A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 21, 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 Deputy City Manager Laura Lam, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Opening Ceremony

The invocation, given by Pastor Lenzy E. Bell, First United Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2020-0020
Presentation of the 2020 Social Justice Youth Awards

Mayor Anderson introduced the community sponsors and presenters of the 2020 Social Justice Youth Awards.

Derek Nofz, Community Affairs Manager at Consumers Energy, presented the Consumer's Energy Social Justice Youth Award to Kearney Miller.

Ron Foor, Community President of Fifth Third Bank, presented the Fifth Third Bank Social Justice Youth Award to Adonia Alexopoulos.

Ron Kramer and Josh Gottlieb presented the Kalamazoo Nonviolent Opponents of War Social Justice Youth Award to Chloe Carlson.

John Pinkster, Director of South Operations for Life EMS, presented the Life EMS Social Justice Youth Award to Derea McCoy.

Dr. Betty Lodge-Dennis and Mr. Tony Dennis presented the Lodge-Dennis Social Justice Youth Award to Aaron C. Dickason, Jr.

Judy Woolsey, Assistant to the CEO of Schupan & Sons, presented the Schupan & Sons Social Justice Youth Award to Chanel Wilson.

Dr. Lewis Walker presented the Dr. Lewis Walker Social Justice Youth Award to Princess Mboup.

Proclamation
2020-0021

Vice Mayor Griffin proclaimed January 21, 2020 a *National Day of Racial Healing*. Sarah Lee, Communications Director for the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, received the proclamation.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

> Commissioner Praedel requested that the December 16, 2019 City Commission minutes be corrected to reflect that his comments regarding

outreach to stakeholder groups at the bottom of page 230 referred to the JAG award agenda items and not the refugee resettlement agenda item.

Adoption of the Agenda (cont'd)

There were no objections to this request.

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:

2020-0022 Resolution 20-02

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** replacing Resolution 1165, assigning a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to Apple Ridge II/ MHT Limited Dividend Housing Association, LLC ("Apple Ridge II") for Apple Ridge Apartments at 2301 Flower Street, and extending the PILOT 14 years, pursuant to Section 354 of the Kalamazoo City Code.

2020-0023

- approval of the Mayor's appointments and reappointments to boards and commissions:
    - the appointment of **Jeremy Berg** to the Historic District Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2023.
    - the appointment of **John Mitchell** to the Historic District Commission for a term expiring on January 1, 2023.
    - the reappointment of **Regina Gorham** to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2023.
    - the appointment of **Tim Hills** to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2022.
    - the reappointment of **Joshua Koenig** to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2023.
    - the appointment of **Lenee Powell-Wilson** to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2022.
    - the reappointment of **Beth Timmerman** to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring on March 31, 2023.

2020-0024

- approval of the reappointment of **Donna Keller** to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2023. Included with this recommendation is a request to waive City Commission Rule 12e regarding term limits.

2020-0025

- approval of the minutes from the City Commission meetings on November 11, November 18, December 2, December 9, and December 16, 2019; and January 6, 2020.

Commissioner Cunningham, 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.

Consent Agenda (cont'd)

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

2020-0026
FFE Aspirational Projects Grant

Foundation for Excellence (FFE) Coordinator Steve Brown provided an overview of a grant agreement between the Stryker Johnston Foundation and the City of Kalamazoo to fund aspirational projects through the FFE.

An opportunity was given for public comments on a grant agreement between the Stryker Johnston Foundation and City of Kalamazoo for $28,212,628 to support aspirational projects for the mission of the Foundation for Excellence, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Knott, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, moved to approve a grant agreement between the Stryker Johnston Foundation and City of Kalamazoo for $28,212,628 to support aspirational projects for the mission of the Foundation for Excellence from 2020 through the 2022 fiscal year, and authorize the City Manager to sign all related documents.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Anderson remarked on the availability of the FFE 2019 Annual Report.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

2020-0027
Adoption of the FY2020 Budget, Component Unit Budgets, and Fee Resolutions

Andrew Haan, Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership (KDP) and Jennifer Jelenek, Chief Operating Officer of KDP, distributed copies of the proposed KDP budget and delivered a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY2020) budgets for the Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Economic Growth Authority. The presentation included highlights of the 2020 budgets and a review of planned initiatives for the downtown area. A copy of the KDP budget presentation slides were filed with the papers for this meeting.

In response to a request from Commissioner Hess, Ms. Jelenek stated she did not have ridership data for the Holly Jolly Trolley, but she indicated KDP would be collecting this data in 2020.

An opportunity was given for public comments on the Proposed FY2020 Budget for the City of Kalamazoo, including component unit budgets and fee schedules, but no comments were offered.

Resolution 20-03

Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Praedel, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving and adopting the annual appropriation for the year 2020, setting forth the number of mills to be levied, approving an interim appropriation for the year 2021, and establishing policies for the administration of the budget; and to approve the following component unit budgets and fee schedules:

2020-0027
Adoption of the FY2020 Budget, Component Unit Budgets, and Fee Resolutions (cont'd)

- approval of the proposed FY 2020 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) budget as submitted by the BRA Board.

- approval of the proposed FY 2020 Economic Development Corporation (EDC) budget as submitted by the EDC Board.

- approval of the FY 2020 Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Operating Budget, and the existing two-mill DDA Tax Levy.

- approval of the FY 2020 Downtown Economic Growth Authority (DEGA) Operating Budget.

- approval of the proposed 2020 fee schedule for the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association.

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the 2020 fees for various permits, hearings, etc. within the Community Planning & Economic Development department. Resolution 20-04

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** to establish the Department of Parks and Recreation fees and charges for 2020. Resolution 20-04

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Praedel noted the adopted budget contained an additional $455,830 in FFE funding and an additional $1 million for the Capital Improvement Program compared to the draft budget.

Mayor Anderson noted the budget increase from FY2019 to FY2020 (around $20 million) was due to an increase in spending on utility infrastructure.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

2020-0028
Ordinance 2001 re: Mobile Food Businesses and Resolution 20-05 re: Fees for Mobile Food Businesses

An opportunity was given for public comments on an ordinance amending Article IV, Mobile Food Vehicle Vendors, and a resolution setting the areas of operation and fee for mobile food vehicles, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Knott, seconded by Commissioner Hess, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** amending Article IV, Mobile Food Vehicle Vendors, which includes renaming this section Mobile Food Businesses; and adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting the areas of operation and the fee for mobile food vehicles.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Praedel expressed support for the proposed ordinance and resolution.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Public Comments

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

Ray Sweeny, City resident, expressed concerns about City plows pushing snow onto sidewalks and speeding traffic. Mr. Sweeny suggested separate public rights-of-way for pedestrian/bus traffic and vehicular traffic.

Devin Loker, an attorney representing The Refinery, a medical marihuana provisioning center in the City, asked that the City Commission allow licensed medical marihuana facilities to obtain adult-use marihuana facility licenses.

Tom Farrell, Sr. and Tom Farrell, Jr., owners of the medical marihuana provisioning center Refine Michigan, asked that the City Commission allow licensed medical marihuana facilities to obtain adult-use marihuana facility licenses.

Remi Harrington, City resident, reported she was working with staff on an ordinance to allow urban agriculture on vacant properties. Ms. Harrington urged the City Commission to stay up-to-date on this issue.

Ryan Simpson, a representative of Cannamazoo, a licensed medical marihuana provisioning center, stated the City did a great job with its medical marihuana facility ordinance, and he was confident the adult use marihuana facility ordinance would be good too.

Rachel Reed, a City resident, expressed frustration that there were no adult use marihuana facilities in the City.

Jay Fleming, City resident, commended the City for taking a measured approach to adult use marihuana facilities and described the uncertainty being created by the lack of direction from the state in certain areas.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Knott expressed concern about students walking in the street near Crosstown Parkway and Howard Street after snowstorms because of sidewalks that were snow covered. Commissioner Knott stated businesses should pay to have their sidewalks cleared in the same way they pay to have their parking lots plowed. Commissioner Knott asked if it was possible to change the 48-hour timeframe for property owners to clear their sidewalks.

Commissioner Praedel expressed support for Commissioner Knott's comments and spoke about a resident named Jerry who lived on Cork Street and cleared the sidewalks for many of his neighbors. Commissioner Praedel encouraged people to help their neighbors in similar ways. Commissioner Praedel remarked that he had the opportunity to teach students at Western Michigan University (WMU) about the Commission/Manager form of government.

Commissioner Urban stated Kalamazoo had a "car culture," but the City Commission was hearing more and more about the need for pedestrian safety. Commissioner Urban thanked Mr. Sweeny for his remarks.

City Commissioner Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Cunningham noted the City had delayed its opt-in for adult-use marihuana facilities, and the City Commission had expressed to staff the need for expediency in this matter. Commissioner Cunningham stated one of the questions was what the permitting of marihuana facilities would look like geographically, and he expressed great interest in a having a social equity program.

Commissioner Hess stated she was inspired by the young of the community. Commissioner Hess reported she had recently attended meetings of the Environmental Concerns Committee; the WMU climate change group; the Women's March; and the Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Circle event. Commissioner Hess spoke about the impact of her husband, who started a group for young men at King-Westwood Elementary School called Breakfast of Champions.

Vice Mayor Griffin acknowledged the City Commission may have been more reactive than proactive with adult use marihuana facilities, but equity was an important issue. Vice Mayor Griffin pointed out that people of color did not come to Commission meetings to talk about marihuana businesses, and that needed to change. Vice Mayor Griffin congratulated the Social Justice Youth Award recipients and spoke about the life of former City Commissioner Moses Walker.

Mayor Anderson remarked on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and noted it was a National Day of Service, not just a holiday. Mayor Anderson commented on the life of former City Commissioner Moses Walker and offered condolences to his friends and family.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 3, 2020

Approved by: ____________________________
David F. Anderson, Mayor
Dated: February 3, 2020