

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF

KALAMAZOO

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A banner image for the City of Kalamazoo. It features the text "WELCOME TO THE CITY OF" in small white letters above the word "KALAMAZOO" in large, white, 3D-style letters. The background of the banner shows various city buildings and a street scene.

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METRO

- Pending consolidation of metro transit with Kalamazoo transit authority
- Addition of hybrid bus fleet (8)

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Public Safety

- Development of Metro SWAT
- COPS Grant

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Parks & Recreation

- Quality of Life Programming
- Lunchtime Live
- Food Trucks
- Baseball returns to Kalamazoo

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Finance

- Budget
- Revenue & Expenditure Points
- Early Retirement Incentive
- Challenge: State Shared Revenue
 - EVIP

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Human Resources

- Enhanced Union Relationships
- Compensation & Benefits

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Public Services

- Challenge: meeting infrastructure needs with shrinking dollars
- Challenge: staff education & retraining
- Intergovernmental & Private collaborations

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Community Planning & Development

- Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority collaboration
- New WMU Medical Center downtown
- Challenges of a declining tax base
- KVCC Wellness & Food Sustainability Campus

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Conclusion