

CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE KALAMAZOO
FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City held on August 21, 2017, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time, at the City Hall.

PRESENT, Commissioners:

ABSENT, Commissioners:

WHEREAS, The City Commission has adopted the following Five Priorities to set the course for the City's future direction:

- a. Create long-term fiscal stability/sustainability given new realities;
- b. Build a high performance organizational culture by engaging the workforce;
- c. Create a shared vision/future direction using intentional community engagement;
- d. Continue to provide exceptional "core" municipal services;
- e. Foster collective action to reduce unacceptable poverty- especially of children.

AND, that in response to the broken Michigan municipal finance model, the City convened a Blue Ribbon Revenue Panel in 2015 whose Final Report made several recommendations regarding City revenue improvements, but acknowledged that those recommendations did not fully address future anticipated City revenue shortfalls;

AND, that City residents and property owners shoulder a tax burden that frustrates efforts to compete for new investment in the community;

AND, that as part of the effort to update its Strategic Vision and Master Plan, the City engaged its residents and other stakeholders, completing the Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 process which developed a shared vision for the community, created its future direction, and identified the resources needed to advance and achieve that vision;

AND, that the leadership of the City partnered with two philanthropic pillars of the community to explore the viability of a new approach to municipal finance through the creation of an enduring non-profit entity whose sole purpose was to support City operations, reduce the tax burden of residents and property owners, and fund aspirational programs that are consistent with Five Priorities and the Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 process;

AND, that at its meeting of October 24, 2016, the City Commission acted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding which would create the Kalamazoo Foundation for Excellence (KFFE) and directed the City Manager and City Attorney to work with the Lead Donors to draft Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the KFFE.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

Pursuant to authority provided to the City of Kalamazoo as a Michigan Home Rule City, at MCL 117.4o, the Kalamazoo Foundation for Excellence is created as a nonprofit corporation organized for the public purpose to support and benefit the operation and programs of the City of Kalamazoo; and that

Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell and City Manager James K. Ritsema are authorized to sign and file all documents necessary, as the initial incorporators, to create and give effect to the incorporation of Kalamazoo Foundation for Excellence pursuant to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, being MCL 450.2101 *et seq.*, and that City Attorney Clyde J. Robinson is authorized as the initial resident agent for said nonprofit corporation.

The above resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

AYES, Commissioners:

NAYS, Commissioners:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Kalamazoo at a regular meeting held on August 21, 2017. Public notice was given and the meeting was conducted in full compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267, 1976). Minutes of the meeting will be available as required by the Act.

Scott Borling, City Clerk