



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the City Commission

City of Kalamazoo

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

7:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. OPENING CEREMONY

1. Invocation: **Pastor Dana Arledge**, Bethel Baptist Church
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of Guests
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 **Friends of Recreation** will meet on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., in the Parks and Recreation Community Room, Mayors' Riverfront Park, located at 251 Mills Street.
 - b. The **Traffic Board** will meet on Thursday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m., in the Public Services' Conference Room, located at 415 Stockbridge Avenue.
 - c. The **Community Relations Board** will meet on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.
 - d. The **Community Development Act Advisory Committee** will meet on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., in the Development Center Conference Room #1, located at 445 West Michigan Avenue.
 - e. The **Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

- f. The **Kalamazoo Historic District Commission** will meet on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
 - g. The **Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association** will meet on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room at City Hall.
 - h. The **Environmental Concerns Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.
 - i. The **Economic Development Corporation** will meet on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:30 a.m., in the Community Room at City Hall. The **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** will meet immediately following.
 - j. The **Downtown Development Authority** will meet on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.
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

F. CONSENT AGENDA

(Action: Motion to approve items "1 & 2" and hold item "3" until September 21, 2009)

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a three year term contract for industrial uniform rental and cleaning services with Continental Linen Services in the amount of \$138,996 for staff use within the Department of Public Services and Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a request from Western Michigan University to publicly display fireworks at Hyames Field on Saturday, September 19, 2009 during halftime of the CommUniverCity Night football game.
3. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION approving the vacation of Whiskey Alley and the sale of a portion of Lot 9 relating to the planned renovation and redevelopment of the historical buildings in the 100 Block of East Michigan Avenue. *Hold Until September 21, 2009*

G. REGULAR AGENDA

H. REPORTS AND LEGISLATION

1. City Manager's Report

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. POLICY ITEMS

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
