

A REGULAR MEETING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE BALLROOM AT TEMPLE THEATRE, 211 N. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Moore offered a prayer and led the pledge of allegiance of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Reggie Williams, Annie Boensch, Michael Balls, William Ostash, Michael Flores, George Copeland, Brenda Moore: 7. Council Members absent: Autumn Scherzer, Monique Lamar-Silvia: 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Janet Santos announced that the next regular Council meeting will be Monday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.

Council Member Lamar-Silvia entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Boensch to waive the Council Rules of Order and change the Order of Business to follow the Strategic Planning Session schedule prepared by the City Manager. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Manager Morales introduced Tim Dempsey of Public Sector Consultants as facilitator of the Strategic Planning session. Mr. Dempsey provided a company biography for Public Sector Consultants and an overview of the session.

Mr. Dempsey introduced Dr. Eric Scorsone of Michigan State University. Dr. Scorsone outlined American Rescue Plan Act opportunities and answered questions from members of Council.

A short break was taken at 10:10 to 10:20 a.m.

Mr. Dempsey presented the results of the community survey that was available to complete online and in paper form.

Council broke into small groups to brainstorm, cluster, name, and resolve possible options for use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

City Manager Tim Morales concluded the Management Update and thanked Mr. Dempsey and Dr. Scorsone for their facilitation and presentations.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Boensch to recess for a lunch break. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

A lunch break was taken at 12:03 to 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Balls to reconvene and return to the regular order of business. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the Public that addressed the Council: Chris Assels, Tarsha Works, Mary Ellen Johnson, Evelyn McGovern, Kristy Phillips, Anna Patton, Brenda Moore, Darla Hane, John Milne, Audra Davis, John Pugh, Donna Clarke, Carly Hammond, Jeffrey Bulls, Lynn Vela, Marcus Muhammad.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Council Member Flores to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. An exception was made to item 2. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the August 23, 2021 committee of the whole and regular council meeting minutes.
2. Approve the amendments to the Rules of Order of the Council of the City of Saginaw.
3. Approve the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Treasury for the Outdoor Facilities Lighting Replacement/Upgrade to LED Fixtures project for the Facilities Division, Public Services Department. Further, approve a budget adjustment to recognize these funds.

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Balls to postpone Consent Agenda item #2 indefinitely. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Williams, Boensch, Balls, Moore
Nays: Lamar-Silvia, Ostash, Flores, Copeland
Absent: Scherzer
Motion denied.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to approve Consent Agenda item #2. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Lamar-Silvia, Ostash, Flores, Copeland
Nays: Williams, Boensch, Balls, Moore
Absent: Scherzer
Motion denied.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

As recorded by Deputy Clerk Kristine Bolzman.

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC
City Clerk