

	A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 5, 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 Jack Urban COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Invocation/Pledge	The invocation, given by Commissioner Cooney, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Introduction of Guests: Presentation on the Comprehensive Transfer Agreement to Create a Countywide Public Transit System	Transportation Director Sean McBride delivered PowerPoint presentation entitled <i>Comprehensive Transfer Agreement, October 5, 2015</i>. A copy of the presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting. Vice Mayor Anderson thanked Director McBride for his understandable presentation and for his hard work to create a countywide public transit system. Vice Mayor Anderson noted there were many times when the idea of a countywide public transit system seemed impossible, and now it was coming to fruition. Commissioner Cinabro reflected on his work with the Transportation Leadership Group. Director McBride recognized City staff for their hard work on the Transfer Agreement.
Proclamation	Commissioner Urban proclaimed October 11-17, 2015 <i>Cooperative Business Week</i>. Chris Dilly of the Peoples' Food Co-Op and others received the proclamation.
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.
Communications	City Manager Ritsema announced the next meeting of the Blue Ribbon Revenue Panel would take place on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Governing Board Room at Metro Transit.
Public Hearing re: the 2014 Mall Maintenance Assessment	At 7:27 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on a resolution approving the 2014 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$15.164. At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Cinabro, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt **RESOLUTION #4** for the purpose of approving the 2014 Kalamazoo Mall Sidewalk Maintenance Assessment at a per front foot cost of \$15.164.

Resolution 15-40
Approving the 2014
Mall Maintenance
Assessment Roll

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

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:

Consent Agenda

- acceptance of the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant award from the U.S. Justice Department in the amount of \$63,456.
- acceptance of the 2015 Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program award from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$1,250,000.
- approval of a recommendation to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners that Greg Rosine be reappointed as one of the three City representatives on the Central County Transportation Authority.

Commissioner Miller, 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 Cinabro, Cooney, Cunningham, Miller, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Citizen Comments

Frank Warren, City resident, thanked Commissioner Miller for her service to the City. Mr. Warren expressed concern about people driving cars with no license plates or expired plates.

Chris Wahmhoff, City resident, described how he had not been receiving water bills and nuisance violation notices in the mail and stated the resulting fees and fines had drained his escrow account. Mr. Wahmhoff stated his neighbor had almost died from being stabbed.

Arlene Larson, City resident, discussed a letter from the City Manager's Office, which explained that citizens were not able to arrange for time on a City Commission agenda to have speakers

Citizen Comments
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address the Commission. Ms. Larson asked the City Commission to stand up for the people of the City.

Ann Walker, City resident, expressed concern about garbage on City streets, especially downtown.

Kris Mbah, City resident, spoke about the City Commission's lack of responsiveness to citizens. Mr. Mbah offered remarks on the condition of the downtown, poverty, the City budget, and the Business, Technology, and Research Park.

Laura Sprague, City resident, stated Upjohn Park was not used as heavily over the summer like it usually was, and she stated this was a sign of gentrification in the neighborhood.

Zachary Lassiter, City resident, spoke about proper decorum in the City Commission Chambers and reported he had met with the Mayor and City Manager on October 2nd regarding open data.

Tim Graham, City resident, spoke about legitimacy, democracy, and the public good.

Toby Hannah-Davies, City resident, spoke on behalf of the Vote Yes for Kids ballot question campaign and urged people to approve the countywide housing assistance fund millage request on November 3rd.

Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Cunningham announced the organization SOS would be having a forum and panel discussion on domestic violence on October 9th at Miller Plaza.

Commissioner Urban reported a pre-development agreement was being created for the Arcadia Commons West project. Commissioner Urban urged citizens to support the City becoming the owner of the property in order to control and facilitate the development.

Commissioner Cooney noted October was Suicide Prevention Month, and October 4-10, 2015 was Mental Illness Awareness Week.

Vice Mayor Anderson remarked on City Commission candidates who were campaigning door-to-door over the weekend and helped a man who had fallen out of a second story window.

Mayor Hopewell thanked the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety and Life EMS for their quick response to assist the man who had fallen out of a window over the weekend.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 19, 2015

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: October 19, 2015