

	<p>A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 6, 2017 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 David Anderson Erin Knott Matt Milcarek Shannon Sykes Jack Urban</p> <p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p> <p>Also present were Deputy City Manager Patsy Moore, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Elder Rhonda Edwards, Galilee Baptist Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamation	<p>Commissioner Knott proclaimed March 5-11, 2017 Women in Construction Week. Suzanne Grix, North Region Development Manager of Great Lakes Environmental & Infrastructure received the proclamation.</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 that Item F-6, amendments to the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approval of a one-year contract extension with Elite Pipeline Services for routine sanitary sewer cleaning and inspection in the amount of \$170,296.95.
Ordinance 1947	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of an ORDINANCE Authorizing Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$8,800,000, including \$5,900,000 of new dollars for the Water System's FY 2017 Capital Improvement Program, as well as \$2,900,000 of refunding dollars for the Water System's outstanding Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 and 2007.
Resolution 17-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9 million for the purpose of financing FY 2017 capital projects.
Resolution 17-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adoption of a RESOLUTION granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the VOK Limited Dividend Housing Association LLC owned by Hope Network and Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids Nonprofit Housing Corporation for Village of Kalamazoo Apartments (Parcel

No. 06-19-373-001), pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.

Consent Agenda
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- approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement for the Distribution of County 9-1-1 Surcharge Revenues.
- approval of the release of the DRAFT 2017 HUD Action Plan and Substantial Amendment to 2016 HUD Action Plan for a 30-day Public Comment Period to begin on March 7, 2017, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- approval of an Easement for Electric Facilities with Consumers Energy Company to permit Consumers to run electric services to the cell tower owned by TowerCo and located on City property at 251 Mills St.
- approval and acceptance of an easement with the Heritage Community for water main installed as part of the Heritage Community Water Main Looping Project.
- approval of the minutes from the City Commission meetings on January 17, January 23, February 6, and February 20, 2017.

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 unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Regular Agenda

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on amendments to the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Amendments to the
FY2016 Budget

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, expressed support for the Farmers' Market and asked why money was being transferred from the Farmer's Market to another project.

Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to approve the following amendments to Fiscal Year 2016 Budgeted appropriations:

- increase Capital Improvement Fund appropriations by \$740,000.
- increase Solid Waste Fund appropriations by \$66,000.
- transfer \$90,000 from the Henderson Tot Lot project to the Davis Street Park project.

Amendments to the
FY2016 Budget
(cont'd)

- transfer \$250,000 from the Farmer's Market project to the KRVT Downtown Connector trailway project.
- transfer \$200,000 from the KVCC/WMU Streetscape project to the KRVT Downtown Connector trailway project.
- transfer \$140,000 from unspent bond reserves to City Hall – Economic Development Offices and Lobby Public Restroom project.

In response to Mr. Scudder's question, Deputy City Manager Moore explained the funds were being transferred to the Downtown Connector trailway project because that project was ready to implement. Deputy City Manager Moore indicated the Farmer's Market was in the fund raising and planning stage, and the project would continue as funding became available.

Commissioner Anderson asked why this was an amendment to the FY2016 budget.

Chief Financial Officer Tom Skrobola explained the approval of year-end budget amendments was a routine practice recommended by the City's auditors to ensure that the allocation of funds matched how those funds were actually used. CFO Skrobola stated the proposed amendments reflected changing priorities and involved the transfer of funds from projects that were not ready to projects that were ready to implement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Resolution 17-17
Supporting the
Kalamazoo Prisoner
ReEntry Coalition

Pastor Ralph Cunningham, Seasons of Change Church, and Public Safety Chief Jeff Hadley explained the purpose of the Kalamazoo Prisoner ReEntry Coalition.

When an opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution supporting the Kalamazoo Prisoner ReEntry Coalition, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, spoke about a support group called Prisoners Anonymous that met on Thursday evenings.

Frank Warren, City resident, expressed support for the resolution and spoke about his son, who had made the transition from incarceration to freedom.

Commissioner Sykes, seconded by Commissioner Urban, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** supporting the Kalamazoo Prisoner ReEntry Coalition.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Vice Mayor Cooney spoke about the challenges for people who were transitioning from incarceration to freedom and life in the community.

Mayor Hopewell thanked Chief Hadley and the other coalition partners for working to improve the community's efforts at facilitating prisoner reentry. Mayor Hopewell remarked on the connection between this initiative and Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo, and he noted the coalition would be working to make changes at the state level.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

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

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, remarked that people who did not use cash were not able to buy his newspapers and support other small businesses.

Mary Pridgeon, City resident, spoke on behalf of the Douglas Neighborhood Association and expressed concerns about the X-train that was happening on the weekends during the early morning hours.

Frank Warren, City resident, presented Vice Mayor Cooney with the Winter 2017 edition of the *Forty and Eighter* newsletter, which contained his picture at an even honoring Isabella Grimes, a student who raised funds for the Honor Flight.

Andrew Stinavage, City resident, spoke about the closing of the Alamo Draft House, asked for information about why it was closing, and expressed a desire for the City to intervene.

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

Commissioner Knott announced Housing Resources Incorporated was holding its annual Walk for Homeless on March 25th, and she announced the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners had issued a participation challenge to the City Commission.

Mayor Hopewell indicated Chief Hadley was willing to discuss solutions to community problems, like the X-train. Mayor Hopewell indicated the closing of Alamo Draft House was the result of a tenant/landlord dispute and not financial difficulties. Mayor Hopewell explained the City could not stop the closure and stated it was his understanding there was a replacement tenant in line for the theater property. Mayor Hopewell congratulated the Women in Construction proclamation recipients and urged them to do more projects in Kalamazoo.

Resolution 17-17
Supporting the
Kalamazoo Prisoner
ReEntry Coalition
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Citizen Comments

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on April 3, 2017

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: April 3, 2017

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