



Agenda

Special Meeting of the City Commission

City of Kalamazoo

Monday, November 9, 2009

8:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- B. REPORT OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS** for the General City Election of November 3, 2009
- C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** of the special meeting of October 26, 2009 and regular meetings of September 21 and November 2, 2009.
- D. ADJOURNMENT**

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SWEARING IN OF THE 48TH CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KALAMAZOO

- E. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- F. OPENING CEREMONY**
 - 1. Invocation: **Reverend Matt Laney**
First Congregational United Church of Christ
 - 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 3. Introduction of Guests
 - 4. Proclamations:
 - a. Honoring Sean McCann for Dedication and Service to the City of Kalamazoo**
 - 5. Congratulatory Remarks

- G. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA**
 - H. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - J. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - K. REGULAR AGENDA**
 - L. REPORTS AND LEGISLATION**
 - M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - N. POLICY ITEMS**
 - O. NEW BUSINESS**
 - P. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
 - Q. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS BY COMMISSIONERS**
 - R. CLOSED SESSION**
 - S. ADJOURNMENT**
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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