

	<p>A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor Don Cooney Erin Knott Shannon Sykes Jack Urban</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: David Anderson* Matt Milcarek</p> <p>Also present were Deputy City Manager Jeff Chamberlain, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Vice Mayor Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Anderson and Milcarek. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p> <p>*Commissioner Anderson arrived at 7:02 p.m.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Reverend Julie Kline, First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for general communications, but none were offered.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>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:</p>
Resolution 16-39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- approval of a one-year contract extension in the amount of \$500,000 with Constellation New Energy – Gas Division, LLC for natural gas to be used to heat selected City facilities.</li> <li>- approval of a one-year contract with Etna Supply for the purchase of miscellaneous water inventory valves and brass supplies in the total amount of \$201,168.16.</li> <li>- adoption of a <b>RESOLUTION</b> vacating a portion of Ampersee Avenue and an adjacent public alley.</li> <li>- approval of the sale of 1115 Jefferson Avenue to Roderick G. O'Brien for \$120.00.</li> <li>- approval of the sale of the west half of 442 Drexel Place to Christopher and Maria Vogt for \$120.00 and the sale of the east half of 442 Drexel Place to Bhaskar Pisipati for \$120.00.</li> </ul>

- approval of the sale of 636 Ada Street to Charlotte J. Ojediran for \$120.00.
- acceptance of a grant from the Richard and Thelma Foundation in the amount of \$25,300.00 for Bronson Park Holiday decorations.
- approval of the minutes from the City Commission meeting on November 7, 2016.

Consent Agenda  
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Commissioner Urban, 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.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

Senior Development Planner Rob Bauckham provided an overview of a request to rezone the east 12.78 acres of 4501 Arboretum Parkway from Zone CC to Zone RM-24.

First Reading of an Ordinance to Rezone 4501 Arboretum Parkway

When given an opportunity to comment on an ordinance to rezone the east 12.78 acres of 4501 Arboretum Parkway from Zone CC to Zone RM-24, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Mike Speedy, non-resident, spoke in favor of the rezoning and described the proposed development project that necessitated the rezoning request.

Rex Bruggemann, City resident, spoke about the benefits of living in the Arcadia Neighborhood and urged the City to not do anything that would harm the neighborhood.

James Robinson, City resident, expressed opposition to the rezoning, as the construction of a new apartment complex would only add to the current traffic problems.

Brian Grant, City resident, expressed opposition to the proposed rezoning and development project and stated the land should be kept as open space or made into a park.

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, offered for first reading an ordinance to rezone the east 12.78 acres of 4501 Arboretum Parkway from Zone CC to Zone RM-24 and moved that a public hearing be scheduled for December 5, 2016.

First Reading of an Ordinance to Rezone 4501 Arboretum Parkway	<p>With a roll call vote this motion passed.</p> <p>AYES: Commissioners Anderson, Knott, Sykes, Urban, Vice Mayor Cooney, Mayor Hopewell</p> <p>NAYS: None</p>
City Manager's Report	<p>Deputy City Manager Chamberlain provided the following reports and updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Departmental Reports and Project Updates</li> <li>- <i>Inside the City</i> newsletter, November 2016 Edition</li> </ul>
Citizen Comments	<p>When an opportunity was given for general citizen comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:</p> <p>Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, spoke in favor of more cooperation, not separation, between church and state. Mr. Scudder invited people to a new support group called "Prisoners Anonymous."</p>
City Commissioner Comments	<p>Next, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments and concerns of City Commissioners.</p> <p>Commissioner Knott remarked on the reopening of former Public Safety Station #5 as a youth center. Commissioner Knott stated hiring private security guards to address problems at Denner Street Park was not the answer.</p> <p>Commissioner Sykes asked the City Attorney to research what would be involved with the City of Kalamazoo becoming a "Sanctuary City." Commissioner Sykes stated she would fight for the groups that had been attacked by the new presidential administration and indicated there was a place for these groups in Kalamazoo.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson urged people to be thankful for all of the good things in their lives, and he noted that Abraham Lincoln had made Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863 when the country was divided by civil war.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Cooney stated the Mayor had issued a great statement after the presidential election regarding tolerance and inclusion. Vice Mayor Cooney indicated undocumented residents were risk, and he asked that Kalamazoo explore the idea of becoming a "Sanctuary City."</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Scott A. Borling City Clerk</p>

For City Commission approval on December 19, 2016

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: December 19, 2016

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