

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 1315 S. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brenda F. 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: Monique Lamar-Silvia, Reggie Williams, Annie Boensch, Michael Balls, Autumn Scherzer, William Ostash, Michael Flores, Brenda Moore: 8. Council Members absent: George Copeland: 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Santos announced that the waste convenient station is open the second Saturday of the month. The next service day will be Saturday, December 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Entrance is on Holland Avenue and proof of City residency is required.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the Public that addressed the Council: Hurley Coleman III, and Jeffrey Bulls,

Council Member Copeland entered the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Council Member Lamar-Silvia left the meeting at 6:41 p.m. and returned at 6:45 p.m.

Public Input continued with Cirven Merrill, and Alex Mixter.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to extend the time for Alex Mixter by forty-five (45) seconds. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Public Input concluded with Alexander Verdoni.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

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

Council Member Flores left the meeting at 7:09 p.m. and returned at 7:11 p.m.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Manager Morales provided information and updates regarding City projects.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. No exceptions were made. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the November 22, 2021 regular council meeting minutes.

2. Approve the Medicare Group Enrollment and Coverage Agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.
3. Approve the amendments to the FY 2022 Approved Budget to recognize changes that have occurred during the October period.
4. Approve the purchase with Signature Ford Lincoln for \$39,401 for a 2022 Police Interceptor Utility vehicle for the Saginaw Police Department.
5. Approve the purchase with Top Flight Tree Removal, LLC for \$19,825 for the removal of trees within the cemeteries for the Public Services Department, Cemeteries Division.
6. Approve the purchase with Saginaw Control Engineering for \$6,141 for an electrical enclosure for the Public Services Department, Traffic Engineering Division.
7. Approve the purchase with Delta Controls Corporation for \$6,418 for three level transmitters for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Remote Facilities Division.
8. Ratification of an increase to a purchase with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. by \$8,280, for a new total of \$44,640, for chlorine for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Wastewater Treatment Division.
9. Ratification of an increase to a purchase with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. by \$38,973, for a new total of \$174,423, for Sodium Hypochlorite for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Remote Facilities Division; and ratification of an increase to a purchase with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. by \$15,348, for a new total of \$114,358, for Sodium Hypochlorite for the Water Treatment Division.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports were given.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Balls to approve the following:

1. Council appointment of Kevin Rooker to the Historic District Commission - Bearinger Study Committee with a term to expire when committee work is complete.
2. Council reappointment of Ronald Wheatley to the Housing Board of Appeals with a term to expire December 31, 2023.
3. Council reappointment of Diana Gutierrez to the Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services with a term to end December 31, 2024.

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

ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Scherzer to adopt the ordinance to amend Chapter 12, of Title I, "Administrative Code," by adding §12.043 Titled, "Saginaw Human Rights Commission," of the City of Saginaw Code of Ordinances, O-204. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Boensch to adopt the resolution establishing the American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee. Discussion was held.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Boensch to amend section 2 of the resolution establishing the American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee by adding, "A majority of the members shall be City residents." 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Flores to amend section 5 of the resolution establishing the American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee by replacing the last sentence to read, "The ARPA Advisory Committee may be dissolved by City Council once ARPA projects and all final reporting have been submitted, or earlier if it shall fail to serve its purpose, or it shall automatically dissolve once all ARPA funds have been spent no later than December 2026." 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Clerk Santos restated the main motion to adopt the resolution establishing the American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee, as amended. Discussion held.

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Flores to postpone the adoption of the resolution establishing the American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee, as amended until the next regular meeting of December 20, 2021. Discussion was held. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Flores, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Williams, Moore

Nays: Scherzer, Ostash, Boensch, Balls

Absent: None

Motion approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Council consent was given to have the City Manager schedule evening ARPA sessions in January 2022 with 10 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions and answers.

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Balls to enter a closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding the LaTarte case per MCL 15.268(e). Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion approved.

Council entered a closed session at 8:06 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Boensch to enter regular session at 8:17 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council member Copeland to approve the recommendation of legal counsel as discussed in closed session regarding pending litigation in the LaTarte case. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Copeland to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

As recorded by,

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC
City Clerk