

	A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor Don Cooney David Anderson Erin Knott Matt Milcarek Jack Urban COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Shannon Sykes Also present were City Manager James Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Commissioner Excused	Commissioner Milcarek, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Sykes. With a voice vote the motion passed.
Invocation	The invocation, given by Pastor David Nichols, First Baptist Church of Kalamazoo, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Adoption of the Agenda	By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.
Introduction of Guests: Report on the 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program	Karen Carlisle of Youth Opportunities Unlimited distributed and reviewed the 2016 <i>Summer Youth Employment Program Dashboard</i>. A copy of this report was filed with the papers for this meeting. In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Carlisle stated the limitation on the program was funding for wages. Mayor Hopewell noted the Summer Youth Employment Program was funded through the City budget and a donation from William Johnston. Vice Mayor Cooney remarked that the number of applicants indicated there were many young people in the community who wanted to work. Ms. Carlisle and Mayor Hopewell presented awards to the following businesses involved with the Summer Youth Employment Program: <u>Career Day/Talent Tours</u> Bronson Health Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Kalamazoo RESA-Education for Employment Kalamazoo RESA-MiTech Department WMU School of Medicine <u>Landscape Projects</u> Briar Patch Handley's Tree Service & Hardwoods Wenke Greenhouses WMU Landscape Services

Consent Agenda items were presented as follows with a recommendation to approve the items with authorization for the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city:

- approval of the purchase of two, all-purpose rear dump stainless steel bodies with hoist and scrapers from Arista Truck Systems for a total cost of \$128,936.
- approval of the purchase of two non-heated dump bodies with scraper, wing blades and spreaders from Shults Equipment in the amount of \$153,190.
- approval of an additional month-to-month contract extension with Republic Services for curbside recycling from October 2016 thru March 2017 in the amount of \$460,827.37; and a change order for the current extension in the amount of \$150,410.41 to cover services thru September 2016.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the issuance of Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds on behalf of Bronson Healthcare Group, Inc and its subsidiaries for an aggregate principle amount not to exceed \$135,000,000.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** authorizing city staff to continue applying for and receiving the necessary permits to perform work within Michigan Department of Transportation rights-of-way.
- acceptance of a 2016 Justice Assistance Grant award in the amount of \$78,332 from the U.S. Justice Department.
- approval of a recommendation to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners that Jerome Kisscorni be reappointed as the City's Representative on the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority Board.

Vice Mayor Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban, 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.

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

NAYS: None

City Manager Ritsema reported that work was continuing on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the Foundation for Excellence. City Manager Ritsema stated the MOU should be ready by the October 17th City Commission meeting, but the document might not be ready for public distribution with as much lead time as desired.

Mayor Hopewell suggested the work session on October 24th be used to discuss the MOU.

Consent Agenda

Resolution 16-38

Resolution 16-39

City Manager's
Report

City Manager's
Report (cont'd)

Commissioner Urban expressed support for discussing the MOU on October 24th, and he requested that the document be made available online so people would have the same opportunity to review it as Commissioners.

By consensus Commissioners agreed that the topic for the October 24th work session should be the MOU for the Foundation of Excellence.

City Attorney's
Report

City Attorney Robinson reported on several bills that were recently signed into state law regarding medical marijuana provisioning centers. City Attorney Robinson noted the laws would not become effective until December of 2016, and the state licensing board responsible for issuing licenses would not begin considering applications until December of 2017. City Attorney Robinson stated an applicant for a license would need to receive local approval before getting a license from the state. City Attorney Robinson indicated the City would need to address zoning issues and a local approval process if the Commission wanted to allow provisioning centers within the City.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, City Attorney Robinson stated the current medical marijuana law allowed caregivers to grow only 72 plants, while the new laws effectively permitted commercial grow operations. City Attorney Robinson indicated he would need to study how the new laws interacted with the City Charter section on marijuana dispensaries.

Citizen Comments

When an opportunity was given for general citizen comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Frank Warren, City resident, spoke about his efforts to recognize an 8-year old girl who raised over \$1,500 for the Honor Flight.

Jevin Weyenberg, non-resident, asked the City Commission to allow medical marijuana provisioning centers in the City under recently passed state laws.

Monica Padula, City resident, asked the City to adopt an "Indigenous Person Day" resolution in lieu of recognizing Columbus Day. Ms. Padula expressed opposition to the Fountain of the Pioneers in Bronson Park.

Jonathan McKinney, City resident, expressed opposition to the Fountain of the Pioneers in Bronson Park.

Doug Kirk, City resident, expressed concern about the lack of provisions for bike signs in a new signage policy being developed by the City of Kalamazoo, City of Portage, and Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

City Commissioner
Comments

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

Commissioner Milcarek thanked City Attorney Robinson for following and reporting on developments with medical marijuana statutes.

Commissioner Milcarek expressed hope that the City Commission would honor the wishes of Kalamazoo voters regarding medical marijuana.

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

Commissioner Urban spoke about the proposed bike signage policy.

Commissioner Knott thanked Community Planning and Development Director Laura Lam for the responsiveness of her staff in dealing with some urgent issues.

Commissioner Anderson remarked on items from the Consent Agenda, including the Justice Assistance Grant and Hospital Finance Authority Bonds.

Vice Mayor Cooney invited people to attend upcoming community events.

Mayor Hopewell recognized Western Michigan University students who were in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 17, 2016

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: October 17, 2016