



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the City Commission

City of Kalamazoo

Monday, June 15, 2009

7:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. OPENING CEREMONY

1. Invocation: **Reverend Debbie Eisenbise**, Skyridge Church of the Brethren
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of Guests
 - a. Government Finance Officers Association **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award & Excellence in Budgeting Award**
4. Proclamations

C. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. The public is invited to attend the following meetings of boards and commissions:
 - a. The **Kalamazoo Historic District Commission** will meet on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
 - b. The **Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association** will meet on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room at City Hall.
 - c. The **Environmental Concerns Committee** will meet on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.
 - d. The **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** will meet on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:30 a.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.
 - e. The **Housing Board of Appeals** will meet on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

- f. The **Transit Authority Board** will meet on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 8:15 a.m., in the Metro Transit Conference Room, located at 530 North Rose Street.
2. The City is accepting applications for appointment to various city Commission advisory boards and commissions. Interested citizens are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at 337-8792 to request an application form or to obtain additional information on board vacancies.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Receive public comments regarding a recommendation to adopt an ORDINANCE to rezone 214 and 230 South Sage Street from Zone CO (Commercial, Office District) to Zone RM-24 (Residential, Multi-Dwelling District) under the contract zoning provision of the State of Michigan. **(Action: Motion to adopt the ordinance)**

F. CONSENT AGENDA

(Action: Motion to approve items "1-13" and hold item "14" until June 29, 2009)

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a contract extension for up to six months with Pride Ambulance Company (Pride Care) for the provision of Metro Transit's ADA Metro Van paratransit bus service in an amount not to exceed \$442,369.84 or \$73,728.31 monthly.
2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a contract with Tetra Tech MPS to provide consulting services for the design and construction of the Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant Secondary System Improvements Project in the amount of \$327,818.
3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a one-year contract with Consumers Concrete Corporation to provide ready mix concrete for roadway, sidewalk, and other construction projects in the amount of \$148,300.
4. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION confirming the 2009 Assessment Roll.
5. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION approving the request of the Downtown Development Authority to levy a tax rate of 1.9638 mills.

6. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION designating financial institutions as approved depositories for the City and authorizing the positions of Management and Budget Services Director/CFO, City Treasurer, Deputy Director of Management and Budget Services/Comptroller and the Assistant City Treasurer to execute and sign agreements to procure various cash management services of financial institutions and to provide specific operational and procedural information to such institutions as may be required.
7. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION granting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes to the YWCA Nonprofit Housing Corporation for an affordable housing rehabilitation project located at 915 – 917 Homecrest Avenue, pursuant to Section 35-4 of the Kalamazoo City Code.
8. Consideration of a recommendation to: 1) offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend Section 12.3 and to add Section 7.6 to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to murals; and, b) schedule a public hearing for June 29, 2009.
9. Consideration of a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE, which amends Section 2-224E and repeals Section 2-227B-5, both of which are found in the Pension Ordinance.
10. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a three-year Prepaid Fare Agreement with Western Michigan University to provide unlimited access to Metro Transit services for all current students, faculty and staff, from August 2009 through July 31, 2012.
11. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a conditional loan commitment to Zoorona, LLC in the amount of \$40,000 from the city's Small Business Revolving Loan Fund to partially fund the renovation of a leased property located at 1710 West Main Street in the commercial district of the West Main Hill neighborhood in the city.
12. Consideration of a recommendation to accept a grant from Kalamazoo Community Mental Health Services for \$88,000 to fund a summer youth adventure program.
13. Consideration of a recommendation to accept a grant in the amount of \$8,614 from the Junior League of Kalamazoo to install barrier-free picnic tables and plant new trees around the Boundless Playground located at Upjohn Park.
14. Consideration of a recommendation to authorize the purchase of state-owned, tax-reverted land under the provisions of Public Act 123 of 1999, as amended. *Hold until June 29, 2009.*

G. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Consideration of a recommendation to accept two grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amounts of \$758,089 for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program and \$495,533 for Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Program, and authorize the City Manager to sign and submit all appropriate documents required by HUD and execute all contracts with subrecipients of funding received under this program. **(Action: Motion to approve)**
2. Consideration of a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend Sections 18-17 through 18-25 and add Sections 18-26 through 18-30, and rename Article II from “Discrimination in Real Estate Transactions” to “Discrimination Prohibited” of Chapter 18 of the Kalamazoo City Code of Ordinances. **(Action: Motion to offer the ordinance for first reading)**

H. REPORTS AND LEGISLATION

1. City Manager’s Report

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**J. POLICY ITEMS****K. NEW BUSINESS****K. CITIZEN COMMENTS****L. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS BY COMMISSIONERS****M. CLOSED SESSION****N. ADJOURNMENT**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Questions regarding agenda items may be answered prior to the meeting by contacting the City Manager's Office at 269.337.8047.

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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Welcome to the Kalamazoo City Commission meeting, and thank you for your participation in Kalamazoo local government. The City Commission recognizes that citizens who make the effort to attend a Commission meeting often feel passionately about an issue. The following guidelines are not meant to discourage individual expression; rather, they exist to facilitate the orderly conduct of business and to ensure that all citizens who wish to address the City Commission are able to do so in an atmosphere of civility and respect, without fear or intimidation.

1. Out of respect for business being conducted during the meeting, please turn off all cell phones and pagers prior to the start of the meeting.
2. In an effort to maintain order and to allow a respectful discussion, please do not make comments from the audience area. Audience members should also refrain from applause or other audible noise at times not formally recognized as appropriate by the meeting chair.
3. Citizens have opportunities to address the Commission at the following times during a meeting:
 - a. Consideration of Regular Agenda items. Citizens are permitted to speak to the Commission on Regular Agenda and Unfinished Business prior to the City Commission voting, except those votes setting a public hearing. (Note: The Consent Agenda is a list of items proposed for City Commission approval to be voted upon all at one time. This is a time-saving procedure as most Consent Agenda items are housekeeping measures. A citizen may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration or discussion.) Comments must be germane to the specific item under consideration.
 - b. The Citizen Comment period near the end of the meeting is for comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda items.

4. To address the City Commission, please sign in at the podium near the Clerk's station and then proceed to the podium directly in front of the dais when invited by the meeting chair. Before beginning your comments, please clearly state your name for the record and whether you reside within the city limits. Comments are limited to four minutes.
5. Citizen comment periods are a time for citizens to make comments; they are not intended as a forum for debate or to engage in question-answer dialogues with the Commission or staff. Commissioners are encouraged not to directly respond to speakers during citizen comment periods. At the conclusion of a speaker's remarks, the Mayor or individual Commissioners may refer a question to City staff, if appropriate. Also, individual Commissioners may choose to respond to speakers during "Miscellaneous Comments and Concerns of Commissioners."
6. Signs, placards and banners are permitted in Chambers during open meetings but only along the perimeter of the room (side and back walls) and only if they do not obstruct the vision of others.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Clerk's Office at 269.337.8792
