

	A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 2, 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 Chris Praedel Jack Urban COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Erin Knott Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Commissioner Excused	Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Hess, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Knott. With a voice vote the motion passed.
Opening Ceremony	The invocation, given by Reverend David W. Zomer of Bethany Reformed Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Introduction of Guests/Presentation 2020-0060	Jeff Tafel, CEO of the Homebuilders Association of Western Michigan, Mary Balkema, Chair of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Local Advisory Board, and Matt Lager, CEO of Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services (KNHS), delivered a presentation entitled <i>Kalamazoo Attainable Homes: Bringing Quality New Home to Underserved Neighborhoods</i>. A copy of the slides for the presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting. In response to a question from Vice Mayor Griffin, Mr. Lager stated the homes being built were being built for people who lived in those neighborhoods.
Proclamation 2020-0061	Commissioner Hess proclaimed March 2020 <i>March for Meals Month</i>. Jon Garcia, Nutrition Programs Supervisor for Kalamazoo County, and Abby Finn, Nutrition Programs Manager for Senior Services of Southwest Michigan, received the proclamation.
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.
Communications: Update on the COVID19 Virus	Assistant Public Safety Chief Jeff VanderWiere provided an update on the COVID19 Virus (novel Coronavirus). Assistant Chief VanderWiere stated the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS) was in daily conversations with the Kalamazoo County Health Department and the Kalamazoo County Office of Emergency Management. Assistant Chief VanderWiere reported the City's current response was to monitor the situation, communicate with the community, and get in place safety protocols for first responders. In response to a question from Commissioner Cunningham, Assistant Chief VanderWiere stated the incubation period for the COVID19 virus was 2-14 days. In response to a question from Commissioner Praedel, Assistant Chief VanderWiere stated he did not know if nearby cases (Chicago) were communally spread.

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:

- approval of the purchase of a 60' articulating aerial truck from Altec industries Inc. of Creedmoor, NC through the MIDEAL cooperative purchasing program in the amount of \$169,393.	Consent Agenda 2020-0062
- approval of a professional service agreement and subsequent purchase order with Jones & Henry Engineers for the 33rd Street Water Main Project, in the amount of \$268,500.	2020-0063
- approval of a contract with Hoffman Bros., Inc. for the Stockbridge Water Main CIPP Lining Project, in the amount of \$171,978.	2020-0064
- approval of a professional service agreement with The Foster Group in the amount of \$140,000 for preparation of the Water and Wastewater Utility Financial Plan, service agreement assistance, true-up and rate studies, and general consulting services.	2020-0065
- approval of a contract supplemental and subsequent change order with Big Truck Rental for rental of a packer truck in the amount of \$38,965.60.	2020-0066
- approval of a contract supplemental and change order with Activate Healthcare, LLC for the oversight of health clinic site improvements, in the amount of \$119,484.00; and approval of a budget amendment for the same amount.	2020-0067
- approval of the purchase of two (2) new John Deere 310SL HL backhoes with buckets, hydraulic breakers and compactors and one (1) John Deere 544L Wheel Loader from AIS Construction Equipment in the amount of \$423,200.	2020-0068
- approval of a one-year contract with Earth Works Lawn and Landscape for the 2020 property maintenance services in the amount of \$116,350.	2020-0069
- adoption of a Notice of Intent RESOLUTION for the issuance of 2020 Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed eleven million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$11,750,000).	2020-0070 Resolution 20-10
- adoption of a Notice of Intent RESOLUTION for the issuance of 2020 Water Supply System Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed forty-five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$45,500,000).	2020-0071 Resolution 20-11
- adoption of a Notice of Intent RESOLUTION for 2020 Wastewater System Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000).	2020-0072 Resolution 20-12
- approval of the release of the 2020 Draft Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period beginning on March 6, 2020, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.	2020-0073
- approval of Fiscal Year 2019 budget amendments resulting in the following net impacts: a decrease in the General Fund Budget by	2020-0074

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\$149,000; an increase in the Capital Improvement Budget by \$213,000; and an increase in the Water Fund Budget by \$1,730,000.

- approval of a recommendation to postpone until March 16, 2020 consideration of the acceptance of 11 tax-foreclosed properties from the Kalamazoo County Treasurer.

Commissioner Urban, 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.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager's Report

City Manager Ritsema announced the City Commission would meet in special session for its annual planning retreat on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at The Foundry, located at 600 E. Michigan Avenue. City Manager Ritsema urged people to participate in the 2020 Census.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Borling encouraged people to return their absentee ballots for the March 10th Presidential Primary and explained how a voter was able to get a replacement ballot if they wanted to change their selection because their original choice had dropped out of the race.

Public Comments

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

Devin Loker, non-resident and an attorney representing The Refinery, a licensed Medical Marihuana Facility in the City, asked that the City allow existing licensed facilities to move forward with obtaining their adult use licenses.

Jeanette Evans, City resident, expressed concern about high prices at the Marathon gas station on Douglas Avenue.

Melissa Ray, City resident, expressed support for the City taking its time to create a good social equity plan for adult-use marihuana facilities. Ms. Ray asked the City to do more than adopt a resolution to address climate control.

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Jody Dozeman, City resident, spoke about various topics. Ms. Dozeman's written remarks were filed with the papers for this meeting.

City Commissioner Comments

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

Commissioner Hess reminded people of a street planning meeting on March 4th. Commissioner Hess expressed agreement with Ms. Ray that the City needed to act regarding climate change. Commissioner Hess noted there would be a downtown cleanup event on April 22nd, which was Earth Day.

Vice Mayor Griffin announced there would be public input sessions regarding the proposed housing ordinance on March 11th at City Hall and March 12th at the Washington Square Library, and she noted the Community Planning and Economic Development Department would be accepting input on the ordinance between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on the same days at their offices on North Rose Street.

Commissioner Urban noted the March 11th input session at City Hall would be live streamed on YouTube and broadcast on Public Media Network.

Commissioner Praedel thanked Jim Cornell for giving him a tour of the Water Reclamation Plant. Commissioner Praedel announced the Complete Streets Steering Committee was seeking members. Commissioner Praedel thanked Commissioner Cunningham for organizing a meeting about adult-use marihuana businesses.

Mayor Anderson thanked Commissioner Cunningham for organizing a meeting on adult use marihuana businesses. Mayor Anderson remarked on proclamations he had issued recently, including ones for Western Michigan University basketball and the Kalamazoo Boxing Club. Mayor Anderson expressed condolences to the family of "Taco Bob" Kettelman, who passed away recently.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 3, 2020

Approved by: _____
David F. Anderson, Mayor
Dated: August 3, 2020

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)