

	A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor Don Cooney David Anderson Matt Milcarek Jack Urban COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Erin Knott Shannon Sykes Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Commissioners Excused	Commissioner Milcarek, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Knott and Sykes. With a voice vote the motion passed.
Invocation	The invocation, given by Bishop Daniel Cunningham, Greater Faith Empowerment Center, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.
Public Hearing re: Industrial Development District No. 129	At 7:03 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on a resolution to establish Industrial Development District No. 129 for the Davis Creek Business Park, located at 2805 East Cork Street. At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing
Resolution 17-28 Establishing Industrial Development District No. 129	Vice Mayor Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt a RESOLUTION to establish Industrial Development District No. 129 for the Davis Creek Business Park, located at 2805 East Cork Street. With a roll call vote this motion passed. AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Milcarek, Urban, Vice Mayor Cooney, Mayor Hopewell NAYS: None
Consent Agenda	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: - approval of a two-year contract with Republic Services of West Michigan in the amount of \$410,000 for the rental, placement, and removal of roll-off containers and disposal of all street sweeping materials deposited in those containers.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a contract with Rieth – Riley Construction Co., Inc. for the replacement of lead water service lines in Kalamazoo Township in the amount of \$848,110.00. - approval of the purchase of new duty weapons, lights and holsters from Vance Outdoors in the amount of \$103,432.90. - approval of a two-year contract extension with Wayne County Appraisal, LLC, d/b/a WCA Assessing, to provide City Assessor/Assessor of Record services in the amount of \$202,566; and a continuation of the appointment of Aaron Powers as the City Assessor through the expiration of this contract on May 31, 2019. - approval of a two-year contract extension with Wayne County Appraisal, LLC, d/b/a WCA Assessing, for field inspections, data entry of real property parcels, and data entry and canvas of personal property parcels in the amount of \$541,447. | <p>Consent Agenda
(cont'd)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION adopting and approving the Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 29), implemented by the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. | <p>Resolution 17-29</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION setting a public hearing for Housing and Urban Development Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2016 Action Plans and the Draft 2017 Action Plan. | <p>Resolution 17-30</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION supporting an application to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for a Capital Improvement Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for restoration/historic preservation of Alfonso Iannelli's Fountain of the Pioneers located in Bronson Park. | <p>Resolution 17-31</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION amending Resolution 17-05 to increase the City's match for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application for Bronson Park, for a total match of \$718,100. | <p>Resolution 17-32</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION amending Resolution 17-20 to adjust the City's grant match as required for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport grant application for Henderson Tot Lot. | <p>Resolution 17-33</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of the temporary (1-year) placement of "Slices of Heaven," a piece of public art, at the Arcadia Creek Festival Place and authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign any documents for the leased sculpture. | |

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Vice Mayor Cooney, moved to approve the consent agenda requests and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents on behalf of the City.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

Consent Agenda
(cont'd)

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Milcarek*, Urban, Vice Mayor Cooney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

*At the time of the vote, Commissioner Milcarek abstained from voting on Item F-7, a resolution setting a public hearing for the City's annual HUD action plan, due to a conflict of interest.

Report re: Federal
Budget Impact on City
Operations

Community Planning and Development Director Rebekah Kik, Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley, Public Services Director James Baker, and Management Services Director Tom Skrobola delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *City Commission Update, May 1, 2017: Federal Funds Update*.

Vice Mayor Cooney reviewed highlight's of President Trump's proposed federal budget and urged people to contact their congressional representatives to express opposition. Vice Mayor Cooney suggested the Commission send a letter of opposition to the City's representatives.

Report re: Proposed
Harrison/Gull
Roundabout

Director Baker and Director Kik delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *City Commission Update, May 1, 2017: Harrison, Ransom, North, Gull Improvements*.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Director Baker indicated the national standards did not contain guidelines for putting bike lanes in roundabouts because the standards recommend against this practice.

Commissioner Milcarek expressed concern that drivers would think bikes should not be in roundabouts, and he encouraged Director Baker to install signage and reach out to the public to educate both motorists and cyclists about use of the new roundabout.

Commissioner Urban stated the new roundabout design was an improvement over the previous design, but he expressed concern that the new design did not include protected bike lanes. Commissioner Urban stated other communities placed protected bike lanes in roundabouts, and he insisted that this be the last City street project that did not include bike lanes.

Citizen Comments

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

Jim Ferner, non-resident, stated he was the person who started the conversation about having bike lanes in the roundabout, and he suggested the City concentrate first on reducing traffic speeds and traffic counts in the Gull/Harrison area.

Zachary Lassiter, City resident, scolded a Commissioner for answering his phone during meeting and acknowledged that the Western Michigan University Public Safety Department was a Public Safety Answering Point.

Frank Warren, City resident, expressed concern about Kalamazoo Public School buses driving through private property. David Jones, City resident, expressed support for not having bike lanes in the Gull/Harrison roundabout and stated a good solution would be bike lanes on North Street. Gloria Foster Wimbley, non-resident and a representative from Delta Theta Sigma sorority, encouraged Commissioners to send letters to their congressional representatives regarding the continuation of federal funding. Phil Vander Weg, non-resident, thanked the City Commission CC for talking about bike lanes and stated his bike club had eliminated the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail route on Riverview Drive because crossing Gull Road was not safe. John Howard, City resident, spoke about the lack of a process for taxi driver's licenses and asked that Lyft and Uber be allowed to use existing taxi stands. Dean Houck, City resident, expressed support for putting bike paths in the Gull/Harrison roundabout. Chris Chatterdon, non-resident, stated the current plan for Gull/Harrison roundabout was good start but was not adequate.	Citizen Comments (cont'd)
Next, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners. Commissioner Milcarek urged people to vote on May 2nd and encouraged them to contact their elected representatives about the federal budget. Commissioner Milcarek remarked on the challenge of dealing with the City's existing infrastructure and stated the Gull/Harrison roundabout would be safer than the current situation, even it was still dangerous. Commissioner Milcarek indicated there were no other good options for this intersection, and there was no good, right way to design the roundabout. Commissioner Urban offered remarks about the City's reliance on federal funds, the benefits of community living in the City, and the challenge of dealing with existing infrastructure. Commissioner Anderson stated the City's legacy costs for infrastructure were the result of deferred maintenance and repairs due to reductions in state and federal funding. Commissioner Anderson discussed the impact of township government in limiting the growth of cities, and he observed the very taxes people wanted to keep low were the funding source for infrastructure like bike paths. Commissioner Anderson praised City staff for doing great work with limited resources, and he expressed support for the Gull/Harrison roundabout. Vice Mayor Cooney remarked on May Day demonstrations, which focused a spotlight on working people and immigrants.	City Commissioner Comments

Adjournment

Mayor Hopewell welcomed WOODTV to their new downtown studio and thanked Delta Theta Sigma for their remarks. Mayor Hopewell reviewed the history of the roundabout project and expressed support for the current design. Mayor Hopewell noted the proposed solution was not perfect, but it calmed traffic, was safer for pedestrians, offered off-street bike paths, and addressed community concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 5, 2017

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 5, 2017

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