

A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021, AT 5:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 1315 S. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member Lamar-Silvia offered the opening prayer and Mayor Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Monique Lamar-Silvia, Annie Boensch, Autumn Scherzer, Bill Ostash, George Copeland, and Brenda Moore: 6. Council Members absent: Reggie Williams II, Michael Balls, and Michael Flores: 3.

Clerk Santos reminded Council that the purpose of the Committee of the Whole is for Council to have discussion regarding the current crime, preventative measures, and crime reduction.

PUBLIC INPUT

No members of the public signed up prior to the deadline to address the Council.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

City Manager Tim Morales introduced Police Chief Robert Ruth. Chief Ruth presented a packet of statistics from January 1, 2021 through August 22, 2021. The stats compared to 2020 reflect a reduction in shootings and homicides. The call volume listing from Saginaw County 911 showing 2008 through 2020 was reviewed. Chief Ruth mentioned the reduction in city staff due to loss of revenue over the years. Discussion was held.

Chief Ruth introduced Michigan State Police Lt. Jasen Sack.

Council Member Flores entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Lt. Sack explained the service provided by the Michigan State Police. The services included a proactive patrol, assist the City Police Department as necessary, and participate in specific programs such as Bridge the Gap, Light up the City, Neighborhood Association's meetings, etc. Discussion was held.

Council Member Williams entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Council consent was given for City Manager Morales and Mayor Moore to plan the best way and time to schedule another meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Moore adjourned the Committee of the Whole session at 6:43 p.m.

As recorded by,

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC
City Clerk

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