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|                             | <p>A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 West South Street.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Roll Call                   | <p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell<br/>Vice Mayor Erin Knott<br/>David Anderson<br/>Don Cooney<br/>Eric Cunningham<br/>Shannon Sykes<br/>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 Ervin Armstrong, Stones Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Recognition of Julian Borst | <p>Mayor Hopewell presented a proclamation and Key to the City to Julian Borst in recognition of his community involvement and achievements as a three-time gold medalist at the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle Washington.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Adoption of the Agenda      | <p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</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"> <li>- approval of a change order with Carrier and Gable for traffic signal supplies to be provided through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$80,000 and a budget adjustment in the amount of \$40,000.</li> <li>- approval of a sole source contract with Evoqua Water Technologies to rebuild a screw pump unit at the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$165,000.</li> <li>- approval of a change order to the contract with SWT Excavating, Inc. for the 2018 Lead Services Replacement Project, in the amount of \$200,000.</li> <li>- first reading of an ordinance addressing the operation of bicycles on sidewalks in furtherance of the City's Complete Streets initiative.</li> <li>- first reading of an ordinance addressing the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians and bicyclists at crosswalks in furtherance of the City's Complete Streets initiative.</li> </ul> |
| Resolution 18-90            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- adoption of a <b>RESOLUTION</b> setting the schedule of regular City Commission meetings for the 2019 calendar year.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting a public hearing on January 7, 2019 to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the City of Kalamazoo.
- approval of a special permit for a miniature pig to be kept at 3650 Cardinal Avenue, subject to compliance with applicable statutes, ordinances and health codes.
- approval of the Mayor's appointment of Kyle Gulau to the Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Boards of Directors for a term expiring on March 31, 2025.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until January 7, 2018 consideration of the sale of 925 Grant Street to Andy Van Lente in the amount of \$1,500.

Commissioner Sykes, seconded by Commissioner Urban, 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 unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Cooney, Cunningham, Sykes, Urban, Vice Mayor Knott, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager Ritsema provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- November 2018 Purchases

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

Nathan Dannison, City resident and pastor of First Congregational Church, expressed support for Julian Borst, who was a church member. Pastor Dannison announced First Congregational Church was developing a natural playscape and learning center on property adjacent to Bronson Park. Pastor Dannison asked for general support from the City.

Jeanette Evans, City resident, asked the City to repair streets north of the railroad track, like North, Frank, Pitcher and Porter Streets.

Ervin Armstrong, Executive Director of New Genesis, spoke about the partnership between New Genesis and the YWCA for early childhood education and thanked the City for its recent letter of support.

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City Manager's Report

Citizen Comments

Citizen Comments  
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Michael Rizor, City resident, commended the City for standing up to lame duck legislation and opposing Senate Bill 1176 (SB 1176), which would keep City from disclosing the names of donors to the Foundation for Excellence (FFE).

Zachary Lassiter, City resident, expressed opposition to SB 1176. Mr. Lassiter noted a local political action committee, whose contributors included the lead donors for the FFE, had made campaign contributions to the State Senator who sponsored SB 1176.

Grant Fletcher, City resident, thanked City Commissioners for their work on behalf of the community.

City Commissioner  
Comments

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

Commissioner Sykes expressed opposition to SB 1176, and thanked Mayor Hopewell and City Manager Ritsema for sending a letter of opposition to local legislators. Commissioner Sykes urged people to contact their state legislators regarding SB 1176.

Commissioner Anderson expressed agreement with Commissioner Sykes on SB 1176 and wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Cooney noted Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> was the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sandy Hook massacre, and he remarked on the need for sensible, reasonable rules around guns.

Commissioner Urban stated transparency was necessary, because transparency was an important element to building trust.

Commissioner Cunningham spoke about the impact of mental illness during the holidays and urged people to look after their elderly neighbors and family during the winter months.

Mayor Hopewell invited people an open gym day at Pretty Lake Camp on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Hopewell wished people happy holidays.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling  
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 7, 2019

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: January 7, 2019

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