

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 West South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor David Anderson
Vice Mayor Patrese Griffin
Eric Cunningham
Jeanne Hess
Erin Knott
Chris Praedel
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

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

Opening Ceremony

Mayor Anderson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Update on PSO Shot in the Line of Duty

Public Safety Chief Karianne Thomas provided an update on Public Safety Officer (PSO) Caleb Jones and officers from the Michigan State Police and Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department who were shot while responding to a hostage situation in Comstock Township. Chief Thomas reported the officers were recovering and the suspect was arrested, but one of the hostages had been killed. Chief Thomas noted four law enforcement officers in the region had been shot in the past 48 hours, which showed the commitment of first responders to their work.

Mayor Anderson stated the hostage situation was a sad and unfortunate event, and the City's PSO's clearly demonstrated their courage and commitment to the community. Mayor Anderson noted Kalamazoo officers had worked with officers from other agencies to respond to the hostage situation.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Communications

City Manager Ritsema announced there would be a budget work session on December 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall.

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:

2019-0361

- approval of a 3-year term contract with Continental Linen Services for industrial uniform rental and cleaning services for staff use within the Department of Public Services in the amount of \$200,000, solely based on cost.

2019-0362

- approval of a purchase and installation of new sprinklers with Spartan Distributors for Eastern Hills Golf Course in the amount of \$354,079.29.

2019-0363

- approval of a change order with SWT Excavating for the 2019 Lead Services Replacement Project in the amount of \$700,000.00 for an additional 93 service line replacements.

- approval of a contract with Mall City Mechanical for HVAC upgrades at the Central Pumping Station and Fourth Floor at City Hall in the amount of \$700,200 and approve a budget transfer of \$70,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting a public hearing on December 16, 2019 to receive comments on the proposed expansion of Industrial Development District #10 at 1421 North Pitcher Street.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the Purchase Agreement with the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD) for the parcel located at 447 W North Street for an affordable housing development.

2019-0364**2019-0365**
Resolution 19-60**2019-0366**
Resolution 19-61

Commissioner Knott, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, 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 Cunningham, Hess, Knott, Praedel, Urban, Vice Mayor Griffin, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

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

Public Comments

Gwendolyn Hooker, City resident, distributed invitations to the Mingle for Shingles event on December 8th to raise money for the Houses of Hope pilot project. Ms. Hooker noted the event would be hosted by Commissioner Praedel and his wife. One of the invitations was filed with the papers for this meeting.

2019-0367

Remy Harrington, City resident and co-founder of the Zoo City Food and Farm Network, described the mission of her organization and stated she would be attending Planning Commission meeting in January to advocate for an ordinance that would allow for mixed and agricultural uses in the City. A copy of the packet Ms. Harrington presented to Commissioners was filed with the papers for this meeting.

2019-0368

Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident and Executive Director of the Northside Association for Community Development, thanked Commissioners for approving the purchase agreement for 447 West North Street. Ms. Jordan-Woods invited Commissioners to a Northside resident input meeting on December 17th and an event called "Show me the Money" on February 8th.

Tobi Hannah-Davies, City resident and member of steering committee for Tiny Houses of Hope project, thanked Commissioners for approving the purchase agreement for 447 West North Street.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Urban reported people in Traverse City would stop for pedestrians at crosswalks even before the pedestrian stepped off the curb.

Commissioner Knott noted December 3rd was “Giving Tuesday,” and she encouraged people to give to local non-profit organizations.

Commissioner Praedel urged people to give to Christmas Gifts for Interfaith Homes. Commissioner Praedel noted he and his wife were hosting the Mingle for Shingles fundraiser on December 8th. Commissioner Praedel stated the 2020 budget review process was underway, and he encouraged people to provide input on the budget.

Commissioner Hess thanked Chief Thomas and KDPS staff for keeping the community safe. Commissioner Hess thanked Karen Chadwick for her work as the head of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Landscape Love Project. Commissioner Hess asked people to use their gifts to give back to the community.

Vice Mayor Griffin asked people to keep in mind during the holiday season those who had suffered loss.

Mayor Anderson stated he was thankful to be in Kalamazoo and to serve with this City Commission. Mayor Anderson stated everyone would need to work together to accomplish things in next two years.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 21, 2020

Approved by: _____
David Anderson, Mayor
Dated: January 21, 2020

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