

Roll Call

A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell
Vice Mayor Don Cooney
David Anderson
Erin Knott
Matt Milcarek
Shannon Sykes
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell

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

Commissioners
Excused

Commissioner Milcarek, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Hopewell. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Communications

An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.

Neighborhood
Communications

Neighborhood communications were received next.

Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission:

Edison Neighborhood Association

Tammy Taylor, Executive Director

Parker/Duke Neighborhood Association

Bill Hughes, President

Edison
Neighborhood
Association

The Edison Neighborhood Association representative:

- reported on the good turnout for National Night Out.
- expressed concern that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) had changed its rules so that virtually anyone was allowed to get beer/wine licenses.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Cooney, City Clerk Borling explained the MLCC sent notices of new applications to the City, and those notices were reviewed by City staff to ensure compliance with zoning, building and fire codes. City Attorney Robinson reported that on multiple occasions the City had objected to an application because the new business would be located within 500 feet of an existing liquor establishment, but in each of these cases the MLCC had issued the licenses.

Commissioner Urban suggested the City catalog the instances when the MLCC issued licenses over the City's objections.

Ms. Taylor requested copies of the MLCC notifications for licenses in the Edison Neighborhood.

Edison
Neighborhood
Association (cont'd)

The Parker/Duke Neighborhood Association representative:

- reported there was not much activity with the Association.
- stated he had considered establishing a Facebook page for the Association, but hand-delivered, paper flyers were still the best form of communication.
- stated he was looking for someone to replace him as Association President.

An opportunity was given for general 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 6:08 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on September 5, 2017

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