



Agenda

Regular Meeting of the City Commission

City of Kalamazoo

Monday, May 3, 2010

7:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. OPENING CEREMONY

1. Invocation: **Dr. Mushtaq Lugmani**, Kalamazoo Islamic Center
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Proclamations
 - a. **National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day**, May 6, 2010
 - b. **National Train Day**, May 8, 2010
 - c. **Optimist Internet Safety Month**, May 2010
 - d. **Peace Education Month**, May 2010

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, May 4, 2010, at 5:15 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
 - b. The **Friends of Recreation** will meet on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., in the Parks and Recreation Community Room, Mayors' Riverfront Park, located at 251 Mills Street.
 - c. The **Kalamazoo-Numazu Sister City Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.
 - d. The **Dangerous Buildings Board** will meet on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
 - e. The **Planning Commission** will meet on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

- f. The **Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission** will meet on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room at City Hall.
 - g. The **Traffic Board** will meet on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., in the Public Services' Conference Room, located at 415 Stockbridge Avenue.
 - h. The **Community Development Act Advisory Committee** will meet on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room at City Hall.
 - i. The **Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.
 - j. The **Downtown Development Authority** will meet on Monday, May 17, 2010 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 "1-11")

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the purchase of five 35-foot hybrid buses from the Gillig Corporation in an estimated amount of \$2,783,495.
2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a contract with Midwest Transit Equipment for the purchase of five 2010 HD Senator lift-equipped buses for the Metro County Connect program in the amount of \$542,885.
3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the purchase for the replacement of up to 70 bus passenger shelters for the Metro Transit System with Brasco International, Inc. in the amount of \$256,250.
4. Consideration of a recommendation to offer for first reading an ORDINANCE to amend Section 33-23 of the Code of Ordinances regarding city parks/public spaces.
5. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION accepting MDOT Grant Contract #2010-0166 in the amount of \$39,400 for the Local Ridesharing Program for FY2010.

6. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt a RESOLUTION approving the redevelopment and purchase agreement to convey property at 1302 North Westnedge Avenue to Galilee Baptist Church for \$1.00 and due consideration for additional church parking, and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.
7. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the allocation of three grant-funded positions within the Community Development & Planning Department to assist in the implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2: Senior Rehabilitation Specialist, Community Development Secretary, and Compliance Specialist I.
8. Consideration of a recommendation to authorize the City Manager to sign a proposed Temporary Access Agreement granting Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC temporary access to perform environmental testing on the city's right-of-way.
9. Consideration of a recommendation to approve quit claim deeds conveying the City's interest in the following properties as a result of payment of foreclosed taxes:
 - a. 1336 Portage St., to Devon Title of Kalamazoo, LLC, whose address is 800 East Milham, Portage, MI in consideration of \$941.82 in payment of 1988 foreclosed tax and special assessments.
 - b. 923 Princeton Ave., to Mr. Faye Jackson, whose address is 915 Princeton Ave., Kalamazoo, MI, in consideration of \$124.33 in payment of 1989 foreclosed taxes.
10. Consideration of a recommendation to accept a \$900 grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation/Robert D. and Ruth A. VanderRoest Endowment Fund for the Developmentally Disabled to fund quality of life experiences/opportunities to developmentally disabled adults and authorize the City Manager to sign all appropriate documents.
11. Consideration of a recommendation to accept a \$1,000 grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation/Dr. and Mrs. Harley Sears Memorial Fund to fund an overnight camping experience for youth and authorize the City Manager to sign all appropriate documents.

G. REGULAR AGENDA

H. REPORTS AND LEGISLATION

1. City Clerk's Report
2. 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.

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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
