

A SINGLE-SUBJECT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 1315 S. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Lamar-Silvia opened with a prayer and Council Member Flores 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, Annie Boensch, Michael Balls, Autumn Scherzer, William Ostash, Michael Flores, and Brenda Moore: 7. Council Members absent: Reggie Williams and George Copeland: 2.

Mayor Moore stated that the Single-Subject Special meeting is for the purpose of discussion relating to expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds for housing and blight elimination.

Council Member Copeland entered the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the Public that addressed the Council: Kimberly Austin, Alex Mixter, John Milne, and Eric Eggleston.

Council Member Scherzer left the meeting at 5:43 p.m. and returned at 5:44 p.m.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

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

REPORTS FROM MANAGER

City Manager Tim Morales announced that City staff and consultants from Guidehouse were in attendance to answer Council Member questions.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Flores to allocate \$4,000,000 for housing and blight elimination, working with City staff on identifying where to expend these funds. Discussion held.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to call the question. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Mayor Moore asked Deputy Clerk Bolzman to conduct a roll call vote on the main motion.

Ayes: Balls

Nay: Lamar-Silvia, Boensch, Scherzer, Ostash, Flores, Copeland, Moore

Absent: Williams

Motion denied.

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Scherzer to allocate \$5,000,000 of ARPA funds for a revolving fund to address commercial and residential structures, and further authorize City Staff to create and establish the criteria for these funds to be spent. Discussion held.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to call the question. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Mayor Moore asked Deputy Clerk Bolzman to conduct a roll call vote on the main motion.

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

Nay: Flores

Absent: Williams

Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to allocate \$3,800,000 of ARPA funds to improve residential properties on owner occupied dwellings, which would include improvements of roofing, furnaces, and windows, and further authorize City staff to create and establish the criteria for these funds to be spent. Discussion held.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Boensch to call the question. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Mayor Moore asked Deputy Clerk Bolzman to conduct a roll call vote on the main motion.

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

Nay: Flores

Absent: Williams

Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Boensch to allocate \$2,000,000 of ARPA funds to address Saginaw's food insecurity/food desert challenges via the rehabilitation of an existing City-owned vacant or blighted structure and to further direct the City Administration to seek a feasibility study for a co-op as the first step. Discussion held.

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Scherzer to amend the motion to change "City-owned" to "publicly-owned." 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Vote take on the main motion, as amended to state publicly-owned vacant or blighted structures. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Council Member Williams entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Ostash, seconded by Council Member Boensch to allocate \$800,000 of ARPA funds for environmental investigation, clean up and blight remediation, and needed equipment through December 31, 2026. Discussion held.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Boensch to call the question. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

The vote was taken on the main motion. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

As recorded by,
Kristine Bolzman, MiPMC/CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC
City Clerk