

	A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.
Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor David Anderson Robert Cinabro Don Cooney Eric Cunningham Barbara Miller COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jack Urban Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Shelby Moss.
Commissioner Excused	Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Urban. With a voice vote this motion passed.
Invocation/Pledge	No invocation was given. Mayor Hopewell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following changes. Commissioner Anderson requested Item F6 (MSHDA NSP2 Program Income Grant) be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.
Communications	City Manager Ritsema invited the public to attend the next meeting of the Blue Ribbon Revenue Panel on Monday, July 20, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Metro Transit, 530 N. Rose.
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City: - approval of a two-year contract extension with Williams & Works for professional surveying services in the amount of \$213,611.50. - approval of a one year contract extension with Consumers Concrete Corporation for ready mixed concrete in the amount of \$156,750. - approval of a one-year contract extension with F2 Industries, LLC for Sodium Hexametaphosphate in the amount of \$146,559.60. - approval of a contract with Michigan Paving and Materials for the 2015 Major Streets Paving Program the amount of \$635,635.55. - approval a contract with Maxwell & Associates for improvements to Woods Lake Park in the amount of \$655,860.

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving an amendment to the City of Kalamazoo's Brownfield Plan [Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan (Amendment No. 26)] implemented and recommended for approval by the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority following a public hearing before the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
- acceptance of a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation to support the after school program at the Oakwood Neighborhood Association in the amount of \$900.
- approval of the City Commission minutes from the meetings on June 15, 2015.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until July 20, 2015 consideration of a resolution to vacate the City's interest in West Main Street Court.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner 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.

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Cunningham, Miller, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Vice Mayor Anderson requested a brief presentation on the MSHDA NSP2 Program Income Grant.

Community Planning and Development Director Laura Lam addressed the Commission and explained the funds for the grant would be coming from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2.

Commissioner Cooney thanked Director Lam and her staff for all their hard work to secure available grant dollars.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, moved to accept the MSHDA NSP2 Program Income Grant in the amount of \$258,500, and authorized the Community Development staff to submit all required reports.

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Cunningham, Miller, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Resolution 15-29

Regular Agenda

Acceptance of a
MSHDA/NSP2
Program Income
Grant

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Asha Khazad, City resident, requested the drinking fountain at City Hall be repaired before the next City Commission meeting and remarked on the meaning of "God."

Frank Warren, City resident, spoke about the importance of celebrating our free country and commented on an article written about Robert G. Heft, who designed the United States of America fifty star flag.

Jodi Dozeman, City resident, expressed concerns regarding the environment of City buses and the veterinary care available in the community. Written comments provided by Ms. Dozeman were filed with the papers for this meeting.

Kris Mbah, City resident, requested an update on the implementation of his proposed citizen comment form, and he remarked on the importance of authentic communication and holding the City Commission accountable.

Tim Graham, City resident, spoke about the priorities for the Blue Ribbon Revenue Panel, and he remarked on the need for a new way of thinking about revenue and resources in the City of Kalamazoo.

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Cunningham invited the public to attend the Black Arts Festival at La Crone Park from July 13th through July 19th.

Commissioner Cinabro expressed concern on behalf of City residents regarding the noise from late night fireworks displays over the weekend. Commissioner Cinabro stated he had spoken with City resident Joanne Musselman who reported firework noise at 1:20 a.m.

In response to questions from Commissioner Cinabro, City Attorney Robinson stated it was lawful to display fireworks during the 72 hour period around the ten federal holidays, including the 4th of July. City Attorney Robinson stated the City did have a curfew of no firework activity from 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. except for the New Year's Holiday where the curfew was shortened from 1:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Cooney thanked the Parks and Recreation staff and the Public Services staff for their hard work in preparing Mayor's River Front Park for the Kalamazoo Growler's baseball game held on the 4th of July. Commissioner Cooney invited the public to attend a question and answer presentation from the US Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Allied Paper Site clean-up on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Goodwill Industries, 420 E. Alcott Street.

City Manager Ritsema thanked the Parks and Recreation staff and the Public Services staff for all their hard work in cleaning up Mayor's River Front Park for the Kalamazoo Growler's baseball game held on the 4th of July.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell indicated the Commission would return to open session following the closed session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Cunningham, Miller,
Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

At 7:34 p.m. the City Commission went into closed session.

At 7:49 p.m. the City Commission returned to open session.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, moved to affirm the actions undertaken by legal counsel on behalf of the City to enter the Tolling Agreement and the Dismissal without Prejudice in the Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority, et al. v City, Kalamazoo County Circuit Court Case #14-0225CK.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Cinabro, Cooney, Cunningham, Miller,
Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby A. Moss
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 20, 2015

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: July 20, 2015

Closed Session

Affirmation of Tolling
Agreement and
Dismissal without
Prejudice in Gull Lake
Sewer and Water
Authority, et al. v City
of Kalamazoo