

Roll Call

A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Vice Mayor Don Cooney
David Anderson
Erin Knott
Matt Milcarek
Shannon Sykes
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 Reverend John McNaughton, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation re: the
Blue Ribbon Revenue
Panel Final Report

Sheri Welsh, Chair of the Blue Ribbon Revenue Panel, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Blue Ribbon Revenue Panel Final Report*. A copy of the report and the slides from this presentation were included with the papers for this meeting.

Mayor Hopewell recognized the members of the Panel in attendance.

Commissioner Anderson remarked that Commissioners had received the full report, and he thanked the members of the Panel for their service. Commissioner Anderson observed there were no obvious solutions for the Panel to endorse, and there was no unanimity of thought during the Panel's discussions.

Vice Mayor Cooney thanked the Panel members and indicated the City Commission had a lot of work to do.

Commissioner Urban thanked Ms. Welsh for her work as Chair of the Panel and for the analytical process used to evaluate the revenue options. Commissioner Urban noted the Panel was not charged with the development of a vision for the City, and he stated it was the Commission's job to work with the community to develop that vision.

Ms. Welsh agreed it was not the Panel's job to develop a vision for the City, but she reported the Panel had evaluated the revenue options through two lenses: 1) a set of criteria for what constituted a "good tax"; and 2) the impact of each option on the City's already-established vision and priorities.

Commissioner Milcarek thanked the Panel members and stated the City Commission had a lot of data to work through. Commissioner Milcarek indicated the Commission had to consider both the revenue and expenditure sides of the ledger.

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

Adoption of the Agenda

Vice Mayor Cooney requested that Item F-1, a change order to the contract between the City of Kalamazoo and Apple Bus Company for Sunday service, be moved to the Regular Agenda.

City Manager Ritsema announced there would be another budget work session on Monday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Communications

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

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** recommending that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission approve a Redevelopment Liquor License for Maru Kalamazoo, LLC at 427 E. Michigan Avenue.
- approval of a one-year lease with Kalamazoo County for Bronson Park.
- approval of a purchase agreement with Burdick-Crosstown Square, LLC to purchase a portion of City-owned land located at the intersection of Crosstown and Burdick.
- authorization for the City Manager to grant a Unilateral Permit to 123.Net, Inc., pursuant to the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Right of Way Oversight Act.
- approval of the minutes from the City Commission meeting on December 14, 2015.

Resolution 16-01

Commissioner Knott, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, 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, Knott, Milcarek, Sykes, Urban, Vice Mayor Cooney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Vice Mayor Cooney remarked on the significance of adding Sunday service for Metro County Connect customers.

Change Order to
Metro County
Connect Contract to
Add Sunday Service

Linda Teeter, Chair of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA), stated the addition of Sunday service for Metro County Connect was the first step and first significant physical change associated with the transition to a countywide transportation system.

Change Order to
Metro County
Connect Contract to
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In response to a question from Commissioner Urban, Ms. Teeter stated she was not aware of any fare changes or difference in fares for Sunday service.

In response to a question from Mayor Hopewell, Transportation Director Sean McBride indicated there would not be additional change orders associated with the transition of services to the KCTA.

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a change order to the contract between the City of Kalamazoo and Apple Bus Company to provide Metro County Connect Sunday Service beginning on February 7, 2016, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Asha Kazhad, City resident, noted the community had been promised Sunday service if the transportation millage passed in August of 2015. Mr. Khazad stated he was not opposed to expanding services for Metro County Connect customers, but Sunday service for the line haul busses was a greater need.

Commissioner Knott, seconded by Urban, moved to approve a change order to the contract between the City of Kalamazoo and Apple Bus Company to provide Metro County Connect Sunday Service beginning on February 7, 2016

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell clarified this was the first service enhancement to be made, not the last, as the service enhancements would happen in phases.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Knott, Milcarek, Sykes, Urban,
Vice Mayor Cooney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

Public Services Director Sue Founé distributed and reviewed a spreadsheet showing the results of a recent bid opening for curbside recycling and bulk trash removal services. Director Founé explained the bid award could be split so that different vendors provided different services in order to secure the lowest price for each service. A copy of the bid summary was filed with the papers for this meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Milcarek, Director Founé stated a switch from weekly to bi-weekly or monthly recycling would require the purchase of new containers, and she indicated the cost for the new containers was not included in the bid amount.

City Manager Ritsema indicated staff would review the bid results and have options ready for January 11th and the Commission's discussion of the Solid Waste Fund deficit.

City Clerk Borling presented the *Report of Determination* from the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC). City Clerk Borling indicated the LOCC had increased the compensation of the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners by 1.03%, which resulted in the following salaries:

	<u>New Salaries</u>	<u>Annual Increase</u>
Mayor	\$9,790	\$100
Vice Mayor	\$8,244	\$ 84
City Commissioners (each)	\$7,214	\$ 74

Total Annual Increase (all seven positions): \$554

City Clerk Borling noted the new salaries would take effect on January 16th. Creed Stegall, Chair of the LOCC, was present to answer questions, but no questions were asked.

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments.

Mattie Jordan-Woods, City resident, invited Commissioners to the "Show Me the Money" event on Saturday, January 9th.

Asha Kazhad, City resident, stated it wasn't fair that fixed route bus service had not expanded to Sundays yet, even though the transportation millage passed in August.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on January 19, 2016

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: January 19, 2016

City Clerk's Report

Citizen Comments

Adjournment