
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025, AT 12:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 1315 S. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Balls offered a prayer and Council Member Wiggins led the pledge of allegiance of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Monique Silvia, Jacinta Seals, Michael Balls, Priscilla Garcia, Bill Ostash, Eric Braddock Sr., Carly Hammond, Heidi Wiggins: 8. Council Members absent: Brenda Moore: 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Seals read a proclamation recognizing March 31, 2025, as "Cesar Chavez" Day. Miguel Guzman, American GI Forum Commanding Officer, accepted the proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Clerk Bolzman announced the public hearing regarding the issuance of Airport Revenue Bonds. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia called for public comments. James Canders, MBS Airport Director, spoke in favor of the topic. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia called for public comments two additional times. No other comments were made.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Ostash to close the public hearing. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the public that addressed the Council: Joyce Seals, Inez Williams, and Lionel Grant.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Silvia, Seals, Balls, Ostash, Braddock, Wiggins, Hammond, and Garcia.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Tim Morales reported updates regarding various projects.

Manager Morales recognized Employees of the Year from various departments. Employees receiving recognition were Kelly Sheltraw, Income Tax Administrator; Juanita Oviedo, Water and Wastewater Treatment Administrative Specialist; Rachel Hozeska, City Manager Administrative Support Clerk; Ken Knapp, Fleet Maintenance Technician; and Bob Gollin, Urban Planner.

Manager Morales introduced Nancy Johnson, Supervisor of Crisis Intervention for the Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority. Ms. Johnson presented a Community Mental Health Services update.

Council Member Balls left the meeting at 1:19 p.m. and returned at 1:23 p.m.

Manager Morales introduced Grace DeLeon, Director of Human Resources. Ms. DeLeon presented an update on the March 12, 2025, Construction Job Fair.

Manager Morales introduced Cody Beaver, Fire Engineer and Lead Instructor. Mr. Beaver presented an update on the Saginaw County High School Fire Academy.

Council Member Silvia left the meeting at 1:33 p.m. and returned at 1:36 p.m.

Council Member Wiggins left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Seals to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. Exceptions were made to items 2 and 15. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the February 24, 2025, regular council meeting minutes.
2. Approve the recommendations for the 2025 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll.
3. Approve the 2025 SCCMHA Mental Health and SUD Consultation Agreement with the Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority for the Police Department.
4. Approve the purchase with Yeo and Yeo Technology for \$2,452 for two laptop computers for the Police Department, Victim Services Division.
5. Approve the purchase with LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for \$158,264 for three 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuits and upfitting for the Police Department.
6. Approve the purchase with Dover and Company, a sole source, for \$17,485 to furnish and install two new overhead doors for the Public Service Department, Facilities Division.
7. Approve the purchase with Pinnacle Design for \$11,601 for the professional services associated and renovation of the Meter Shop Foreman office for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.
8. Approve the purchase with Compass Minerals America, Inc. for \$70,473 for 1,300 tons of seasonal road salt for the Public Services Department, Streets Division.
9. Approve the purchase with CSI Emergency Apparatus LLC for \$3,568 for a CET portable floating water pump for the Public Services Department, Streets Division.
10. Approve the contract with American Excavating Ltd. for \$234,067 for the new Traffic Engineering Pole Barn (C-1707) for the Public Services Department, Engineering Division.
11. Approve to increase purchase order #520753 with Black & Veatch by \$877,171 for a new total of \$1,113,606.00, for additional work related to professional services for design efforts for UV Disinfection System for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Wastewater Treatment Plant.

12. Approve the purchase with Michigan CAT, a sole source, for \$34,914 for a diagnostic load bank test on the Water Treatment Plant CAT Generator for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.
13. Approve the purchase with Professional Pump, Inc. for \$2,929 for a self-priming pump for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.
14. Approve the purchase with Pacific Star Corporation for \$6,449 for two Thermo Scientific Heratherm General Protocol Ovens for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.
15. Approve the proposal with Tetra Tech for \$391,500 for design, engineering and programming services at the City's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Basins, for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Wastewater Treatment Divisions through the Instrumentation and Process Controls Division.
16. Approve the purchase with Hamlett Environmental Technologies, a sole source, for \$75,236 for grit pump repair parts for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Treatment and Pumping Division.
17. Approve the purchase with Detroit Pump, a sole source, for \$2,675 for a Piranha Sample Pump for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Remote Facilities Division.

Moved by Council Member Hammond, seconded by Council Member Balls to approve item 2. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Balls, seconded by Council Member Seals to approve item 15. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Ostash reported that the Planning Commission is working on the zoning ordinance rewrite and encouraged citizens to watch or attend the meetings and provide their input.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Moved by Council Member Balls, seconded by Council Member Silvia to approve the following appointments:

1. the Council appointment of Mason Sarosi to the Development Area Citizens Council with a term to expire March 30, 2027.
2. the Council appointment of Frank Chavez Jr. to the Development Area Citizens Council with a term to expire March 30, 2027.
3. the Council appointment of Steven Snow to the Development Area Citizens Council with a term to expire March 30, 2027.

7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council Member Balls, seconded by Council Member Silvia to adopt a resolution certifying the 2025 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll. Discussion was held.

Moved by Council Member Hammond, seconded by Council Member Silvia to amend the resolution to reduce the interest rate on installment payments from 8 percent to 4 percent. Discussion was held.

Moved by Council Member Hammond, seconded by Council Member Seals to call for the question. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia asked Clerk Bolzman to conduct a roll call vote on the motion to amend the resolution.

Ayes: Hammond

Nays: Silvia, Seals, Balls, Garcia, Ostash, Braddock

Absent: Moore, Wiggins

Motion denied.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Hammond to postpone the resolution certifying the 2025 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll to the next Council meeting. Discussion was held.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia asked Clerk Bolzman to conduct a roll call vote on the motion to postpone the resolution.

Ayes: Silvia, Hammond

Nays: Seals, Balls, Garcia, Ostash, Braddock

Absent: Moore, Wiggins

Motion denied.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia conducted the vote on the main motion to adopt the resolution certifying the 2025 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Balls, seconded by Council Member Seals to adopt a resolution approving the 2022 Homeland Security Program Subrecipient Funding Agreement for the Police and Fire Departments. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Balls, seconded by Council Member Silvia to adopt a resolution approving the 2023 Homeland Security Program Subrecipient Funding Agreement for the Police and Fire Departments. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Ostash to adopt a resolution approving, solely for the purpose of Section 147(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the issuance by the MBS International Airport Commission of not to exceed \$7,600,000 Airport Revenue Bonds. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moved by Council Member Balls, seconded by Council Member Seals to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia asked Clerk Bolzman to conduct a roll call vote on the motion to postpone the resolution.

Ayes: Seals, Balls, Garcia

Nays: Silvia, Ostash, Braddock, Hammond

Absent: Moore, Wiggins

Motion denied.

Moved by Council Member Braddock, seconded by Council Member Silvia to formalize a committee to oversee the reopening and revitalization of Ojibway Island, tasked with securing funding, implementing safety measures, and engaging community stakeholders. Discussion was held.

Council Member Balls left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia conducted the vote on the main motion. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Seals to direct the City Attorney to research the legalities regarding placing a temporary moratorium on marihuana dispensaries. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Hammond, seconded by Council Member Silvia to refer to city staff amendment to Ordinance Section 33.21 to reflect a reduction in the maximum interest rate from 10 percent to 5 percent for consideration at the March 24, 2025, Council meeting. Discussion was held.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia asked Clerk Bolzman to conduct a roll call vote on the motion to postpone the resolution.

Ayes: Silvia, Hammond

Nays: Seals, Garcia, Ostash, Braddock

Absent: Balls, Wiggins, Moore

Motion denied.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Seals to adjourn the meeting at 3:26 p.m. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent. Motion approved.

Submitted by,

Kristine Bolzman, MiPMC/CMC
City Clerk

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