City of Kalamazoo
Local Officers’ Compensation Commission
Minutes from the Meeting of December 9, 2003

A meeting of the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC) was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Clerks Office, Room 202 in City Hall.

Members Present: Leslie Decker, Edgar Gordon, James Heaton, Dale Hein, Natalie Patchell

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Deputy City Clerk Scott Borling

Compensation Levels for Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Commissioners

Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Patchell, moved that the compensation for the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Commissioners remain at their current levels, which are as follows: Mayor - $8,000.00 per annum; Vice Mayor - $6,300.00 per annum; and City Commissioners - $5,700.00 per annum.

With a roll call vote of four to one, the motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners Decker, Heaton, Hein, and Patchell

NAYS: Commissioner Gordon

Prior to a vote on the motion, Deputy Clerk Borling distributed a chart entitled Compensation Rates for Various Municipalities, December 2003. Extensive discussion followed regarding the compensation for elected officials in the City of Kalamazoo as compared with elected officials in other cities and townships in Michigan. The abovementioned chart was incorporated into the minutes by reference.

Report to City Commission

By consensus, Commissioner Heaton was chosen to report the determination of the LOCC to the City Commission. This report was to include both the determination and the reasoning behind the determination. A written copy of this report was incorporated into the minutes by reference.
Membership

Commissioner Patchell noted the lack of representation on the LOCC from the north and east sections of the city, and she suggested candidates for the two vacancies on the LOCC be recruited from neighborhoods in those areas.

By consensus, the LOCC requested that the vacancies be listed in the announcement section of the City Commission meeting agendas until such time as appointments are made to these positions.

Adjournment

Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Hein, moved to adjourn the meeting. With a voice vote, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
Deputy City Clerk