support for co-operative enterprises.

Annie Sprague, City resident, expressed disappointment that the City did not have data to support its position on the DDRD expansion. Ms. Sprague stated she wanted to hear more about City’s Commission Priority #5.

Chris Wahmhoff, City resident, stated he thought the remarks by Commissioners on the DDRD expansion were patronizing.

Laura Sprague, City resident, thanked Commissioners Cooney and Cunningham for listening to residents. Ms. Sprague stated the Commission spoke to citizens in condescending ways and missed opportunities to engage smart people.

Richard Stewart, City resident, thanked Commissioners Cooney and Cunningham and announced the formation of the Southtown Neighborhood Association.

Asha Khazad, City resident, commented about people who spoke at City Commission meetings and then left the meeting when their item was done. Mr. Khazad thanked people who attended Commission meetings on a regular basis and stayed for the whole meeting.

Chris Mbah, City resident, thanked Commissioners Cooney and Cunningham and expressed disappointment in the other Commissioners regarding the DDRD expansion. Mr. Mbah stated residents had been disenfranchised by the decision making process.

Dana Underwood, City resident, stated the Commission had missed an opportunity to make the standards and guidelines

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

better. Ms. Underwood questioned whether people could log in to imaginekalamazoo.com more than once and whether the website would distinguish between residents and non-residents.

Kaitlin Martin, City resident, stated oppression was written into architecture, and the more regulation/less regulation dichotomy described by Vice Mayor Anderson was really two sides of the same coin. Ms. Martin stated rising property values would cause gentrification, as residents would be bought out and forced out of their neighborhood.

Gerry Hoffmann, City resident, thanked the Commission for adopting the DDRD expansion ordinance and stated he preferred "gentrification" to "slumification."

Katie Pearson, City resident, stated it was a sacrifice for some people to attend Commission meetings, and she suggested someone with diversity training be involved with the community outreach process.

Shannon Sykes, City resident, stated there was a lot of pain in the room because listening did not take place. Ms. Sykes stated the people in the room did a lot of community work, and the guidelines were all about development. Ms. Sykes indicated this was an opportunity for community engagement to move forward.

Frank Warren, City resident, expressed displeasure that someone had put a camera in front of the American flag. Mr. Warren reported that woman in his condominium complex was vandalizing the buildings.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cunningham stated he believed in the Downtown Design Review Standards and Guidelines and noted investment in the Southtown area would come with or without the guidelines. Commissioner Cunningham stated the City Commission did listen to the concerns of residents.

Commissioner Urban stated Chris Mbah and Dana Underwood had impacted his thinking. Commissioner Urban stated he was embarrassed the City Commission had done nothing on Priority #5, the poverty reduction priority. Commissioner Urban indicated there was mutual distrust between the public and the City Commission. Commissioner Urban stated there was a lot of work to do and urged people to stay engaged.

Commissioner Cinabro thanked people for coming to speak on the DDRD expansion and stated he would remain engaged on this issue. Commissioner Cinabro stated Commissioners needed to trust the professional staff who worked for the City. Commissioner Cinabro promised he would work hard but indicated there would be disagreements, and he would not please everyone.

Mayor Hopewell thanked Public Safety Chief for his recent open letter the community and *Kalamazoo Public Safety Progress Report*.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk
For City Commission approval on April 6, 2015

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

Adjournment

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 2, 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 Pastor Ken Smeader, Kalamazoo Missionary Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Vice Mayor Anderson proclaimed March 1-7, 2015 <i>Women in Construction Week</i>. Jenna Horrigan of the National Association of Women in Construction, Kalamazoo/Battle Creek Chapter 302, 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 Ritsema reported there had been a total of 176 frozen water service lines, with 50 currently frozen, and he encouraged residents who had experienced frozen lines in 2014 or 2015 to run a trickle of water to prevent freezing.</p> <p>City Manager Ritsema announced there would be a City Commission Work Session on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the May 5th statewide ballot proposal.</p>
Update on the Implementation of a Group Violence Intervention Strategy	<p>Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley reported the Mayor, City Manager, representatives from the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS), and some community leaders had recently attended a two-day instructional session in New York City on the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) model by the National Network for Safe Communities. Chief Hadley described the GVI model, referenced his recent letter to the community entitled <i>Kalamazoo Public Safety Progress Report</i>, and mentioned President Obama's 21st Century Task Force on Policing. A copy of Chief Hadley's letter was filed with the papers for this meeting.</p> <p>In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Chief Hadley stated the next steps would be securing grant funding for additional GVI training and educating the community leaders about the GCI model to make them more comfortable with it.</p>

Commissioner Cooney stated he had enjoyed dinner with David Kennedy when he was in Kalamazoo, expressed support for the GVI model, and thanked Chief Hadley for pursuing this strategy.

Update on the Implementation of a Group Violence Intervention Strategy (cont'd)

In response to a question from Commissioner Urban, Chief Hadley stated there was some violent activity that could be attributed to groups, and some that was more random. Chief Hadley clarified the Cease Fire program was one approach to addressing violence and was not a silver bullet.

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 a contract in the amount of \$124,710.00 with Peerless-Midwest, Inc. to perform well rehabilitations for Production Wells 1-1, 1-3, and 1-6 at Water Pumping Station (WPS) 1 (Central), Production Well 8-3 at WPS 8 (West Kilgore), and Production Well 24-18A at WPS 24 (Al Sabo).
- approval of a contract with Fedewa, Inc. to paint the Gull Road Water Storage Facility in the amount of \$444,900.
- approval of an agreement with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission through which the City of Kalamazoo will provide maintenance and utility locating services for all traffic signals under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission.
- approval of a Service Agreement between the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority, the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board and the City of Kalamazoo for calendar year 2015.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** designating the polling facility location for Precinct 15 to be used during the State of Michigan Special election on May 5, 2015 and for each election thereafter.

Resolution 15-09

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, 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, Cunningham, Miller, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on two resolutions and an ordinance authorizing the sale of capital improvement and water revenue bonds, but no comments were offered.

Bond Resolutions and Ordinance

Resolution 15-10
Authorizing CIP Bonds

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, moved to adopt the following bond authorizing resolutions and ordinances:

Notice of Intent
Resolution 15-11 for
Water Revenue Bonds

- a Resolution authorizing the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds in the amount of \$5,150,000;

Ordinance 1933
Authorizing Water
Revenue Bonds

- a Notice of Intent Resolution for Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015;

- an Ordinance Authorizing Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 in the amount of \$3,035,000.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor Anderson noted the importance of investing in the infrastructure that provided water and sewer service.

Commissioner Urban remarked the City's water supply came from a complex system of wells.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Allocation of HUD
Funds (CDBG) – Start
of 30-day Comment
Period

Community Development Manager Dorla Bonner provided a brief overview of the City's process for allocating funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Anderson, Ms. Bonner explained the City had adopted a Consolidated Plan for the use of HUD funds for the years 2014-2019, and the plan being released for public comment was the annual action plan that described how the HUD funds received in 2015 would be used to achieve the goals described in the Consolidated Plan. Ms. Bonner noted the Consolidated Plan was developed with a tremendous amount of input from the community.

Commissioner Cunningham remarked that he had been on the Community Development Act Advisory Committee (CDAAC) and thanked Ms. Bonner for her work.

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the release of the 2015 Draft Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Asha Khazad, City resident, discussed his residency at the Washington Square Cooperative Apartments and stated support from the federal government was important to making these apartments affordable.

Richard Stewart, City resident, urged citizens to provide input on the draft action plan. Mr. Stewart stated it was surprising to see the amount of HUD funds going to the City when most of the non-

profit organizations who applied for CDBG funding were either not funded at all or funded at an amount that was less than their requests.

Cody Decker, City resident, asked the City to stop implementation of the Downtown Design Review District ordinance for six months.

Max Tibbitts, City resident, commended CDAAC for its work. Mr. Tibbitts explained that neighborhood associations had requested the Douglas Fire Station be renovated to provide a site for youth activities and after school programs. Mr. Tibbitts noted the \$50,000 allocated for the fire station renovation was just a small part of the total cost, and the neighborhoods involved would seek grants from other sources and donate labor to make the project happen.

Chris Mbah, City resident and member of CDAAC, stated the CDBG funding allocations went through a very transparent and inclusive process with CDAAC.

Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to approve the release of the 2015 Draft Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period to begin on March 2, 2015, as required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor Anderson thanked CDAAC for its work. Vice Mayor Anderson confirmed the City used CDBG funds for functions like code enforcement and noted many cities, like Grand Rapids, used all their CDBG funds for City activities, which the HUD rules allowed. Vice Mayor Anderson explained Kalamazoo was one of the few cities that distributed CDBG funds to local agencies and non-profits through a process that included a great deal of community input.

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 provided the following reports and updates:

City Manager Ritsema thanked the City Commission for a profitable retreat on Saturday, February 28th and stated he would bring the updated priorities to the City Commission for approval in the near future.

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Frank Warren, City resident, spoke about a resident of his condominium who vandalized the building.

Chris Wahmhoff, City resident, stated he was encouraged by the retreat on Saturday and thanked Commissioner Urban for engaging citizens. Mr. Wahmhoff urged the City to talk with Steve

Allocation of HUD Funds (CDBG) – Start of 30-day Comment Period (cont'd)

City Manager's Report

Citizen Comments

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Metcalf and Jim Casha regarding the City's budget situation and poverty reduction. Mr. Wahmhoff commented on the L3C model for organizing a company.

Brad Loomis, City resident, thanked the City for the Façade Improvement Grant for his restaurant, Station 702, and invited people to a six-month anniversary ribbon cutting event on March 21st.

Asha Khazad, City resident, clarified that Mahatma Ghandi never declared himself a Christian. Mr. Khazad reported he had recently joined Friendship Baptist Church and offered remarks about God. Richard Stewart, City resident, stated there were pictures on social media of City Commissioners with alcohol at a spaghetti dinner, and he made comments about Commissioners discussing City business under the influence of alcohol. Mr. Stuart questioned why the City was promoting the use of alcohol.

Jacob Johnson, City resident, spoke about City Commission priorities #3 (creating a shared vision) and #5 (creating shared prosperity) and stated he and his family had not experienced shared prosperity in Kalamazoo.

Cody Decker, City resident, thanked Commissioners Cooney and Cunningham for voting against the Downtown Design Review District ordinance and thanked all Commissioners for their service.

Chris Mbah, City resident, thanked Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Cunningham for engaging him in conversation. Mr. Mbah suggested the City use a speaker sign-in form like the one used by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners to record contact information and comments from citizens. A copy of this form was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Thelma Fry, City resident, spoke about how her daughter was assaulted and her son was arrested by KDPS officers in August 2014 and stated she had not heard anything from the City about her complaint.

Ben Kiffa, City resident, asked if there was a place for homeless people to go when temperatures became extremely cold.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cunningham apologized to Ms. Fry for what happened to her family. Commissioner Cunningham stated the CDAAC process was unique and urged people to attend those meetings.

Commissioner Urban stated the symbolism of the elevated dais required some additional effort on the part of both Commissioners and citizens to understand each other.

Commissioner Cinabro asked for a report on Ms. Fry's complaint. Commissioner Cinabro commented on the recent death of Judge Richard Enslin.

Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney thanked citizens for bringing forward constructive solutions. Commissioner Cooney noted February 21st was the 50th anniversary of the death of Malcolm X and offered remarks on his life.

Mayor Hopewell thanked Mr. Mbah for bringing forward his ideas. Mayor Hopewell requested clarification on the process for filing complaints against Public Safety.

Chief Hadley reported stated Ms. Frye filed a complaint with the Office of Professional Standards and indicated there was a completed investigation report on his desk, which he had partially reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 6, 2015

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

Roll Call

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the impact of Michigan Proposal 1 on the City of Kalamazoo.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Vice Mayor David Anderson
Robert Cinabro
Don Cooney
Eric Cunningham
Barbara Miller
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Presentation and Discussion of Michigan Proposal 1

John LaMacchia of the Michigan Municipal League (MML) delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Proposal 1 Presentation, March 9, 2015*. (A copy of the slides for this presentation were included with the papers for this meeting.) Mr. LaMacchia stated passage of Proposal 1 would mean an additional \$3.5 million per year by 2018 for the City of Kalamazoo for Act 51 road funding and \$661,000 per year in additional revenue sharing. Mr. LaMacchia distributed and reviewed a chart entitled *Proposal 1 Helps Michigan's Working Families and Roads*.

In response to a question from Commissioner Urban, Mr. LaMacchia stated the Act 51 formula was always vulnerable to change, but the question would be how to spend additional dollars. Mr. LaMacchia explained the wholesale gas tax was a percentage tax based on a 12-month rolling average of wholesale gas prices with a price floor and a mechanism to adjust for inflation.

In response to questions from Commissioner Cinabro, City Manager Ritsema stated the City would receive an additional \$661,000 per year for constitutional revenue sharing starting in 2016, with a total annual increase (both revenue sharing and new road money) of \$4 million by 2018.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, Mr. LaMacchia stated future legislatures can change the statutory part of this. How can legislature change \$4 million? Change Act 51 formula; change statutory revenue sharing payments. If Proposal 1 fails, statutory revenue sharing will definitely be on the chopping block. But this is a battle every year, so better to get guaranteed funds when you can.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. LaMacchia explained the elimination of sales tax on fuel and the increase of the wholesale gas tax would balance each other out so the price of gas would change little as a result of Proposal 1. Mr. LaMacchia stated the Safe Roads Yes! campaign was making presentations to non-municipal organizations like school boards.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. LaMacchia confirmed Michigan spent less on roads per capita than any other state, and he explained the drawbacks of turning interstate highways into toll roads, including having to give a significant portion of the toll revenue to the federal government.

Commissioner Cooney remarked on the widespread support for Proposal 1, including social justice advocacy groups like Michigan Citizen Action.

In response to Vice Mayor Anderson, Mr. LaMacchia stated the Michigan Township Association and Michigan Association of Counties supported the proposal. Mr. LaMacchia suggested City residents would look to their elected officials for leadership on this issue.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. LaMacchia explained the State had been transferring general fund revenue to the transportation budget, as Act 51 funding was not adequate to support the existing level of road maintenance.

Commissioner Urban stated it was appalling that the Michigan Chamber of Commerce had taken a neutral position on Proposal 1.

Mayor Hopewell stated Governor Snyder had addressed the MML Board of Directors and had indicated local communities would "take a hit" if Proposal 1 did not pass. Mayor Hopewell noted the City Commission would not be taking action at this meeting, but a resolution of support would be offered for the Commission's consideration on Monday, March 16th.

City Manager Ritsema explained there would be two major policy questions for the City Commission if Proposal 1 passed: 1) should the City use some of the new road funding to end the General Fund subsidy to the Major and Local Streets Funds?; and 2) should the City use the new road funding to reduce or eliminate the City's annual bond issue for road repairs? City Manager Ritsema stated the additional funding the City would gain through the passage of Proposal 1 would cover almost half of the projected \$6 million deficit over the next five years.

Vice Mayor Anderson stated he had followed the road funding issue as it worked through the legislature but indicated Mr. LaMacchia's presentation had provided perspective and context, which was helpful.

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

Tim Graham, City resident, spoke about the problem of unfunded business tax credits.

Gail, a City resident, asked for clarification about the entities that received road funding.

Mr. LaMacchia explained that road funding went to three organizations: cities; county road commissions; and MDOT.

Presentation and
Discussion of Michigan
Proposal 1 (cont'd)

Citizen Comments

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Jerry Harris, non-resident, spoke about the condition of Michigan roads and the benefits of recycling pavement.

Curt Shay, non-resident, expressed support for Proposal 1.

Max Tibbitts, City resident, expressed support for Proposal 1.

Commissioner
Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for comments from City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 6, 2015

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

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Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor David Anderson Bob Cinabro Don Cooney Eric Cunningham Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jack Urban*</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Urban. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives from the following neighborhood associations and community groups were present and addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p><u>Edison Neighborhood Association</u> Tomas Minto, President Tammy Taylor, Executive Director</p>
	<p>Representatives from the Vine Neighborhood Association and the West Main Hill Neighborhood Association had been invited to the meeting but were not present.</p>
Edison Neighborhood Association	<p>The Edison Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - invited Commissioners to ask questions about the Association's citizen engagement efforts in light of recent public criticism of those efforts. - distributed the <i>Edison Neighborhood Association Annual Report for 2014</i> and the March/April 2015 edition of the <i>Edison Voice</i> newsletter.
	<p>*Commissioner Urban arrived at 6:03 p.m.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Cooney asked if it was difficult to get participation from residents of the north end of the neighborhood.</p>
	<p>In response to Commissioner Cooney, Ms. Taylor stated events sponsored by the Association drew residents from all parts of the Neighborhood, and the membership of the Board of Directors was representative of the entire Neighborhood.</p>

Commissioner Cinabro stated he had enjoyed working with Mr. Minto on the Edison Community Engagement Committee over the past year.

Edison Neighborhood Association (cont'd)

Vice Mayor Anderson discussed his experience as a neighborhood association president and stated it was a challenge to engage an entire neighborhood. Vice Mayor Anderson noted he had reviewed the annual report and commended the Association for its work.

Next, 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

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 6, 2015

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

	<p>A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 16, 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 Reverend John McNaughton, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamations	<p>Commissioner Cinabro read a proclamation honoring <i>Justice Richard Alan Enslin, 1931-2015</i>. Pamela and Gennady Enslin 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>City Manager Ritsema requested that Item G-3, a resolution supporting the proposed public transportation millage to be placed before the voters within the CCTA boundaries on August 4, 2015, be removed from the agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Ritsema reported all frozen water service lines had been thawed.</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 for property maintenance with US Lawns for mowing City owned properties, green space within State trunk lines, railroad right-of-way, Brownfield properties, nuisance violation properties and City Cemeteries, in the amount of \$331,115. - approval of a one-year contract extension with Republic Services of West Michigan in the amount of \$150,000 for the rental, placement, and removal of roll-off containers and disposal of all street sweeping materials deposited in those containers. - approval of the purchase of one aerial bucket truck from Cannon Truck Equipment in the amount of \$125,500.

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** of Intent to apply for annual transit financial assistance from the Michigan Department of Transportation for FY2016.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to update the City of Kalamazoo Rules for Cemeteries, which will replace the various resolutions adopted by the City Commission over time that addressed specific cemetery sections.
- approval of the updated list of *Non-Bargaining Unit Employees Exempt from Civil Service Protection*.
- acceptance of a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,589 to purchase a new utility vehicle for the Mayors' Riverfront Park complex and approval of an increase to the General Fund appropriation by that same amount.
- acceptance of a Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Income Grant in the amount of \$181,500 and authorize Community Development staff to submit all required reports.
- approval of a request from the Kalamazoo Country Club for a permit to publicly display fireworks at 1609 Whites Road on Saturday, July 4, 2015 with a rain date of Sunday, July 5th.

Resolution 15-12

Resolution 15-13

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Urban, 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, Cunningham, Miller, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on proposed changes to the methods and assumptions for the City's Employee Retirement System and the City's Retiree Health Care Trust Fund, but no comments were offered.

Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt changes to the methods and assumptions for the City's Employee Retirement System and the City's Retiree Health Care Trust Fund.

Prior to a vote on the motion and in response to a question from Commissioner Cinabro, City Manager Ritsema stated the assumed rate of return and amortization period would not change.

Vice Mayor Anderson noted the City's pension system was healthy, and he explained how the proposed changes to the actuarial assumptions

Regular Agenda

Changes to the Actuarial Assumptions and Methods for the Pension System and Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund

Changes to the Actuarial Assumptions and Methods for the Pension System and Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund (cont'd)

affected the funding levels in the system. Vice Mayor Anderson reported pension systems statewide were only 61.3% funded, and he noted the City was proactive in taking actions to address its pension and retiree healthcare benefit liabilities. Vice Mayor Anderson thanked the Retirement System Investment Committee for its work over the years.

Commissioner Cooney commended the efforts of the Investment Committee and the work of City Manager Ritsema over the past year to address the City's retiree healthcare benefit liabilities.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Resolution 15-14
Supporting State
Proposal 1 for Safer
Roads

When given an opportunity comment on a resolution in support of Proposal 1 for Safer Roads, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Tim Graham, City resident, asked for clarification on the amount of the projected 2016 deficit in the City's General Fund if Proposal 1 passed.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** in support of Proposal 1 for Safer Roads.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, City Manager Ritsema stated passage of Proposal 1 would mean an additional \$661,000 for the General Fund in 2016, which would reduce the projected General Fund deficit to below \$2.4 million; and the new road funding would enable an elimination of the GF subsidy by approximately \$1 million in 2016, which would reduce the deficit to \$1.4 million. City Manager Ritsema noted there would be two policy questions for the City if Proposal 1 passed and was fully implemented between 2016-2018: 1) should the City stop transferring money from the General Fund to the Major and Local Streets Funds; and 2) should the City use the new road money to reduce its dependence on debt financing for road repairs.

Vice Mayor Anderson noted any proposal to increase revenue would have its detractors. Vice Mayor Anderson described how the City borrowed money every year to fix local streets. Vice Mayor Anderson expressed support for Proposal 1, as something needed to be done about the roads in Michigan.

Commissioner Cinabro stated he was not happy with how the Proposal 1 came about, but the proposal itself was not bad. Commissioner Cinabro stated the state's roads were a disaster, and there were no alternatives. Commissioner Cinabro expressed support for Proposal 1.

Commissioner Miller noted Michigan ranked 50th in the country in road spending per-capita. Commissioner Miller encouraged people to vote

“yes” on Proposal 1 and suggested the City submit a viewpoint article to the Kalamazoo Gazette in support of the proposal.

Commissioner Cooney noted 1997 was the last time taxes were raised for roads, and 25% of the bridges in Michigan were structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Commissioner Cooney expresses support for Proposal 1.

Commissioner Cunningham expressed support for Proposal 1, as it would mean an investment in the City’s streets and roads.

Commissioner Urban stated a 7% sales tax would put Michigan in-line with the states around it. Commissioner Urban expressed support for Proposal 1.

Mayor Hopewell expressed support for Proposal 1 and stated he was on the board for the Michigan Municipal League, which had voted in February to support the proposal.

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 provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Report and Project Updates
- Inside the City newsletter, March 2016 edition
- February, 2015 Purchases

City Manager Ritsema reported there had been 79 interactions through imaginekalamazoo.com regarding Priority Based Budgeting. City Manager Ritsema invited people to the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4th.

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Frank Warren, City resident, described his involvement with Kalamazoo Drug Court and stated the community needed to help the young people who went through that program.

Axl Gale, City resident, spoke about sidewalks that were not kept clear of snow and ice during the winter.

Richard Stewart, City resident, expressed opposition to use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for City services, like code enforcement, and spoke about Vice Mayor Anderson drinking alcohol at a neighborhood fundraising event.

Cody Decker, City resident, expressed opposition to use of CDBG funds for City services, like code enforcement, and asked for more detailed information on how the City would use these funds. Mr.

Resolution 15-14
Supporting State
Proposal 1 for Safer
Roads (cont’d)

City Manager’s Report

Citizen Comments

Citizen Comments
(cont'd)

Decker asked what the City was doing to engage citizens during the 30-day comment period for the CDBG allocations and asked if "ban the box" could be expanded through the whole City.

Annie Sprague, City resident, spoke about her chronic health condition. Ms. Sprague questioned why there was no Sunday bus service and how the City would use CDBG funds for code enforcement. Ms. Sprague expressed concern about the X-Train. Asha Khazad, City resident, spoke about the need for the United States to support, and have a good relationship with, China.

Chris Mbah, City resident, urged people to attend meetings of the Community Development Act Advisory Committee to learn more about the CDBG allocations. Mr. Mbah stated there needed to be authentic engagement and a more inclusive process around the implementation of the Cease Fire program. Mr. Mbah stated the City Commission shouldn't "run" from using the word "authentic," but should define it.

Tim Graham, City resident, stated Kalamazoo was on the right path to being the prototypical urban model, in contrast to the State of Michigan and Detroit. Mr. Graham stated Kalamazoo needed to become self-sufficient and not depend on the state and federal government.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Urban spoke about the different elements of Proposal 1 and urged voters to support it on May 5th.

Commissioner Miller expressed condolences to the Ferraro family on the death of Charlotte Ferraro and noted corrections that needed to be made to *Calendar of Upcoming Meetings*.

Commissioner Cooney invited people to attend a presentation by James Forman, Jr. at the Fetzer Center on March 30th. The title of Mr. Forman's presentation would be *Less Prison, More College: A Civil Rights Agenda for the 21st Century*.

Mayor Hopewell noted the Loy Norrix and Kalamazoo Central basketball teams were playing each other in a regional playoff matchup. Mayor Hopewell congratulated Jeff Shuta on his retirement. Mayor Hopewell stated Vice Mayor Anderson had worked tirelessly on behalf of the community for 30 years, and it was unconscionable for someone to use social media to degrade a person's reputation.

Closed Session

Commissioner Cinabro, 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 indicated the Commission would not be returning to open session following the closed session.

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 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 6, 2015

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

Closed Session
(cont'd)

Adjournment



Commission Agenda Report

Date: **04/06/15**
Item **G1**

City of Kalamazoo

TO: Mayor Hopewell, Vice Mayor Anderson, and City Commissioners

FROM: James K. Ritsema, ICMA-CM, City Manager
Prepared by: Sean McBride, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Central County Transportation Authority (CCTA) Proposed 2015 Public Transportation Millage Request

DATE: March 13, 2015

RECOMMENDATION

The City of Kalamazoo members of the Central County Transportation Authority request the City Commission approval of the attached Resolution which supports the proposed public transportation millage to be placed before the voters within the CCTA boundaries on August 4, 2015.

BACKGROUND

On August 6, 2014, the CCTA was incorporated by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners under Act 196 (the Public Transportation Act P.A. 196 of 1986, as amended). The boundaries for the CCTA include all of the City of Kalamazoo, City of Parchment, City of Portage, Comstock Township, Kalamazoo Township, and voting precincts 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Oshtemo Township. In September 2014 the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners appointed members to serve on the CCTA Board of Directors. The following are current members of the CCTA Board:

Name	Jurisdiction
Linda Teeter (Chair)	City of Kalamazoo
Greg Rosine (Vice-Chair)	City of Kalamazoo
Garrylee McCormick	City of Kalamazoo
Rob Britigan	City of Parchment
Pamela Brown Goodacre	Kalamazoo Township
Deb Everett	Oshtemo Township
Martin Janssen	Rural
Ann Nieuwenhuis	Comstock Township
Jim Pearson	City of Portage
Terry Urban	City of Portage
Vacant	Rural

At the meeting of the CCTA on February 6, 2015, the Board approved a preliminary recommendation for placing a public transit millage question on the August 4, 2015, ballot that would be for 0.75 mils for five years. This millage rate would fund existing fixed-route bus service plus enhanced services that would include Sunday service, later evening/night service and some increased route frequencies. The CCTA Board plans to consider a resolution with ballot language at a joint meeting of the City of Kalamazoo Transportation Authority Board, Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority and CCTA on March 19, 2015.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONSULTED

In considering the millage question to be placed before the voters the CCTA Board spent multiple meetings, considered many resources and pieces of data. In addition several public meetings were conducted to obtain the input of citizens and riders as well as the jurisdictions included in the CCTA boundaries.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KALAMAZOO

RESOLUTION NO. 15-_____

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MILLAGE REQUEST FOR AUGUST 4, 2015

WHEREAS, Whereas, Central County Transportation Authority and the City of Kalamazoo make the following findings:

1. Public transportation is an essential service to the Kalamazoo County region. In 2014, there were over 3.2 million rides provided on public transportation in Kalamazoo County; and

2. Public transportation in Kalamazoo County is funded through a variety of sources that include State of Michigan grants, Federal grants through the Federal Transit Administration, fares, other operating revenues and two locally funded voter approved property tax millages; and

3. The property tax millages are essential in order to receive and leverage the State and Federal grants; and

4. The Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority ("KCTA") was formed under Public Act 196 of 1986, as amended ("Act 196") and currently levies one of the millages, which is a 0.4 county-wide millage set to expire at the end of 2016; and

5. The City of Kalamazoo and the City of Kalamazoo Transportation Authority Board levies the other millage within the City of Kalamazoo, which is a 0.6 millage set to expire at the end of 2015; and

6. The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners recently created CCTA, a public transportation authority also formed under Act 196, which has the ability to levy a millage within the geographic boundary of CCTA, if the millage is approved by voters; and

7. Jurisdictions within the boundaries of the CCTA includes the City of Kalamazoo, City of Parchment, City of Portage, Comstock Township, Kalamazoo Township and part of Oshtemo Township that includes the area of voting precincts 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, and

8. The public transportation system is anticipated to be transferred by the City of Kalamazoo to either KCTA or CCTA upon successful voter approval of the CCTA millage and completion of Transfer Agreement; and

9. In preparation for the transfer of the public transportation system, CCTA has evaluated the need for a millage, within its geographic boundary.

10. The CCTA millage levy will be used to fund the current level of urban fixed-route bus service and is anticipated to be able to fund additional levels of service that include Sunday service, extended night service hours and some increased route frequencies.

11. The current approved KCTA millage levy is used to fund Metro County Connect (MCC) demand/response services and fixed-route bus service outside the boundaries of the City of Kalamazoo. The future KCTA millage, upon passage and collection of the CCTA millage, will be solely utilized to fund the countywide MCC demand/response service and other specialized services like the Community Service Van program.

12. The millage currently levied by the City of Kalamazoo, which is set to expire at the end of 2015; and will not be put before the voters of the City of Kalamazoo upon successful passage of the CCTA millage vote, and

13. CCTA has determined that it is necessary to levy a millage within its geographic boundary given the expiring millage currently levied by the City of Kalamazoo and the increasing difficulty in funding the public transportation system through other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The City of Kalamazoo supports the proposed CCTA millage of up to 0.75 mills for the years 2016 through 2020 to be placed before the voters on August 4, 2015; and
2. Upon voter approval of the CCTA millage and prior to the transfer of the public transit system to the CCTA or KCTA, the City of Kalamazoo and the Department of Transportation – Metro Transit will support the implementation of the enhanced fixed-route bus service levels identified in the CCTA millage request.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the City of Kalamazoo, City Commission, held on the _____, 2015, the original of which is in the official proceedings of the Commission.

Scott A. Borling, City Clerk




Commission Agenda Report

Date: **04/06/15**

Item **G2**

City of Kalamazoo

TO: Mayor Hopewell, Vice Mayor Anderson, and City Commissioners
FROM: James K. Ritsema, ICMA-CM, City Manager 
DATE: April 6, 2015
SUBJECT: Creation of a Blue-Ribbon Revenue Panel

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize creation of a 21-member Blue-ribbon Panel (The Panel) comprised of city residents, businesses, non-profit, and education stakeholders from the community. The charge of the Panel will be to research, study, and explore revenue options that, when considered together, would address the City's General Fund structural budget imbalance. The culmination of the Panel's work will be the issuance of a report that will be presented to the City Commission. If possible, the Panel will, by consensus, recommend a preferred option for the City Commission to consider for implementation.

It is further recommended that the City Commission amend the FY 2015 General Fund Budget by appropriating \$75,000 for the associated consulting costs.

BACKGROUND

The municipal finance model in the State of Michigan is broken, caused in large part from Proposal A and Headlee Constitutional limitations that limit the growth of property tax revenue and a high percentage of non-profit property tax exemptions. Add to this the fact that the City's taxable value of property has declined 13% since 2008, and the reality is that property tax revenues will likely never recover to pre-Great Recession amounts.

Because the City cannot operate a fund in a deficit position according to State law, the City has reduced General Fund expenditures by 13% to balance its budget since 2008; another \$3 million shortfall has been projected for 2016. To aide in the discussion of how to address this shortfall, the City is undertaking the implementation of Priority Based Budgeting as a tool to demonstrate how resources are being spent so informed decision-making can occur around addressing this shortfall. Beyond 2016, another \$3 million cumulative General Fund deficit is projected over the ensuing four years. Further expenditure reductions cannot be made without severely impacting the provision of core services. Given this situation, the time is right to begin exploring a change in the City's primary revenue source to one that is more reliable both to the City and its residents,

can grow when the City grows, and can provide a sustainable funding source for City operations, capital maintenance, and long-term liabilities.

In light of the above facts, in January 2014, the City Commission adopted a strategic goal to “Create long-term stability/sustainability given new realities.” Within this goal was the objective to “create new revenue,” which was defined as the review of “other forms of revenue, including non-profits, income tax, countywide tax; produce a comprehensive menu of options for new revenue to support the City’s operations, capital and long-range goals.” To achieve this goal and objective, the assembly of a diverse group of community stakeholders, the Panel, is being recommended to research and study this issue and possible solutions.

The Panel composition is recommended as follows:

Stakeholder Group	No. Reps.	Stakeholder Group	No. Reps.
City Residents	11	Non-profit	3
Private Sector	4	Education	3

City Commissioners can nominate representatives to serve on the Panel. Additionally, interested residents can submit a City of Kalamazoo Board and Commission application by 5 p.m. April 20, 2015 to the following address:

City Clerk’s Office
City of Kalamazoo
241 W. South St.
Kalamazoo MI 49007

The form is located at:

<http://www.kalamazoocity.org/reports/BoardAndCommissionApplicationForm.pdf>

The City Manager will be authorized to appoint stakeholder representatives to the Panel based on each of the four stakeholder groups. The composition of the Panel will reflect the diversity of our community to ensure that many perspectives are represented.

Transparency will be a hallmark of the Panel’s work. Panel meetings will be open to the public and properly noticed under the Open Meetings Act, and a resource page will be created on the City’s website to document the Panel’s work and create an archive of meeting materials. The W.E. Upjohn Institute and Plante Moran will provide technical support to the Panel and the City will utilize the services of a professional facilitator to facilitate Panel meetings and work.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONSULTED

The City's revenue issue is complex and involves many key stakeholders. As such, a Panel composed of representatives from the many interested stakeholders identified above is being recommended.

FISCAL IMPACT

Several outside resources will be needed to aid the work of the task force. A facilitator will be utilized to guide the work of the Panel. Also, legal, financial, accounting and revenue study consultation will be necessary. The cost for these services is estimated to be \$75,000 and would be paid from the City's General Fund. The FY 2015 Budget would need to be amended by the City Commission to provide these funds.

ALTERNATIVES

The City Commission could not authorize the City Manager to create the Blue Ribbon Panel. If that were the case, structural solutions to the City's fiscal problems would need to be explored through the 5-year fiscal plan. These solutions would more than likely include deeper budgetary cuts resulting in service eliminations.

ATTACHMENTS

None