

	<p>A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:03 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.</p>
Roll Call	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor Don Cooney David Anderson Erin Knott Matt Milcarek Shannon Sykes Jack Urban</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager James Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Shelby Moss.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Strick Strickland from Second Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Presentation of the Social Justice Youth Awards	<p>Mayor Hopewell introduced the presenters of the 2017 Social Justice Youth Awards.</p> <p>Judy Woolsey, Assistant to the CEO of Schupan and Sons, presented Schupan &amp; Sons Youth Social Justice Award to Daba Schau.</p> <p>John Pinkster, Director of South Operation for Life EMS, presented the Life EMS Social Justice Youth Award to Isaac Moss.</p> <p>Ronald Foor, Community President of Fifth Third Bank, presented the Fifth Third Bank Social Justice Youth Award to Taylor Brown.</p> <p>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 Hill.</p> <p>A transcript of the remarks made by Mayor Hopewell and the presenters was filed with the papers for this meeting.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda with the following change:</p> <p>A citizen requested Item F5 (reappointments to the Board of Review for Assessments and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board) be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Ritsema announced there would be a City Commission work session on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. City Manager Ritsema stated the discussion topic would be the Foundation for Excellence.</p>
Public Hearing re: Rezoning of 45 Parcels in the Riverfront Redevelopment Area	<p>At 7:20 p.m. Mayor Hopewell opened a public hearing to receive comments on an ORDINANCE to 1) rezone 45 parcels from Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District), Zone M-2 (Manufacturing, General</p>

District), and Zone CCBD (Commercial, Central Business District) to Zone CMU (Commercial, Mixed-Use District); 2) amend the Riverfront Overlay District to add Subarea 9; and 3) add the new Subarea 9 of the Riverfront Overlay District to the parcels.

At 7:21 p.m. Mayor Hopewell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Anderson thanked City staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Urban expressed support for the ordinance and stated the site of the proposed rezoning was very important to the downtown area.

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Milcarek, moved to adopt an **ORDINANCE** to 1) rezone 45 parcels from Zone M-1 (Manufacturing, Limited District), Zone M-2 (Manufacturing, General District), and Zone CCBD (Commercial, Central Business District) to Zone CMU (Commercial, Mixed-Use District); 2) amend the Riverfront Overlay District to add Subarea 9; and 3) add the new Subarea 9 of the Riverfront Overlay District to the parcels.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously:

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

NAYS: None

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 a two-year contract extension with Rathco Safety Supply, Inc. for rental of temporary traffic control devices in the amount of \$300,000.
- approval of a contract for engineering design services with Jones & Henry Engineers, LTD for the design of solids handling and dewatering improvements at the City of Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant in the amount of \$350,000.00.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the LIFT Foundation, doing business as New Horizon Village (Parcel No. 06-11-160-001, pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.
- approval of the reappointments of Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell and City Manager James Ritsema to the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Governing Board of Directors, with Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley and Deputy City Manager Jeff Chamberlain as alternates; and the reappointment of Deputy Public Safety Chief Karianne Thomas to the Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Technical Advisory Committee, with Dispatch Center Group Leader, John Hurst as an alternate. These reappointments will expire on December 31, 2018.

Public Hearing re: Rezoning of 45 parcels in the Riverfront Redevelopment Area (cont'd)

Ordinance 1945 Rezoning 45 parcels in the Riverfront Redevelopment Area

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- approval of the minutes from the City Commission meetings on December 12 and December 19, 2016.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until February 6, 2017 approval of the sale of 1213 John Street to Alfredo and Linda Zuniga for \$120.00.

Commissioner Knott, seconded by Vice Mayor Cooney, 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\*, Sykes, Urban, Vice Mayor Cooney, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS: None

\*At the time of the vote, Commissioners Anderson and Milcarek announced they were abstaining on Item F3 (Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the LIFT Foundation) due to conflicts of interest.

## Regular Agenda

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the reappointments to the Board of Review for Assessments and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), the following people addressed the City Commission:

Zadie Jackson, City resident, expressed support for the reappointment of Meka Phillips to PRAB.

Meka Phillips, City resident and Chair of PRAB, expressed her desire to continue serving the City of Kalamazoo on this board.

Vice Mayor Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Milcarek, moved to approve the following reappointments to boards and commissions:

- the reappointment of Donna Keller to the Board of Review for Assessments for a term expiring on January 31, 2020; and
- and the reappointment of Meka Phillips to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring on January 1, 2020. This reappointment includes the waiver of City Commission rule 12e regarding term limits.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on the adoption of the FY2017 Budget, but no comments were offered.

Adoption of the  
FY2017 Budget

City Manager Ritsema thanked City staff for their hard work and highlighted the importance of the millage reduction provided by the Foundation for Excellence. City Manager Ritsema remarked on the sixty-two positions being added to the budget and the importance of these positions to continue the work of the Foundation for Excellence.

Commissioner Knott, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt the budget resolution, component unit budgets, and fee schedules as follows:

- adoption of the Annual Appropriation **RESOLUTION** for the year 2017, which sets forth the number of mills to be levied, approves an interim appropriation for the year 2018, and establishes policies for the administration of the budget.
- approval of the proposed FY2017 Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budget, as submitted by the DDA Board.
- approval of the proposed FY2017 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) budget as submitted by the BRA Board.
- approval of the proposed FY2017 Economic Development Corporation (EDC) budget as submitted by the EDC Board.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting the 2017 fees for various permits hearings, etc. within the Community Planning & Development Department.
- adoption of a **RESOLUTION** setting the 2017 fees and charges for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- approval of the 2017 proposed fee schedule for the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association.

Resolution 17-02

Resolution 17-03

Resolution 17-04

Prior to a vote on the motion, Commissioner Anderson commented on the extensive budget process and thanked City Manager Ristsema and staff for their hard work.

Vice Mayor Cooney commended City Manager Ristsema and staff for striving to provide a high quality of life for residents.

Mayor Hopewell remarked on the importance of the budget process and the integration of the budget to the priorities of the Commission.

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, January 2017 edition
- December 2016 Purchases

James Baker, Public Services Director, addressed the Commission on the timeline for the 2017 Vine Street Project between Davis and Oak Street. Director Baker's notes have been filed with the papers for this meeting.

In response to questions from Commissioner Sykes, Director Baker stated the public meeting held on November 3, 2016 was promoted through the Vine Neighborhood Association, but he was unsure of the exact number of attendees. Director Baker stated meeting participants' concerns were discussed at the meeting, and he would follow up with Commissioner Sykes on the exact number of meeting participants.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Cooney, Director Baker stated his office received one phone call regarding the "door hanger" tree removal notices, and one resident inquired at the neighborhood meeting about the species of tree that would be replanted.

City Manager Ritsema previewed the upcoming January 23<sup>rd</sup> City Commission Work Session regarding the Foundation for Excellence. A copy of this presentation was filed with the papers for this meeting.

## Citizen Comments

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

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, remarked on the events surrounding the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and he commented on the need to be inclusive when marking important historical events.

Paul VandenBosch, non-resident, expressed support for the shut-down of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant and requested the Commission support Consumers Energy in their request to the Michigan Public Service Commission to shut down the plant by 2018.

Zach Lassiter, City resident, expressed concerns regarding the number of non-profit properties on the tax roll.

Gunnars Kaire, City resident, expressed concerns regarding the removal of trees from the Vine Neighborhood and the proposed widening of Vine Street. Mr. Kaire's notes were filed with the papers for this meeting.

James Kavanaugh, City resident and owner of Cosmo's Cucina and O'Duffy's Pub, expressed concerns regarding the planning meetings and resident notices regarding the Vine Street widening project and the lack of parking access from Vine Street for a significant portion of the construction project.

Judd Easton, City resident, expressed opposition to the Vine Street widening project and suggested the funding would be better used for improvements on other streets. Mr. Easton expressed frustration with the lack of notices to residents before trees were removed.

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

City Commissioner  
Comments

Commissioner Milcarek expressed concerns regarding the Vine Street widening project and urged City staff to understand the personal nature of these projects to residents.

Commissioner Urban reported he had met with City staff regarding the Vine Street widening project, and he discussed lessons staff had learned during the course of the project. Commissioner Urban remarked on the challenges created by having a large gap between the planning and execution stages of a project. Commissioner Urban stated City staff would be reviewing their notification policies for all projects, and he advised staff to be understanding and compassionate towards residents' concerns.

Commissioner Knott expressed concerns regarding the removal of trees due to the Vine Street widening project, and she related residents' concerns regarding the lack of notices about the project.

Commissioner Sykes expressed concerns regarding the community engagement portion of the Vine Street widening project. Commissioner Sykes asked City departments to collaborate on noticing efforts and share their knowledge of effective and ineffective noticing techniques. Commissioner Sykes requested City staff spend additional face to face time with City residents concerning the Vine Street widening project.

Commissioner Anderson requested a presentation that would cover the following topics: the classification of streets in the City; how funding from various sources was divided up among the various types of streets; and a listing of projects proposed for funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Kalamazoo Area of Transportation Study.

Vice Mayor Cooney remarked on the lack of community support for the Vine Street widening project and the removal of trees from the neighborhood. Vice Mayor Cooney inquired if the Vine Street widening project could be modified to address residents' concerns.

Mayor Hopewell noted there was a general lack of understanding regarding the process for prioritizing and funding infrastructure projects. Referring to his many years of service on City boards, Mayor Hopewell observed there would always be people who did not know about a project or who did not receive a notice. Mayor Hopewell requested that staff take the following actions to improve the management of infrastructure projects: 1) develop specific steps community engagement; 2) have an alternate community engagement plan for when the primary plan did not facilitate enough participation; 3) tailor noticing techniques to the housing demographic on the street being affected by a project; 4) have a plan in

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Comments (cont'd)

place to support businesses during a project; 5) establish an after action review process; and 6) continue efforts in departmental collaboration. Mayor Hopewell stated there was lots of work to accomplish in 2017, and he urged City staff to help everyone better understand current and future projects.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Moss  
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on March 6, 2017

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: March 6, 2017

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