

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 West South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Erin Knott
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Eric Cunningham
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Shannon Sykes

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

Commissioner
Excused

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Sykes. With a voice vote the motion passed.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Mike Kemple of Missional Chaplains, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations

Commissioner Anderson proclaimed November 20, 2018 *Transgender Day of Remembrance* in the City of Kalamazoo. Outfront Kalamazoo Executive Director Denise Miller and staff from *Out Front Kalamazoo* received the proclamation.

Commissioner Urban proclaimed the month of November *Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month* in the City of Kalamazoo. Michael Hess, Chronic Lung Disease Coordinator, WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine received the proclamation.

Adoption of the
Agenda

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.

Public Hearing re: an
Ordinance to Add
Chapter 50 to the
Code of Ordinances
and Repeal Section
6.1 of Appendix A Off-
Street Parking and
Loading

At 7:15 p.m. Vice Mayor Knott opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ordinance to add Chapter 50: Zoning to City's Code of Ordinances and Repeal Section 6.1 of Appendix A Off-Street Parking and Loading.

City Planner Christina Anderson delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Proposed Text Amendment and Zoning Map Changes, November 19, 2018 – City Commission*. A copy of the presentation slides was filed with the papers for this meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cunningham, Ms. Anderson confirmed existing driveways would be grandfathered with regard to minimum and maximum widths.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on this item, but no comments were offered.

At 7:33 p.m. Vice Mayor Knott closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to add Chapter 50: Zoning to City's Code of Ordinances and Repeal Section 6.1 of Appendix A Off-Street Parking and Loading.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson noted it was not often that zoning changes infused energy and hope, and he thanked City staff for their work.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

At 7:35 p.m. Vice Mayor Knott opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ordinance to rezone properties in the Northside Neighborhood as a step to implement the Northside Neighborhood Plan.

At 7:36 p.m. Vice Mayor Knott closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to rezone properties in the Northside Neighborhood as a step to implement the Northside Neighborhood Plan.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: None

At 7:36 p.m. Vice Mayor Knott opened a public hearing to receive comments on a RESOLUTION approving the application of Schupan & Sons, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for its facility in Kalamazoo Industrial Development District no. 95 located at 4200 Davis Creek Court; and approving a local agreement pursuant to public act 334 of 1993.

At 7:37 p.m. Vice Mayor Knott closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the application of Schupan & Sons, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for its facility in Kalamazoo Industrial Development District no. 95 located at 4200 Davis Creek Court; and approving a local agreement pursuant to public act 334 of 1993.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson remarked on Shupan's community involvement and stated Kalamazoo was lucky to have Schupan & Sons.

Ordinance 1973 Adding Chapter 50 to the Code of Ordinances and Repealing Section 6.1 of Appendix A *Off-Street Parking and Loading*

Public Hearing re: an Ordinance Rezoning Properties in the Northside Neighborhood

Ordinance 1974 Rezoning Properties in the Northside Neighborhood

Public Hearing re: a Tax Abatement for Shupan & Sons at 4200 Davis Creek Court

Resolution 18-80 Approving a Tax Abatement for Shupan & Sons at 4200 Davis

Resolution 18-80
Approving a Tax
Abatement for Shupan
& Sons at 4200 Davis
(cont'd)

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

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 the purchase of a dump box with hoist, scraper, wing blade and salt spreader to up-fit one city owned cab and chassis from Truck & Trailer, Inc. in the amount of \$112,268.00.
- approval of the purchase of a dump box with hoist and scraper from Truck & Trailer, Inc. in the amount of \$134,268.
- approval a two-year contract extension with Eagle Claims for Workers Compensation claims management services for the City operations in the amount of \$101,400.
- approval of a contract with Gro America for the Dredging of Crosstown Ponds and the cleaning and inspection of the Axtell Creek culverts in the amount of \$1,084,800.
- approval of a 10-year contract with Tyler Technologies for a Public Safety Records Management System in the amount of \$1,381,828.
- first reading of an ordinance creating a local Water System Advisory Council.

Resolution 18-81

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recommending approval of the application of Water Street Coffee Joint for a new Redevelopment Liquor License under Section 521a of PA 501 of 2006 to be located at 315 E Water Street within the Downtown Development District.

Resolution 18-82

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** allowing for the setting of alternative meeting dates for the July and December Board of Review meetings.

Resolution 18-83

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recognizing Kzoo Cat Rescue as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
- approval of the reappointment of City Commissioners David Anderson and Jack C. Urban as Commission Directors to the Foundation for Excellence Board of Directors according to Section 4.02 of the FFE Bylaws and further establish the terms per section 4.04 of the FFE Bylaws as beginning on June 1, 2019, and not exceeding their current terms of office as Commissioners.

- approval of an 80% / 20% cost sharing of medical plan benefits with City Employees, which would require employees to contribute from their paychecks 20% of the cost of medical plan benefits incurred for the base period of May 2017 – April 2018.
- approval of the sale of 1109 N. Park Street to Jesus Rodriguez-Reyes and Leticia Rodriguez-Medina for \$120.00.

Commissioner Cooney, 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.

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

NAYS: None

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

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, offered remarks on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

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

Commissioner Cooney wished everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving” and invited people to the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Commissioner Urban remarked that the Northside Neighborhood rezoning was an implementation of Imagine Kalamazoo 2025.

Commissioner Cunningham commented on the need to look for opportunities when rezoning properties. Commissioner Cunningham wished everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving” and invited people to the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Commissioner Cunningham talked about the recent shooting death and urged people to love and respect each other.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 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

Resolution 18-84

Citizen Comments

City Commissioner
Comments

Adjournment