



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the City Commission

City of Kalamazoo

Monday, August 31, 2009

7:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. OPENING CEREMONY

1. Invocation: **Reverend John McNaughton, OSL**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Proclamations
 - a. **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, September 2009**

C. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. The public is invited to attend the following meetings of boards and commissions:
 - a) The **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** will meet on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Community Room, Mayors' Riverfront Park, located at 251 Mills Street.
 - b) The **Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees** will meet on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room at City Hall.
 - c) The **Kalamazoo – Numazu Sister City Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parks & Recreation Community Room, located at 251 Mills St.
 - d) The **Dangerous Buildings Board** will meet on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
 - e) The **Planning Commission** will meet on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
 - f) The **Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission** will meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

2. City Hall will be closed Monday, September 7, 2009, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Offices will re-open Tuesday, September 8, 2009, and the City Commission will meet in regular session Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.
3. 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 a RESOLUTION to approve an application from Pharmacia & Upjohn Company, LLC for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption Certificate for three + three years for personal property valued at \$18,900,000 and six + six years for real property valued at \$9,039,600 in existing Industrial Development District No. 76 located in Building 300 at 300 Portage Street, with first year, new city property taxes estimated at \$145,400 and a first year estimated abatement value of approximately \$145,400 in city-only property taxes. **(Action: Motion to adopt the resolution and approve the agreement)**

F. CONSENT AGENDA

(Action: Motion to approve items "1-6")

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve two contracts with GFI Genfare, Inc. for the purchase of farebox equipment, software upgrades, and ticket vending equipment for the Kalamazoo Metro Transit System in the aggregate amount of \$583,406.
2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a professional services contract with Perteet, Inc. for the completion of a Comprehensive Operational Analysis for the Metro Transit System in the amount of \$149,821.
3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Transit Planning Agreement between the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study and the City of Kalamazoo for conducting the transit planning Comprehensive Operational Analysis for the Metro Transit System.
4. Consideration of a recommendation to grant a special permit for three pet pigs to be kept at 136 E. Maple Street, subject to compliance with applicable statutes, ordinances, and health codes.
5. Consideration of a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a quit claim deed and any related documents for 941 Bellevue Place to the State of Michigan in order to correct an error in the transfer of this tax foreclosed property.

6. Consideration of a recommendation to recommend to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners that Jerome Kisscorni be the City of Kalamazoo's representative on the newly formed Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority.

G. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a three-year contract with Apple Bus Company for the provision of specialized transportation services for the Kalamazoo Metro Transit Metro County Connect ADA Paratransit and Demand/Response Program in the amount of \$7,889,100. **(Action: Motion to approve)**
2. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to accept a quit claim deed from the Western Michigan University Foundation conveying property to the city and dedicate the property as a public roadway to be known as the Arboretum Parkway. **(Action: Motion to adopt the resolution)**

H. REPORTS AND LEGISLATION

1. City Clerk's Report
2. City Manager's Report

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. POLICY ITEMS

1. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION in support of healthcare reform. **(Action: Motion to adopt the resolution)**

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. CITIZEN COMMENTS

M. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS BY COMMISSIONERS

N. CLOSED SESSION

O. 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.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to effectively participate in City Commission meetings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 337-8792 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Agendas for the regular meetings of the Kalamazoo City Commission are available on the Internet at: **www.kalamazoocity.org**

Kalamazoo City Commission meetings are held the first, third and fifth Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and are shown live on Public Media Network Channel 21. The meetings are rebroadcast on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. on Channel 21, Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m.

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
