

EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

February 4, 2012
8:30 AM

East Lansing City Council

Mayor Diane Goddeeris

Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Triplett

Councilmember Kevin E. Beard

Councilmember Victor W. Loomis, Jr.

Councilmember Donald Power



AGENDA EXPLANATION

City Council meets to take action on legislative matters on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. It is at this time that they can vote on items that appear on their agenda. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise scheduled, and are cablecast live over WELG, Channel 22, to the community.

COMMUNICATIONS

After the formal opening of their agenda, City Council hears Communications from persons in the audience. This is an opportunity for citizens to speak to City Council about a topic that is not on City Council's agenda. It is also the time for citizens to reserve time to speak to an item that is on the agenda for that meeting. When that agenda item comes up the Mayor will invite persons who have reserved time to make their remarks. It is not necessary to reserve time to speak during a Public Hearing. All speakers are encouraged to be considerate of other persons waiting to address City Council and keep their remarks brief.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The purpose of a Public Hearing is to provide an opportunity for anyone who wishes to speak to City Council about that item. By the time a Public Hearing is held, extensive work has already taken place by one or more of the City's boards or commissions, City staff, City Councilmembers, as well as individuals or groups in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items include routine business items that City Council can approve with a single vote. Any item included in the Consent Agenda must be voted on separately if requested by any member of the Council.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Ordinances, Special Use Permits, and Plans of Development are placed on the City Council's business agenda in several ways. Most are sent forward by one of the City's boards or commissions. When the commission has completed its extensive research and review process and held a public hearing, the commissioners then vote to send a recommendation to City Council to either approve or deny the item.

The item is then placed on City Council's work agenda for their review and study, or it is placed on their business agenda for action.

Ordinances are generally first introduced at a City Council meeting with a detailed explanation by a City staff member. After introduction, a public hearing date is set by City Council of not less than two weeks from that date.

Special Use Permits and Plans of Development are also introduced at a City Council meeting with a detailed explanation by a City staff member. The formal public hearing for a Special Use Permit or Plan of Development is held at the commission level prior to placement on City Council's agenda. Council will hear comments from persons in the audience if they have reserved time for that agenda item.

After hearing comments at a Public Hearing or after completion of its consideration of an agenda item, City Council has several options: it may vote on the item at that time; it may vote to set a date on a future business agenda to take action; or it may vote to defer it for further study. All items introduced on City Council's agenda must come back before council for final action.

City Council may also request that an ordinance be prepared in response to a particular public or policy issue. In that case, the City Attorney or a City commission may be asked to prepare it. The sequence of legislative action remains the same with an introduction, public hearing and date for final action.

AGENDA

Special Meeting of the City Council

Saturday, February 4, 2012

**Hannah Community Center –
Executive Conference Room**

8:30 a.m.

OPENING

1. Roll call
2. Approval of the agenda

COMMUNICATIONS

3. Communications from the audience

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. Presentation and discussion of the preliminary FY13 budget and review of the 5 year financial forecast

Appointments with Councilmembers can be scheduled by calling
the Council Assistant: (517) 319-6920

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