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City Commission Approves City Manager's 2009 Budget Recommendations

Kalamazoo, Michigan, October 27, 2009 – City Manager Kenneth P. Collard presented recommendations for changes to the 2009 budget as a part of the 3rd Quarter Budget Report to the City Commission on Monday, October 26, 2009.

In response to the August 3, 2009 City Commission directive, City Manager Collard proposed changes to the 2009 City budget to reduce expenditures by \$2 million. This budgetary change is necessitated due to declining State Shared Revenue, property taxes and interest earnings.

The proposal calls for the elimination of 32 positions from the 2009 general fund budget; 10 positions are vacant, 10 Public Safety Officer positions will be “refunded” with a Federal stimulus grant and 12 occupied positions will be eliminated no later than December 31, 2009.

The staff reductions coupled with the projected use available reserves are forecasted to balance the proposed 2010 general fund budget and stabilize the workforce for 2010 and 2011 provided there are no precipitous changes to the current financial trends.

This multi-year method of examining and planning for future budgets became the foundation of the City's budget development process in 2007 and is due to the forward thinking of then Mayor, Hannah J. McKinney. As a result, the City developed the *5 Year Fiscal Plan*

and continues to evaluate the budget on a regular basis producing the Budget Quarterly Review; a report that updates national, state and local financial trends allowing for timely modifications to the City's operating budget.

To read the entire budget document and for more information regarding the budget process, visit www.kalamazoo.org/budget2010.

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