

	A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 West South Street.	
Roll Call	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.	
Proclamation 2020-0001	Commissioner Praedel proclaimed January 2020 <i>National Mentoring Month</i> . Amy Kuchta, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters, and mentees Tamia Lamar and Chloe Rhea received the proclamation.	
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 special City Commission work session on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Water Reclamation Plant, located at 1415 Harrison Street. The purpose of the work session was to discuss utility rates.	
2020-0002 Public Hearing re: the FY2020 Budget	At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Anderson opened a public hearing to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget for the City of Kalamazoo. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Steve Vicenzi provided a brief overview of the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget. CFO Vicenzi reported the overall budget of \$203,138,331 included additional Foundation for Excellence operating expenditures of \$455,830 that were presented during the work session on December 9 th but were inadvertently left out of budget document. CFO Vicenzi also reported the proposed Water Fund budget included an additional \$1,000,000 in each of the years 2020 and 2021 for needed facility repairs that were identified after the proposed budget was published. At 7:09 p.m. Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing.	
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:	
2020-0003	-	approval of a sole source purchase with Western Michigan University for the hydrogeological and geochemical evaluation of the Spring Valley Watershed in the amount of \$108,688.

- approval of the purchase of site furnishings for Bronson Park from Landscape Forms in the amount of \$117,456.50.	2020-0004
- approval of a professional services agreement with Prein and Newhof for construction engineering services for the 35th Street Water Main Extension Contamination Response Project in the amount of \$136,650.	2020-0005
- authorization of the payment of \$159,434 for the 2020 excess workers compensation premium.	2020-0006
- approval of a professional service agreement from InForm Architecture to provide architectural and engineering services for the Farmers' Market in the amount of \$290,480.	2020-0007
- approval of a one-year contract extension with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority through Ibex Insurance Agency, for property & casualty insurance annual premium and member loss fund deposit not to exceed \$983,310.00.	2020-0008
- approval of the 2020-2025 Audit Services Contract with Maner Costerisan in the amount of \$441,800.	2020-0009
- first reading of an ordinance amending Article IV, Mobile Food Vehicle Vendors, which includes renaming this section Mobile Food Businesses.	2020-0010
- adoption of a RESOLUTION adopting and approving the Act 381 Brownfield Plan for Davis Creek Business Park, located at 2805 East Cork Street.	2020-0011 Resolution 20-01
- adoption of the Support Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Kalamazoo.	2020-0012
- approval of an amendment to the wastewater sewer agreement with the Charter Township of Oshtemo so as to permit the Township to receive a federal Rural Utilities Service low-interest 40-year loan to improve its sewer system.	2020-0013
- approval of a grant contract with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for a Wellhead Protection Grant Program award in the amount of \$70,000.	2020-0014
- approval of a right-of-way encroachment license agreement for the developers of the 400 Rose project to install a canopy over a portion of the sidewalk on W. Lovell Street.	2020-0015
- approval of an easement to permit the developers of the 400 Rose project to occupy a narrow 40-inch landscape curb encroachment along the northern right of way of West Cedar St. for a distance of about 172.5 feet west from S. Rose St.	2020-0016
- approval of a purchase agreement with Texas Charter Township for property for the 6th Street South Elevated Water Storage Tank Project in the amount of \$27,500 and final paving of the park parking lot.	2020-0017

Consent Agenda
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Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Knott, 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

*At the time of the vote, Commissioner Praedel abstained from voting on Item F-1, a proposal from Western Michigan University for hydrogeological and geochemical evaluation of the Spring Valley Watershed, due to a conflict of interest.

Public Comments

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

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, spoke about low cost housing units and asked for the City's definition of "low-cost."

Ben Stanley, City resident, questioned whether the City Manager's Office had the authority to make rules that had the force of law.

Jody Dozeman, City resident, offered remarks on various topics.

Jeffrey Messer, City resident, described ranked choice voting and invited the public to forum on ranked choice voting on January 12th.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Hess commended Assistant Public Safety Chief Jeff VanderWiere for his work on the Support Emergency Operations Plan.

Commissioner Praedel thanked organizers and volunteers for a great New Year's Fest event. Commissioner Praedel noted there would be a coat drive in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on Saturday.

Commissioner Urban announced the Planning Commission would be considering the rezoning of property at the corner of Drake Road and Stadium Drive at its January 14th meeting.

Mayor Anderson noted the City Commission would be making some important and challenging decisions in 2020, and he expressed hope that people would engage in those decision-making processes with the understanding that everyone involved cared about the community, even if there was disagreement.

Closed Session

Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Anderson announced the City Commission would return to open session to take action following the closed session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Cunningham, Hess, Knott, Praedel, Urban, Vice Mayor Griffin, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

The City Commission went into closed session at 7:27 p.m.

The City Commission returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.

Commissioner Knott, seconded by Commissioner Hess, moved to approve the negotiated labor relations agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for the period beginning October 3, 2019 through October 2, 2022.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Cunningham, Hess, Knott, Praedel, Urban, Vice Mayor Griffin, Mayor Anderson

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 21, 2020

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

Closed Session
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2020-0018
Approval of AFSCME
Collective Bargaining
Agreement

Adjournment