

	A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 West South Street.	
Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell David Anderson Don Cooney Eric Cunningham Patrese Griffin Jack Urban
	COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	Vice Mayor Erin Knott
	Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.	
	Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Vice Mayor Knott. With a voice vote the motion passed.	
Opening Ceremony	The invocation, given by Reverend David W. Zomer, Bethany Reformed Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Proclamation 2019-0287	Commissioner Griffin proclaimed the month of September <i>Childhood Cancer Awareness Month</i> . Mary Kay Pederson, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Cancer Families United, received the proclamation.	
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents on behalf of the city:	
2019-0288	-	first reading an ordinance rezoning 700 S. Howard Street from Zone CN-1 to Zone RM-36; and schedule a public hearing on September 16, 2019.
2019-0289	-	first reading of an ordinance to amend Section 4.2 of the Zoning Code regarding medical marihuana facility standards; and schedule a public hearing for September 16, 2019.
2019-0290	-	first reading of an ordinance to amend Section 4.3 of the Zoning Code regarding medical marihuana as a home occupation; and schedule a public hearing for September 16, 2019.
2019-0291	-	first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9 - The Building Code to make violations of this chapter municipal civil infractions and to modify sections regarding unsafe equipment, licensed contractors, and dangerous buildings.
2019-0292 Resolution 19-50	-	adoption of a RESOLUTION concurring with the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Authority Brownfield Plan for Graphic Packaging International, LLC regarding the properties located at 1500, 1810, 1819 N Pitcher Street, 511 E Paterson Street, and 1401 Harrison Street.

- approval of the minutes from the City Commission meetings on April 29, May 6, May 20, June 3, June 10, June 17, July 1, and July 15, 2019.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until September 16, 2019 consideration of a purchase agreement with Armtmio Zavalain for the acquisition of 636 Lake Street for the Farmer's Market project and Bank Street realignment plan in the amount of \$37,000 plus closing costs.

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Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to approve the consent agenda request 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, Griffin, Urban, Vice Mayor Knott, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Attorney Robinson noted the proposed medical marihuana ordinances were housekeeping items to clean up some of the language. City Attorney Robinson stated the Michigan Bureau of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) was doing a series of public presentations across the state on the social equity program for adult-use marihuana facilities. City Attorney Robinson reported one such meeting had taken place at City Hall on August 26th, and he announced another public presentation would be made on September 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Van Deusen Room at the Kalamazoo Public Library.

City Attorney's Report

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

Public Comments

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, expressed concern that the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety would target marijuana facilities for enforcement.

William Shields, owner of The Sign Shop, reported homeless people were sleeping behind his business, going through trash, and breaking into his buildings and stealing valuables. Mr. Shields also expressed concerns about potholes on City streets and displayed a tire from his car that was damaged by a pothole.

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments from City Commissioners.

City Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Griffin welcomed students back to school.

Commissioner Anderson spoke about greeting students at Eastern Elementary on the first day of school.

Commissioner Cooney spoke about greeting students at Edison Elementary on the first day of school. Commissioner Cooney offered remarks on the recent death of Pastor Joseph Anderson.

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Mayor Hopewell referred Mr. Shields to Public Safety Chief Karianne Thomas regarding specific law enforcement issues, and he asked the City Attorney to talk with Mr. Shields about the limits of what property owners could do about homeless people. Mayor Hopewell asked Deputy City Manager Chamberlain to speak with Mr. Shields regarding his concerns about potholes. Mayor Hopewell talked about the challenge of trying to maintain City streets, which had \$70 million worth of needed repairs. Mayor Hopewell asked representatives from Graphic Packaging to present details about their proposed development project.

Mike Farrell, Executive Vice President and Andy Johnson, Vice President of Government Affairs and Sustainability stated the development project involved the installation of a new paper machine and associated infrastructure north of the existing mill that would process 500,000 tons of paper per year, bringing the total recycling capacity of the plant to 900,000,000 tons per year. Mr. Johnson noted the project would require an investment of \$600,000,000 and would create 26-50 new jobs at the plant. Mr. Johnson estimated the project would also create 1,000 construction jobs with a total economic impact of \$2 billion.

In response to questions from Mayor Hopewell, Mr. Farrell stated a majority of the project would be in the City, with the parcels in the township being used for parking. Mr. Johnson indicated the starting wage for the new positions would be around \$20 per hour. Mr. Johnson explained the company would be seeking workers in the skilled trades, as the new machinery would be highly automated and technical.

Mayor Hopewell stated the City would like an opportunity to work with Graphic Packaging to encourage the hiring of City residents, and he urged the Graphic Packaging representatives to "ban the box" on their employment applications. Mayor Hopewell expressed appreciation to Graphic Packaging for their presence and investment in the community.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on September 16, 2019

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: September 16, 2019

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