A business meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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 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 Pastor Strick Strickland, Second Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of the Social Justice Youth Awards

Mayor Hopewell introduced the presenters of the 2016 Social Justice Youth Awards.

Judy Woolsey, Assistant to the CEO of Schupan and Sons, presented the Schupan and Sons Social Justice Youth Award to Jamie Hotrum.

John Pinkster, Director of South Operation for Life EMS, presented the Life EMS Social Justice Youth Award to Marena White.

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

Dr. Lewis Walker of the Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations presented the Dr. Lewis Walker Social Justice Youth Award to Lauren Thorpe.

A transcript of the remarks made by Mayor Hopewell and the presenters was filed with the papers for this meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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:

- approval of the appointment of City Commissioners to various committees, boards, and commissions.

- approval of the following appointments and reappointments to boards and commissions:

    - the appointment of **Glenda Campbell** to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2019.

Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- the appointment of **H. Charles Kiplinger** to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2019.

- the appointment of **Michael Anderson** to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2019.

- the appointment of **William Gladstone** to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2019.

- the reappointment of **Terry Nelson** to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2019.

- the reappointment of **Linda Servis** to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2019.

- the appointment of **Khalil Adams** to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2018.

- approval of the minutes from the City Commission meeting on January 4, 2016.

Commissioner Milcarek, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Adoption of the FY2016 Budget

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the adoption of the FY2016 Budget, but not comments were offered.

Vice Mayor Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, moved to adopt the budget resolution, component unit budgets, and fee schedules as follows:

Resolution 16-02

- adoption of the Annual Appropriation **RESOLUTION** for the year 2016, which sets forth the number of mills to be levied, approves an interim appropriation for the year 2017, and establishes policies for the administration of the budget.

- approval of the FY2016 proposed budget for Metro Transit.

- approval of the proposed FY2016 Downtown Development Authority Operating Budget, the existing two-mill DDA Tax Levy, and the 2016 Capital Improvement Program.

Adoption of the FY2016 Budget (cont'd)

- approval of the FY2016 proposed budget for the Economic Development Corporation.
- approval of the FY2016 proposed budget for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
- approval of the FY2016 proposed budget for the Local Development Finance Authority.
- approval of the schedule of fees to be charged by the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association in 2016.

Resolution 16-03

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the schedule of fees to be charged by the Community Planning & Development Department in 2016.

Resolution 16-04

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the schedule of fees to be charged by the Parks and Recreation Department in 2016.

Resolution 16-05

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** approving the schedule of fees to be charged for special event applications, late fees, and service fees in 2016.

Resolution 16-06

- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** establishing the fees for obtaining a quadricycle operating permit in the City of Kalamazoo.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor Cooney commended City Manager Ritsema and staff for their hard work on the budget.

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

City Manager Ritsema provided the following reports and updates:

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- *Inside the City* newsletter, January 2016 edition
- December 2015 Purchases

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for general citizen comments, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Milcarek stated he was looking forward to working with Commissioners and staff as the City moved forward.

Commissioner Urban stated the City marching towards a financial cliff and noted the 2016 budget was balanced by spending down fund balance and using one-time fixes.

Commissioner Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Knott remarked on the water crisis in the City of Flint. Commissioner Knott stated the City needed new revenue sources and indicated the Commission would have difficult budget choices to make in the future.

Commissioner Sykes thanked City staff for their work and stated the reduction in solid waste services was a direct result of the need for new sources of revenue.

Commissioner Anderson reported the LIFT Foundation had been awarded low income tax credits from the state for the New Horizon Village housing development. Commissioner Anderson thanked staff and Commissioners for their support on this project remarked on the importance of the Eastside Revitalization Plan.

Vice Mayor Cooney congratulated Commissioner Anderson for his successful work with the LIFT Foundation. Vice Mayor Cooney offered remarks on the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mayor Hopewell recognized and thanked City staff for their hard work. Mayor Hopewell stated that he and City Manager Ritsema, and Public Services Director Sue Foune were discussing ways the City could help the City of Flint during its water crisis.

Vice Mayor Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved that the City Commission go into closed session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Hopewell indicated the Commission would not return to open session.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on February 1, 2016

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: February 1, 2016