

	<p>A regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, March 20, 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 City Manager James Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Invocation	<p>The invocation, given by Pastor Steve Johnson, Oakwood Bible Church, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Proclamation	<p>Commissioner Anderson proclaimed March 2017 the <i>15th Annual March for Meals Month</i>. Dan Pontius, Nutrition and Transportation Manager for Senior Services of Southwest Michigan, accepted the proclamation.</p>
Adoption of the Agenda	<p>By unanimous consent the City Commission adopted its meeting agenda as presented.</p>
Communications	<p>City Manager Ritsema announced there would be City Commission work sessions on Monday, March 27th and Monday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. The discussion topic of the March 27th meeting was the work being done through Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo to address youth development and generational poverty; and the discussion topic for April 10th was projects to be funded with the Foundation for Excellence (FFE). City Manager Ritsema noted no decisions had been made regarding the use of FFE aspirational project funding.</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 purchase order in the amount of \$137,000.00 with the Ohio Drilling Company to perform one water production well replacement and four well rehabilitations and repairs for Production Wells 4-9 and 4-10 at Water Pumping Station 4, (2000 West Crosstown), and well rehabilitations for Production Wells 24-10 and 24-14A at Water Pumping Station 24 (Al Sabo). - approval of a purchase order in the amount of \$191,500.00 with Peerless-Midwest, Inc. to perform well rehabilitations and repairs for Production Wells 1-2, 1-4, and 1-5 at Water Pumping Station 1 (Central), 18-2A at Water Pumping Station 18 (Emerald), 24-2A at Water Pumping Station 24 (Al Sabo), and to replace production well 8-5 at Water Pumping Station 8 (East Kilgore).

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| - adoption of a RESOLUTION that establishes the emergency response fees and other charges which the District Court will impose on all individuals convicted of violating the City's operating while under the influence ordinance. This resolution replaces and updates Resolution 01-05e passed on January 8, 2001. | Resolution 17-18 |
| - adoption of a RESOLUTION concurring with the provisions of a Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Brownfield Plan for PS 383, LLC, located at 383 South Pitcher Street. | Resolution 17-19 |
| - adoption of a RESOLUTION approving application for a Michigan Natural Resources Recreation Passport grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the development and rehabilitation of The Henderson Tot Lot Park. | Resolution 17-20 |
| - approval of the following appointments and reappointments to boards and commissions: | |
| - the reappointment of Tami Cox to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2020; | |
| - the reappointment of Adam Roth to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2020; | |
| - the reappointment of Amina Shakir to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as the Northside Neighborhood representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2020; | |
| - the reappointment of Annie Sprague to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as an at-large member for a term expiring on March 31, 2020; | |
| - the appointment of Jennette Tarver to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as the Eastside Neighborhood representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2020; | |
| - the reappointment of Margaret Wilson to the Community Development Act Advisory Committee as the Vine Neighborhood representative for a term expiring on March 31, 2020; | |
| - the reappointment of Margy Belchak to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2020; | |
| - the reappointment of Olga Button to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2020; | |

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- the appointment of **Philip Dietrich** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2019;
- the appointment of **Nora Gimpel** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2019;
- the reappointment of **Paul Manstrom** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2020;
- the appointment of **George Russo** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2018;
- the appointment of **Aaron Wright** to the Environmental Concerns Committee for a term expiring on January 1, 2020;
- the reappointment of **Christina Anderson** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2020;
- the reappointment of **Chris Flach** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2018; and
- the reappointment of **Matt Lager** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2020.
- approval of the minutes from the City Commission neighborhood meeting on February 20, 2017 and business meeting on March 6, 2017.
- approval of a recommendation to hold until April 3, 2017 consideration of a Buy/Sell Agreement with Dylan Wright for the purchase of property located at 1007 East Alcott Street.

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Milcarek, 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

Regular Agenda items were considered next.

Resolution 17-21
Supporting the
Consolidated Dispatch
Proposition

City Manager Ritsema read A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE KALAMAZOO CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH PROPOSITION FOR 911 FUNDING.

An opportunity was given for citizens to comment on a resolution supporting the Kalamazoo Consolidated Dispatch Proposition for 911 System Funding, but no comments were offered.

Resolution 17-21
Supporting the
Consolidated Dispatch
Proposition (cont'd)

Commissioner Sykes, seconded by Commissioner Knott, moved to adopt a **RESOLUTION** supporting the Kalamazoo Consolidated Dispatch Proposition for 911 System Funding.

Prior to a vote on the motion and in response to a question from Commissioner Urban, City Manager Ritsema clarified the \$2.30 surcharge was per phone device, per month.

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 Ritsema provided the following reports and updates:

City Manager's
Report

- Departmental Reports and Project Updates
- *Inside the City* newsletter, March 2017 edition
- February 2017 Purchases

City Manager Ritsema announced the promotions of Laura Lam to the position of Assistant City Manager and Rebekah Kik to the position of Community Planning and Development Director. City Manager Ritsema stated Assistant City Manager Lam would be focusing on the Foundation for Excellence.

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

Citizen Comments

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, spoke about the need for research on the long term effects of adding fluoride to the water supply.

Frank Warren, City resident, spoke about President Donald Trump's proposed budget and the elimination of funding for Meals on Wheels and other programs.

Esteban Blanco, City resident, inquired about opening a medical marijuana dispensary in the City.

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

City Commissioner
Comments

Commissioner Milcarek stated the City was reviewing its options under the new state law regarding medical marijuana dispensaries, and he referred Mr. Blanco to the City Attorney for more information.

Commissioner Urban noted President Trump's proposed budget would eliminate Community Development Block Grants, and he suggested the

City Commissioner
Comments (cont'd)

City consider what it could do to oppose the elimination of this funding. Commissioner Urban also suggested the City evaluate the impact of the President's proposed budget, should it be approved.

Commissioner Knott announced there would be a rally on March 22nd outside the offices of U.S. Representative Fred Upton to oppose the American Health Care Act.

Commissioner Sykes noted President Trump's proposed budget would eliminate funding for after school programs that were vital to the success of many students. Commissioner Sykes invited people to attend a Great Lakes Peace Jam event on March 22nd and an event in Bronson Park on March 25th regarding Enbridge Line 5.

Vice Mayor Cooney spoke about the programs that were eliminated in President Trump's proposed budget and urged people to contact their U.S. Representatives and Senators to express their opposition.

Mayor Hopewell spoke about the potential harm caused by President Trump's proposed budget, and he urged people to contact their elected officials to voice their concerns. Mayor Hopewell also urged people to encourage their friends and relatives to do the same.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 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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