



Agenda

City Commission Business Meeting

City of Kalamazoo

Monday, November 11, 2019

7:00 PM

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the City Commission meetings on October 7 and October 21, 2019. **(Action: Motion to approve)**

C. CITY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

D. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

1. Report from the Board of Canvassers for the Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

E. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Administration of the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Commissioners

F. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

G. OPENING CEREMONY

1. Invocation: Dr. Addis Moore, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome of Guests
4. Proclamations

- a. Honoring Don Cooney for Dedication and Service to the City of Kalamazoo
- b. Honoring Bobby J. Hopewell for Dedication and Service to the City of Kalamazoo

5. Celebratory Comments

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J. CONSENT AGENDA

K. REGULAR AGENDA

L. REPORTS AND LEGISLATION

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N. POLICY ITEMS

O. NEW BUSINESS

P. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Q. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

R. CLOSED SESSION

S. ADJOURNMENT

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Roll Call

A special work session of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was for the City Commission to receive a presentation from the Michigan Marihuana Regulatory Agency regarding the Social Equity Program for adult use marihuana license applicants.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

David Anderson
Don Cooney
Eric Cunningham
Patrese Griffin
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell*
Vice Mayor Erin Knott

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

Commissioners
Excused

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

Communications

An opportunity was given for general communications, but none were offered.

2019-0316
Presentation and
Discussion re: the
State's Social Equity
Program for Adult Use
Marihuana License
Applicants

City Attorney Robinson distributed and reviewed a memo entitled *Michigan Communities Disproportionately Impacted by Marijuana*. City Attorney Robinson introduced members of the Social Equity Team at the Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA).

Mishella Marshall, Social Equity Program Manager, introduced Social Equity Representatives Jacob Nevin and Anastasia Franco. Mr. Nevin and Ms. Franco delivered a presentation entitled *Social Equity: Kalamazoo*. A copy of the slides from the presentation were filed with the papers for this meeting.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Franco confirmed that a person could be a resident in any "impacted community" and be eligible for the Social Equity Program as long as they opened a business in an impacted community, whether they resided in that community or not.

Mr. Nevin stated the Emergency Rules could last for six months and be renewed for another six months, but he was not sure whether there would be any changes or whether the Attorney General was involved in the development of the rules. Mr. Nevin indicated local jurisdictions could create additional social equity criteria.

City Attorney Robinson clarified that a local licensing process was needed in order to add local social equity requirements, and he noted the criteria needed to be constitutional.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cunningham Ms. Franco stated she could not address whether the MRA would be adequately funded or staffed in 2020 for the Social Equity Program.

In response to questions from Commissioner Griffin, Mr. Nevin stated Kalamazoo residents would have opportunities to open marihuana facilities both in the City of Kalamazoo and in other impacted communities.

Ms. Franco noted the state was offering resources and services to help people and give them tools to get their businesses off the ground.

Ms. Marshall pointed out there was no cap on the number of adult use facility licenses the state could issue.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cunningham, Mr. Nevin stated the MRA was required to process adult use facility applications within 90 days.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Nevin explained there were some adult use licenses that could be issued only to Medical Marihuana Facility (MMF) license holders for the first two years, but some licenses did not have this requirement. Ms. Franco stated a person with a MMF license would be able to apply for fee reductions under the Social Equity Program. Mr. Nevin indicated the resources associated with the Social Equity Program community presentations were free, and the Social Equity Program team was working to develop an on-line resource library. Mr. Nevin stated November was the launch date for third-party resources.

City Attorney Robinson explained the residency requirements again and noted the 2-year limitation for MMF licensees was in the statute and was not a policy decision by the MRA. City Attorney Robinson stated it was not clear how the event licenses would work.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cunningham, Ms. Franco stated the MRA used data when identifying “impacted communities,” but she could not say how many people in Kalamazoo might be eligible for the Social Equity Program.

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

Daphne Ben, Kalamazoo Township resident, asked whether Township residents would qualify for the Social Equity Program and questioned what would happen if an applicant paid the license fee but did not get a license.

Chris Wahmhoff, City resident, asked whether there were good examples of local ordinances.

City Attorney Robinson remarked that adult use license applicants needed to apply for the Social Equity Program first, and he noted staff from the enforcement section were giving presentations on the licensing process.

*Mayor Hopewell arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Ms. Franco stated the MRA was trying to give people in the Kalamazoo area an opportunity to get into the industry and stated the MRA would work with potential applicants to determine the type of licenses needed and the social equity discounts that would apply. Ms. Franco stated the MRA enforcement section would be able to answer questions about license fees.

2019-0316

Presentation and Discussion re: the State’s Social Equity Program for Adult Use Marihuana License Applicants (cont’d)

Citizen Comments

City Commissioner
Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments from City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on November 11, 2019

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: November 11, 2019

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Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 West South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell
Vice Mayor Erin Knott
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Eric Cunningham
Patrese Griffin

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Jack Urban*

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

Commissioner Excused

Vice Mayor Knott, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Urban. With a voice vote this motion passed.

Opening Ceremony

Mayor Hopewell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation
2019-0317

Commissioner Griffin proclaimed October 17, 2019 *Lights On Afterschool Day*. Sonia Kevnick and Jamare Sims from Kalamazoo Youth Development Network (KYD Net) received the proclamation.

*Commissioner Urban arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Numazu Presentation

Commissioner Cunningham and Mayor Hopewell reported on their recent trip with City Manager Ritsema to Numazu, Japan, Kalamazoo's sister city. Commissioner Cunningham presented a gift from the City of Numazu to the City of Kalamazoo.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

2019-0318
Presentation re:
Foundation for Excellence
2020 Draft Budget

Steve Brown, Foundation for Excellence (FTE) Coordinator, delivered a presentation entitled, *The Kalamazoo Foundation for Excellence: 2020 Draft Budget Presentation, October 7, 2019*. A copy of the presentation slides was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Commissioner Cunningham requested that in future years the FFE budget presentation include prior year budget figures for comparison.

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Brown stated there were dollars left in the Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo fund from 2019 that had not been spent.

Mayor Hopewell noted the "foreclosure prevention" program was for tax foreclosure prevention. Mayor Hopewell asked Public Services Director James Baker to talk about the replacement of lead water service lines.

Director Baker reported the City was on pace to replace 800 lead service lines in 2019, and a large project was planned for 2020 that would replace approximately 1350 lead services lines in the Eastside/Eastwood neighborhood. Director Baker also remarked on the connection of Parchment water system to the City.

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:

- approval of the purchase of driver feedback/radar speed unit signs from Carrier and Gable, Inc. through the MiDEAL cooperative purchase program in the amount of \$112,655.	2019-0319
- approval an agreement with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for engineering services and construction associated with the Drake Road Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality project in the amount of \$120,345.50.	2019-0320
- approval of a contract with Balkema Construction for the construction of recharge basin erosion control at Water Station 14 and the replacement of dam inspection steps located at Spring Valley Park in the amount of \$134,900.	2019-0321
- approval of the purchase of a Trackless MT7 Tractor with snow blower, salt spreader and angle broom with dust control system from Bell Equipment Company through the MiDEAL cooperative purchasing program in the amount of \$169,126.	2019-0322
- approval of a contract supplemental with Hoffman Bros., Inc for the emergency reconstruction of a failed sanitary sewer railroad crossing in the amount of \$250,000.	2019-0323
- approval of a contract supplemental and change order with Corby Energy Service, Inc. as the cured-in-place sewer pipe lining vendor of record in the amount of \$301,564.	2019-0324
- approval of a contract supplemental and change order with Activate Healthcare, LLC for the oversight of health clinic site improvements in the amount of \$400,000.	2019-0325
- approval of a five-year lease for health clinic space at 1631 South Westnedge Avenue in the amount of \$258,000.	2019-0326
- adoption of a RESOLUTION adopting and approving the Seventh Amendment to Revised Brownfield Plan implemented by the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.	2019-0327
- approval of an easement with Westview Capital, LLC for water main that is planned for installation as part of the Gilmore Farms No. 2 Phase 2 construction project.	2019-0328
- authorization for the City Manager to sign a letter agreement with KEPS Technologies Inc. (dba AGO.net) to extend their existing Metro Act Right-of-Way Permit for five additional years.	2019-0329
- acceptance of a grant from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation in the amount of \$75,000 for the creation of a Non-motorized Transportation and Green Infrastructure Plan.	2019-0330

Consent Agenda

- 2019-0331** - approval of a recommendation to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners that Garylee McCormick be reappointed as one of the three City representatives on the Central County Transportation Authority.
- 2019-0332** - approval of the following appointments to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee:
- the appointment of Megan Buwalda as the Edison Neighborhood Representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2022.
 - the appointment of James Martin as an at-large member for a term ending March 31, 2022.
- 2019-0333** - approval of the minutes from the City Commission meetings on August 19 and September 16, 2019.
- 2019-0334** - approval of a recommendation to hold until October 21, 2019 consideration of a purchase agreement with the Kalamazoo County Land Bank for the acquisition of 640 Lake Street for the Farmer's Market project and Bank Street realignment plan in the amount of \$9,157.00 plus closing costs.

Vice Mayor Knott, 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, Griffin, Urban, Vice Mayor Knott, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

2019-0335 FFE Grant Agreement with the Stryker Johnston Foundation

City Manager Ritsema remarked that continued funding of The Kalamazoo Foundation for Excellence (FFE) was a tremendous gift to, and investment in, the City of Kalamazoo. City Manager Ritsema recounted the circumstances that led to the formation of the FFE.

An opportunity was given for public comments on an updated grant agreement between the Stryker Johnston Foundation and City of Kalamazoo in the amount of \$98 million that extends support for the mission of the Foundation for Excellence from 2019 through the 2022 fiscal year, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to approve an updated grant agreement between the Stryker Johnston Foundation and City of Kalamazoo in the amount of \$98 million that extends support for the mission of the Foundation for Excellence from 2019 through the 2022 fiscal year, and further direct the City Manager to sign all related documents.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Urban remarked that renewed funding for the FFE would allow the City to continue the work that had been started.

With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

When an opportunity was given for public comments on an ordinance postponing or delaying the City's opt-in of permitting commercial adult use marihuana establishments in the City until June 1, 2020, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Chris Wahmhoff, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance and questioned the degree to which community input would make a difference. Mr. Wahmhoff expressed concern about language in Ordinance 1994 regarding indemnification and the City's ability to revoke medical marihuana facility permits.

Linda Palmatier, non-resident, requested that the City Commission create an exception in the proposed ordinance for Safety Compliance facilities.

Jay Fleming, non-resident, expressed support for the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** postponing or delaying the City's opt-in of permitting commercial adult use marihuana establishments in the City until June 1, 2020.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson noted there had been a presentation at 5:00 p.m. on the state's social equity program and indicated the City needed time to look at the nuances of a local social equity program for commercial adult-use marihuana facilities. Commissioner Anderson noted the City could end the moratorium prior to June 1st.

Commissioner Cunningham questioned whether the City Commission could adopt ordinances regarding adult-use marihuana facilities at any point in time.

Mayor Hopewell suggested the City target April 1, 2020 as the date for having ordinances in place.

Commissioner Griffin stated she wanted the City to get its ordinances and a social equity program "right," but she did not want the moratorium to last until June.

Commissioner Urban stated he did not want a social equity program to be for show; it needed to make a difference.

Commissioner Cunningham asked whether it was possible to have new ordinances in place by April 1st from a staff capacity standpoint.

In response to Commissioners' questions, City Attorney Robinson stated there was a public participation plan in the agenda packet, and he noted there would be time lost during the holidays when it would be difficult to do community engagement. City Attorney Robinson explained the June 1st date was picked to align with the election schedule for the City Clerk's Office, and time was needed for zoning

2019-0335

FFE Grant Agreement
with the Stryker Johnston
Foundation (cont'd)

2019-0336

Ordinance 2000 re: a
Delayed Opt-In for
Commercial Adult-Use
Marihuana Facilities

2019-0336

Ordinance 2000 re: a
Delayed Opt-In for
Commercial Adult-Use
Marihuana Facilities

ordinances to go through the Planning Commission process and the two meetings required for City Commission approval.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

City Manager Ritsema announced he would not be at the City Commission meetings on October 21st, and he offered remarks on serving with Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Cooney.

Public Comments

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

Jody Dozeman, City resident, spoke about incidents at the Stadium Drive Apartments.

Cory King, City resident, commended Commissioner Cooney for his service.

Jeff Carter, City resident, expressed opposition to Kalamazoo being a "sanctuary city."

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Cooney stated City staff had been incredibly creative when creating FFE programs and stated he was amazed at the integrity, competence, and compassion of City Manager Ritsema.

Commissioner Urban commented that FFE funds were being invested in the City, and not merely spent.

Commissioner Cunningham recommended that Ms. Palmatier contact City Attorney Robinson with her concerns regarding the proposed opt-out for adult use marihuana facilities.

City Commissioner Comments (cont'd)

Vice Mayor Knott remarked on a recent article in the Kalamazoo Gazette regarding Commissioner Cooney. Vice Mayor Knott discussed an upcoming Supreme Court case involving Michigan native Amy Stevens that had the potential to eliminate protections for LGBTQ people.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on November 11, 2019

Approved by: _____

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor

Dated: November 11, 2019

Roll Call

A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell
Vice Mayor Knott
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Eric Cunningham
Patrese Griffin
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were Deputy City Manager Patsy Moore, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Shelby Moss.

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:

Northside Association for Community Development

Patricia Plair, Resident
Mattie Jordan-Woods, Executive Director

West Main Hill Neighborhood Association

Rachel Chadderdon Bair, President

West Main Hill
Neighborhood
Association

The West Main Hill Neighborhood Association representative:

- reported the association was making progress on their neighborhood plan. The plan included ideas for a play street, a study of the current on-street parking, and nonuse of toxic pesticides on lawns.
- Ms. Bair reported the association's next meeting would take place on November 24th, and the neighborhood plan subcommittees would meet following that meeting.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Bair stated the idea of a play street was proposed by her husband, and the neighborhood was also considering the idea of superblocks. Ms. Bair indicated the proposed play street was a street already closed to traffic between Woodside and Valley Street, which was located next to a park.

Northside Association
for Community
Development

The Northside Association for Community Development representatives:

- reported there were continued issues with the x-train and speeding vehicles on Cobb Avenue. Ms. Plair requested enforcement action at the first reports of an x-train before it became a large crowd. Ms. Plair suggested

the installation of either a 4-way stop at the intersection of Cobb Avenue and Prouty Street or speed bumps on Cobb Avenue.

- criticized the recent Foundation for Excellence newsletter for changing the words “resident-owned businesses” to “locally-owned businesses” when describing the Northside Neighborhood Plan.
- expressed concerns regarding the planning process for LaCrone Park improvements and that the plan did not include a splashpad.
- invited the public to several upcoming events in the Neighborhood.
- provided an update on the affordable housing initiatives taking place in the neighborhood and the partnerships that had developed to fund new affordable housing.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the recent vandalism to a school in the Northside Neighborhood and efforts to work with school officials to close off the parking lot during non-school hours.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Jordan-Woods stated the former North Christian School was owned by Stone Church, and it was available for sale but would need to be torn down due to the dilapidated condition of the building. Ms. Jordan-Woods stated this property should be zoned single family, as that would be uniform with the surrounding area.

Commissioner Urban stated enforcement of the x-train presented difficult challenges to law enforcement due to the mobility of the group. Commissioner Urban asked residents to provide guidance to law enforcement on where the group might move next.

Ms. Jordan-Woods stated it was difficult for x-train witnesses to capture license plate numbers or vehicle information due to their speed.

When an opportunity was given for citizen comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Jody Dozeman, City resident, suggested that professors at Kalamazoo Valley Community College post photographs of themselves outside their classroom doors.

Next an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioners:

Mayor Hopewell suggested Ms. Dozeman reach out to the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Board of Trustees with her idea and directed staff to help Ms. Dozeman find contact information for the board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Northside Association
for Community
Development (cont'd)

Citizen Comments

Commissioner
Comments

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Moss
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on November 11, 2019

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: November 11, 2019

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Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell
Vice Mayor Erin Knott
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Eric Cunningham
Patrese Griffin
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were Deputy City Manager Patsy Moore, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Shelby Moss.

Invocation

The invocation, given by Pastor Bret Laird from Calvary Bible Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of
Guests/Presentations

Mayor Hopewell invited Josh Hilgart, Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Defenders Office, to give an update on their work. Mr. Hilgart stated Kalamazoo Defender was the County's first public defender office and was a resource for citizens charged with a crime who were not able to afford an attorney. In addition to providing legal representation to clients, the Kalamazoo Defenders Office provided clients with opportunities to connect with community services to address all their needs. Mr. Hilgart described how his office worked to reduce recidivism in Kalamazoo County and change the way the community thought about crime and poverty.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Mr. Hilgart stated the community could help his office by recognizing the needs of his clients and understanding the trauma brought on by incarceration. Mr. Hilgart asked the community to show love and respect for his clients and remember they were human.

Mayor Hopewell invited Luke Kujacznski of the Momentum Urban Alliance to give a presentation regarding their work. Mr. Kujacznski shared a brief history of the organization and the work they did to help individuals who had been neglected by the community and denied services they desperately needed. Mr. Kujacznski stated Momentum was growing and had expanded into several programs including the Momentum Urban Employment initiative, the Momentum Business Network, the Urban Alliance Technical Center, and the Urban Outreach initiative.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Mr. Kujacznski stated the community could help individuals returning from incarceration by not making them pay their debt to society twice, in the form of not being able to get a job, finding housing, and being denied services. Mr. Kujacznski asked Kalamazoo to be a city of second chances and not judge their fellow humans.

Mayor Hopewell invited Community Planning and Economic Development Director Rebeca Kik and City staff to give a presentation entitled *Imagine Kalamazoo 2025- Kalamazoo Imagines Kalamazoo Acts – Celebrating 2 Years of Progress*. A copy of the slides from this presentation were filed with the paperwork for this meeting.

Commissioner Anderson read a proclamation entitled *Transgender Day of Remembrance*. Michael Cleggs, Executive Director of OutFront Kalamazoo, and other representatives from the organization received the proclamation.

Proclamations

Commissioner Griffin read a proclamation entitled *Douglass Community Association 100th Anniversary*. Toney Paterson and representatives from the Douglass Community Association received the proclamation.

By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:

Adoption of the Agenda

Deputy City Manager Moore requested a resolution recommending approval of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Liquor License for the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre at 329 S. Park Street be added to the consent agenda.

At 8:35 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on a resolution approving the 2018 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$14.756.

Public Hearing re: the 2018 Mall Maintenance Assessment

At 8:36 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Knott, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the 2018 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$14.756.

Resolution 19-57 Approving the 2018 Kalamazoo Mall Maintenance Assessment

With a roll call vote this motion passed:

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

NAYS: None

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:

Consent Agenda

- approval of a 19-month contract extension with Constellation New Energy – Gas Division, LLC for natural gas to be used to heat selected City facilities in the amount of \$750,000.
- approval of a three-year contract with Elhorn Engineering Co. for Liquid Phosphate, in the amount of \$1,084,081.44.
- approval of a Support Services Agreement with the Central County Transportation Authority for a three-year period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending on September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$466,153 for the first year and increasing each subsequent year.
- approval of a loan to the Downtown Economic Growth Authority (DEGA) in the amount of \$300,000, which would allow the DEGA to continue with planned operations.

Resolution 19-58

- approval of a \$275,000 grant to the Kalamazoo Eastside Neighborhood Association to be used to purchase three properties in support of a mixed-use project.
- approval and acceptance of an easement with Consumers Energy for water main planned to be installed as part of the 6th Street South Tank and Water Main Extension Project.
- approval of a purchase agreement with the Kalamazoo County Land Bank for the acquisition of 640 Lake Street for the Farmer's Market project and Bank Street realignment plan in the amount of \$9,157.00 plus closing costs.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recommending approval of a DDA Liquor License for The Kalamazoo Civic Theatre at 329 S. Park Street.

Commissioner Anderson, 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 unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

City Clerk's Report

Deputy City Clerk Moss provided information regarding the close of registration, same day voter registration, and absentee ballots for the November 5th Municipal Election. Notes with this information were filed with the paperwork for the meeting.

Resolution 19-59
Declaring a Climate
Emergency

Jamie McCarthy, Development Project Coordinator, stated the Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition (KCCC) petitioned the City of Kalamazoo's Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) with a request to consider and recommend adoption of a resolution declaring a climate emergency. Coordinator McCarthy reported the ECC received feedback from numerous stakeholders and voted unanimously to approve the language in the proposed resolution and recommend adoption by the City Commission.

When given an opportunity to comment on the adoption of a resolution to declare a climate emergency, the following people addressed the City Commission:

The following people expressed support for the proposed resolution and offered remarks on the negative and disastrous impacts of climate change on our world:

Denise Keele, non-resident
Paul Manstrom, resident and ECC Chairman
Beth Bradburn, resident
MaryAnn Renz, resident
Mark Lee, resident and local business owner
Tyler Boes, resident
Chloe Carlson, resident

Ron Kramer, resident
Tom Small, resident

Resolution 19-59
Declaring a Climate
Emergency (cont'd)

Commissioner Anderson gave a brief history of the ECC board and stated he was the liaison from the City Commission to the ECC. Commissioner Anderson stated there was more public interest in the work of the ECC then there had ever been before, and they had a waiting list for residents to join the board.

Commissioner Cooney thanked the KCCC and the ECC for all their hard work and stated the City needed to act now in order to save the planet.

Vice Mayor Knott advised the KCCC to reach out to other jurisdictions in the county and ask for their support.

Mayor Hopewell thanked everyone for their comments and stated he would be supporting the resolution.

Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** to declare a climate emergency.

With a roll call vote this amended motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

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

Public Comments

The following people expressed support for a fair housing equality ordinance and offered remarks on the work of the Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy and Action in the Community (ISAAC):

Stephanie Hoffman, resident
Tobi Hanna- Davies, resident
Sholanna Lewis, resident
Charlae Davis, resident
Carolyn Pesheck, non-resident
Emily Hazel, resident
Andrew Chaponda, resident

Jody Dozeman, City resident, thanked ISSAC for their work in the community and expressed concerns regarding Stadium Drive Apartments.

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

City Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Griffin thanked the volunteers from ISSAC for coming to the meeting and expressed support for a fair housing ordinance in the City. Commissioner Griffin offered remarks on the need to remove barriers for residents and provide more opportunity for those in need of housing. Commissioner Griffin wished her son and grandfather "happy birthday" and thanked Commissioner Cooney and Mayor Hopewell for all their hard work and dedication to the City.

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Anderson remarked on the unparalleled experiences he had working with Commissioner Cooney and Mayor Hopewell. Commissioner Anderson spoke about the need to end climate change and stated the passage of the resolution gave a glimmer of hope for the future. Commissioner Anderson expressed hope that residents would act to end climate change.

Commissioner Cooney thanked ISSAC for their hard work. Commissioner Cooney thanked Mayor Hopewell for his dedication to the City and especially for his work with the youth of Kalamazoo. Commissioner Cooney thanked the residents of Kalamazoo for allowing him to serve on the Commission and to be a vehicle for justice. Commissioner Cooney stated he was leaving the Commission but was not retiring from the work of making Kalamazoo the best place to live for all residents.

Commissioner Urban thanked City staff for the IK2025 presentation and stated a fair housing ordinance would be difficult as it pinned property rights against human rights. Commissioner Urban stated a fair housing ordinance should have input from all stakeholders and include realistic enforcement measures.

Commissioner Cunningham thanked Commissioner Cooney and Mayor Hopewell for their work and commitment to the City. Commissioner Cunningham thanked Western Michigan University (WMU) for the opportunity to participate in the Dancing with the WMU/Kalamazoo Stars event, which supported the WMU Department of Dance.

Vice Mayor Knott wished all candidates in the November 5th election "good luck" and thanked the City Clerk's Office for their hard work and for being open on Saturday, November 2nd to assist voters.

Mayor Hopewell stated the meeting had been an amazing night of community story telling. Mayor Hopewell reminded staff to continue telling the City's story. Mayor Hopewell thanked the audience members who stayed to listen to the entire meeting. Mayor Hopewell reminded residents the next meeting of the City Commission would be on Monday, November 11th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Moss
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on November 11, 2019

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: November 11, 2019

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CANVASS OF VOTES CAST

-AT THE-

GENERAL ELECTION

-HELD ON-

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

-IN THE-

CITY OF KALAMAZOO

**AND CANVASSED BY THE
BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

OF

KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

STATISTICS

	Registered Voters - Total	Ballots Cast - Total	Voter Turnout - Total
Kalamazoo City 1 & 3	3,901	647	16.59%
Kalamazoo City 2 & 4	5,300	237	4.47%
Kalamazoo City 5	3,065	454	14.81%
Kalamazoo City 6	1,903	521	27.38%
Kalamazoo City 7 & 9	4,693	615	13.1%
Kalamazoo City 8 & 27	3,768	428	11.36%
Kalamazoo City 10	2,376	452	19.02%
Kalamazoo City 11	1,825	217	11.89%
Kalamazoo City 12	1,943	601	30.93%
Kalamazoo City 13 & 14	3,222	316	9.81%
Kalamazoo City 15	2,355	332	14.1%
Kalamazoo City 16 & 18	3,734	858	22.98%
Kalamazoo City 17	1,815	393	21.65%
Kalamazoo City 19 & 25	4,068	927	22.79%
Kalamazoo City 20	2,241	745	33.24%
Kalamazoo City 21 & 24	2,537	1,000	39.42%
Kalamazoo City 22	2,496	563	22.56%
Kalamazoo City 23	1,256	280	22.29%

STATISTICS

Kalamazoo City 26	Registered Voters - Total	1,791	Ballots Cast - Total	582	Voter Turnout - Total	32.5%
Totals		54,289		10,168		

Mayor Kalamazoo City

VOTE FOR 1

19 of 19 Precincts Reporting

	David F. Anderson	David Benac	Esteven Juarez	Corey Smith	Write-In Totals	Write-In: Lynne Ristow	Write-In: Robert Martinez	Write-In: Not Assigned	Contest Total
Kalamazoo City 1 & 3	271	301	34	23	5	0	0	5	647
Kalamazoo City 2 & 4	114	89	17	13	0	0	0	0	237
Kalamazoo City 5	279	134	24	11	0	0	0	0	454
Kalamazoo City 6	348	115	21	25	2	0	0	2	521
Kalamazoo City 7 & 9	360	167	41	39	1	0	0	1	615
Kalamazoo City 8 & 27	206	153	29	32	2	0	0	2	428
Kalamazoo City 10	265	116	32	23	3	0	0	3	452
Kalamazoo City 11	124	38	29	21	1	0	0	1	217
Kalamazoo City 12	361	201	17	11	2	0	0	2	601
Kalamazoo City 13 & 14	148	92	42	26	4	0	0	4	316

Mayor Kalamazoo City

VOTE FOR 1

19 of 19 Precincts Reporting

	David F. Anderson	David Benac	Esteven Juarez	Corey Smith	Write-in Totals	Write-in: Lynne Ristow	Write-in: Robert Martinez	Write-in: Not Assigned	Contest Total
Kalamazoo City 15	166	85	58	17	1	0	0	1	332
Kalamazoo City 16 & 18	419	321	56	35	5	0	0	5	858
Kalamazoo City 17	219	124	15	21	1	0	0	1	393
Kalamazoo City 19 & 25	552	277	33	24	5	0	0	5	927
Kalamazoo City 20	484	206	26	10	5	0	0	5	745
Kalamazoo City 21 & 24	597	332	35	18	0	0	0	0	1,000
Kalamazoo City 22	392	128	18	7	0	0	0	0	563
Kalamazoo City 23	170	83	15	4	1	0	0	1	280
Kalamazoo City 26	404	132	16	13	0	0	0	0	582
Totals	5,879	3,094	558	373	38	0	0	38	10,168

City Commissioner Kalamazoo City

VOTE FOR 3

19 of 19 Precincts Reporting

	Jacob Andrews	Andrew Argo	Emily Demorest	Patrese Griffin	Jeanne Hess	Pete Kushner	Chris J. Praedel	Benjamin Hayden Stanley	Write-in Totals	Write-in: Not Assigned	Contest Total
Kalamazoo City 1 & 3	212	192	298	348	194	143	248	29	3	3	1,941
Kalamazoo City 2 & 4	73	57	94	116	103	63	89	11	1	1	711
Kalamazoo City 5	133	39	136	241	232	150	194	18	1	1	1,362
Kalamazoo City 6	107	45	124	257	337	177	242	28	6	6	1,563
Kalamazoo City 7 & 9	163	79	204	447	241	97	188	30	0	0	1,845
Kalamazoo City 8 & 27	120	105	169	282	143	81	131	30	5	5	1,284
Kalamazoo City 10	117	76	120	229	204	136	198	43	1	1	1,356
Kalamazoo City 11	50	39	66	160	63	29	45	21	0	0	651
Kalamazoo City 12	174	61	190	295	255	291	271	28	1	1	1,803
Kalamazoo City 13 & 14	93	78	134	170	117	70	83	34	7	7	948
Kalamazoo City 15	88	63	142	207	103	76	114	21	0	0	996
Kalamazoo City 16 & 18	216	110	307	412	341	268	432	58	0	0	2,574
Kalamazoo City 17	93	48	122	167	160	132	193	31	5	5	1,179
Kalamazoo City 19 & 25	264	101	279	427	418	363	406	46	3	3	2,781
Kalamazoo City 20	181	61	219	367	335	306	353	31	8	8	2,235
Kalamazoo City 21 & 24	239	150	314	449	450	443	425	32	2	2	3,000

City Commissioner Kalamazoo City		VOTE FOR 3					
		19 of 19 Precincts Reporting					
		Jacob Andrews	101	70	129		
		Andrew Argo	52	36	57		
		Emily Demorest	130	88	170		
		Patrese Griffin	261	127	280		
		Jeanne Hess	289	121	263		
		Pete Kushner	347	139	252		
		Chris J. Praedel	237	102	251		
		Benjamin Hayden Stanley	13	15	32		
		Write-in Totals	0	2	0		
		Write-in: Not Assigned	0	2	0		
		Contest Total					
Kalamazoo City 22			101	70	129	2,623	30,504
Kalamazoo City 23							
Kalamazoo City 26							
Totals			2,623	1,449	3,306	5,242	4,369
						3,563	4,202
						551	45

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Kalamazoo County

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KRESA-Career-Technical Ed		Portage Public Schools-Sinking	
Millage		Fund	
VOTE FOR 1	VOTE FOR 1	VOTE FOR 1	VOTE FOR 1
19 of 19 Precincts Reporting		3 of 3 Precincts Reporting	
Yes	No	Yes	No
Contest Total		Contest Total	
Kalamazoo City 22	420	104	563
Kalamazoo City 23	189	57	280
Kalamazoo City 26	400	132	582
Totals	7,181	2,084	10,168
		100	64
		172	

Write-In Votes by Precinct

Mayor	Robert Martinez	Lynne Ristow
1 & 3	0	0
2 & 4	0	0
5	0	0
6	0	0
7 & 9	0	0
8 & 27	0	0
10	0	1
11	0	0
12	0	0
13 & 14	0	0
15	0	0
16 & 18	0	0
17	0	2
19 & 25	0	0
20	0	0
21 & 24	0	0
22	0	0
23	0	0
26	0	0
Total	0	3

The whole number of votes given for the office of Mayor	
Was	
nine thousand nine hundred seven	9,907
and they were given for the following named persons:	
David Anderson received five thousand eight hundred seventy-nine votes	5,879
David Benac received three thousand ninety-four votes	3,094
Esteven Juarez received five hundred fifty-eight votes	558
Lynn Ristow received three votes	3
Robert Martinez received no votes	0
Corey Smith received three hundred seventy-three votes	373
TOTAL	9,907

The whole number of votes given for the office of City Commission	
Was	
twenty-five thousand three hundred fifty	25,350
and they were given for the following named persons:	
Jacob Andrews received two thousand six hundred twenty-three votes	2,623
Andrew Argo received one thousand four hundred forty-nine votes	1,449
Emily Demorest received three thousand three hundred six votes	3,306
Patrese Griffin received five thousand two hundred forty-two votes	5,242
Jeanne Hess received four thousand three hundred sixty-nine votes	4,369
Pete Kushner received three thousand five hundred sixty-three votes	3,563
Chris J. Praedel received four thousand two hundred two votes	4,202
Benjamin Hayden Stanley received five hundred fifty-one votes	551
TOTAL	25,305

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO

The Board of Canvassers of the County of Kalamazoo, having Ascertained and Canvassed the Votes of Said City of Kalamazoo, at the General Election, held on the 8th day of November, two thousand nineteen

Do Hereby Certify and Determine

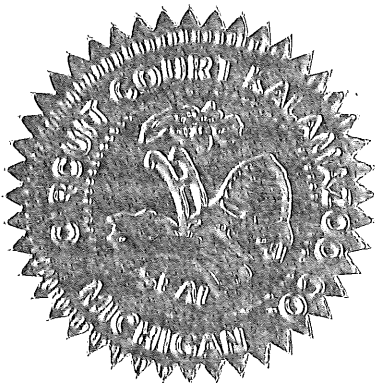
That David F. Anderson, having received sufficient number of votes, is elected to the office of Mayor for a term ending November 8, 2021.

That Patrese Griffin, having received sufficient number of votes, is elected to the City Commission for a term ending November 23, 2023.

That Jeanne Hess, having received sufficient number of votes, is elected to the City Commission for a term ending November 23, 2023.

That Chris J. Praedel, having received sufficient number of votes, is elected to the City Commission for a term ending November 23, 2023.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the County of Kalamazoo this 8th day of November in the year two thousand nineteen.



ATTEST:

Imothy Shaw

Clerk of the Board of Canvassers

BOARD OF CANVASSERS

R. Vincent Lavan
Wendy Flora
Jo Kent

Wendy Flora

Chair of the Board of Canvassers