

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M. VIA VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE PER PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976/PUBLIC ACT 228 OF 2020 AND LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION DATED APRIL 8, 2021. THE MEETING WAS STREAMED LIVE VIA THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND ON SGTV.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member Copeland offered the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Reggie Williams II, attending remotely from Saginaw, MI, Annie Boensch, attending remotely from Saginaw, MI, Bill Ostash, attending remotely from Saginaw, MI, Autumn Scherzer, attending remotely from Saginaw, MI, Monique Lamar-Silvia, attending remotely from Saginaw, MI, George Copeland, attending remotely from Saginaw, MI, Michael Flores attending remotely from Saginaw, MI, and Brenda Moore, attending remotely from Saginaw, MI: 8. Council Member absent: Michael Balls: 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Janet Santos announced that yard waste pick up is on the regular trash day. Place yard waste in 35-gallon or smaller cans or in paper yard waste bags for collection and cans must be labeled with "Yard Waste Only" stickers, available from the City Clerk's Office. Cans and bags must weigh less than 50 pounds each. Twigs and grasses cannot extend more than 12" above the container.

The City's Waste Convenience Station is open to City residents the second Saturday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The station is located at the Public Works Building and can be accessed using Holland Avenue. City residents may dispose of items that would otherwise be taken to the landfill that curbside does not pick up, such as building materials, with recycling for glass, plastic and paper. The next collection day will be Saturday, May 8.

Saturday, May 15 is the community Team Up to Clean Up event at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will meet at City Hall. Work attire and gloves are recommended and volunteers are asked to RSVP by calling 759.1540.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Santos announced the public hearing regarding the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and HOME Investment Partnership Program. Mayor Moore called for public comments. Sarah Traxler of McKenna & Associates spoke in favor of the plans and explained the process in the creation of the plans.

Mayor Moore called for public comments two more times. Michelle McGregor of the First Ward Community Center spoke in favor of the plans. No additional comments were made.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Public input that addressed the Council: Charles Coleman, Ramont Roberts, Jessica

Reuven, and Rita Tsalyuk.

Council Member Balls entered the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Williams, Balls, Boensch, Ostash, Scherzer, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Flores, and Moore.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Morales provided information and updates regarding City projects.

Council Member Boensch left the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and returned at 7:18 p.m.

He introduced Sarah Traxler, Vice President of McKenna Associates, Inc. Ms. Traxler presented an update on the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Moore asked if there were any exceptions to the consent agenda. Exceptions were made to items 2 and 13.

1. Approve the April 12, 2021 regular council meeting minutes.
2. Approve the amendments to the Rules of Order of the Council of the City of Saginaw.
3. Approve the purchase with Advanced Business Communications, LLC for \$6,176 for the installation of security cameras at Ojibway Island.
4. Approve the purchase with Advanced Business Communications, LLC for \$16,281 for upgrades to the security video storage server and software.
5. Approve the acceptance of the grant award of \$3,000 from the Saginaw Community Foundation for the City of Saginaw's 2021 Team Up to Clean Up efforts.
6. Approve to increase the purchase order with Rohde Brothers Excavating, Inc. by \$350,000, for a new total of \$780,000, for demolition services for the Community Development Block Grant Division.
7. Approve the purchase with Northeastern Paint Supply, Inc. for \$3,348 for carpeting in the Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division Office.
8. Approve the purchase with Northeastern Paint Supply, Inc. for \$6,457 for flooring for Fire Station No. 4.
9. Approve the purchase with J.R. Heineman and Sons, Inc. for \$59,000 for construction of a roof on the Fire Training Tower at the Fire Training Facility.
10. Approve the purchase with American Trailer Mart for \$7,906 for a tandem axle and two single axle landscape trailers for the Weed Abatement Division.

11. Approve the Electrical Facilities and Electrical Facilities Protection Easement Agreements with Consumers Energy for the Engineering Section, Right of Way Division.
12. Approve the contract with Rohde Brothers Excavating, Inc. for \$336,352 for the Baum Street Reconstruction project for the Engineering Section, Right of Way Division.
13. Approve the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and that it is submitted to HUD for approval.

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Flores to approve consent agenda items 1, and 3 through 12, as presented. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Boensch to approve consent agenda item 2 as presented. Mayor Moore asked for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Williams, Balls, Boensch, Ostash, Scherzer, Copeland, Moore

Nays: Lamar-Silvia, Flores

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

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Council Member Flores to postpone consent agenda item 13 until the May 10, 2021 meeting. Mayor Moore asked for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Balls, Ostash, Scherzer, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Flores, Williams, Moore

Nays: Boensch

8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent. Motion approved.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Boensch reported that the Human Rights Work Group met to review the feasibility of a City ordinance regarding protections for the LGBTQ+ community. With the recent Supreme Court action, and pending House and Senate bills, it was determined that the progress will be monitored for action that may be implemented.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Council Member Copeland to approve the following:

1. the Council appointment of Alberto Teneyuque to the Citizens-Police Advisory Commission with a term to expire February 28, 2024.
2. the Council appointment of Valerie Toney to the Human Planning Commission - District 9 with a term to expire December 31, 2022.
3. the Mayoral appointment of Floyd Kloc to the Civil Service Commission with a term to expire April 30, 2024.
4. the Council appointment of Michael Balls to the City/School/County Liaison Committee with a term to expire November 1, 2022.

9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Flores to postpone resolutions until the May 10, 2021 meeting as follows:

1. the Community Development Block Grant Program Submission Program Year for 2021-2022.

2. the HOME Program Submission Program for 2021-2022.
3. the HOMELESS Assistance Program Emergency Solutions Grant Submission Program for 2021-2022.

9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Balls to adopt the resolution ratifying and confirming resolution declaring official intent to reimbursement project expenditures with bond proceed and authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue bonds. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Copeland to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation in Blaisdell v. City of Saginaw per MCL 15.268(e). Mayor Moore asked for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Boensch, Ostash, Scherzer, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Flores, Williams, Balls, Moore

Nays: None

9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Council entered a closed session at 8:13 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Ostash, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Balls to return to regular session at 8:36 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the recommendation of legal counsel as discussed in closed session regarding pending litigation in Blaisdell v. City of Saginaw. Mayor Moore asked for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Ostash, Scherzer, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Williams, Balls, Boensch, Moore

Nays: Flores

8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Balls to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

As recorded by

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC
City Clerk