

The Kalamazoo City Commission met as a Committee of the Whole on Friday, August 28, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell  
Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney  
David Anderson  
Sean McCann  
Barbara Miller  
Stephanie Moore

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Don Cooney

Also present were Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Miller, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cooney.

Review of the August 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting Agenda

The City Commission reviewed and discussed the agenda for its Regular Business Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2009.

Item F-1

In response to a question from Commissioner McCann regarding Item F-1, contracts for the purchase of fare box equipment, software upgrade, and ticket vending equipment, Transportation Director Bill Schomisch stated the new fare boxes would use swipe cards with magnetic strips, which would be programmable. Director Schomisch discussed the benefits of the new system, reviewed the different payment options that would be available, and discussed the flexibility of the technology.

Vice Mayor McKinney expressed frustration about the many methods of payment and stated the addition of another method of payment would seem to make the system more complicated for riders.

Commissioner McCann stated the installation of new technology was a step in the right direction but expressed concern that the fee structure and payment methods were a "hodge-podge".

In response to a question from Commissioner Moore, Director Schomisch stated Metro Transit required a letter from a doctor to determine eligibility for a disability pass.

Item G-2

Regarding Item G-2, acceptance of a quit claim deed for the Arboretum Parkway, Commissioner Miller reported Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain and City Engineer Frank Szopo had answered her questions about this item.

Item J-1

Regarding Item J-1, a resolution supporting healthcare reform, Commissioner Miller asked whether this item could be a proclamation rather than a resolution.

Review of the  
August 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
Agenda (cont'd)

Discussion followed regarding the content of the resolution, the speed with which the Healthcare Reform Subcommittee developed the resolution, and the format of the document (resolution or proclamation).

Mayor Hopewell asked for a motion regarding the format of the City Commission's position statement on healthcare reform.

Commissioner Miller moved that the RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE REFORM be converted to a proclamation.

This motion failed for lack of support.

Citizen Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for citizen comments, but no comments were offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling  
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 19, 2009

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: October 19, 2009