A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022, 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, Michael Flores, George Copeland, and Brenda Moore: 8. Council Members absent: William Ostash: 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Janet Santos announced that yard waste is collected on the regular trash service day. Residents must use a separate container and yard waste stickers are available in the City Clerk's Office.

Council Member Lamar-Silvia read a proclamation declaring April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day. Beth London, Assistant Director of Public Services, accepted the proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Clerk Santos announced the public hearing regarding the request for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) Certificate at 2138 N. Carolina Street. Mayor Moore called for public comment. Cassi Zimmerman of Saginaw Future spoke in favor of the project to develop the property for an assisted living center for up to forty-two (42) residents creating twenty-six (26) jobs in the healthcare field. She also explained what the benefits of the district creation will bring to the development and the City. Mayor Moore called for public comments two additional times. No additional comments were made.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the Public that addressed the Council: Megan Cottington-Heath.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to extend the time for Megan Cottington-Heath by one minute. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Public Input continued with Pharrington Douglass, Debbie Melkonian, Alan Tobias, Nicholas Herd, Dr. Fenobia Dallas, Lance Cope, Cirven Merrill, Felicia Hogan, Edward Connolly.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to extend the time for Edward Connolly by one minute and thirty (30) seconds. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Public Input continued with Jeffrey Bulls.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to extend the time for Jeffrey Bulls by one minute. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

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

Council Member Flores left the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and returned at 7:28 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to extend the time for Mayor Pro Tem Balls by one minute and thirty (30) seconds. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Council remarks continued with Mayor Moore.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to extend the time for Mayor Moore by one minute and thirty (30) seconds. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Manager Morales provided information and updates regarding City projects. He introduced Bob Brown, Executive Director of Region VII Area Agency on Aging. Mr. Brown presented an update of services and activities provided by the agency.

Council Member Lamar-Silvia left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and returned at 7:53 p.m.

Manager Morales introduced City Urban Planner Robert Gollin. Mr. Gollin presented an update and details on the proposed rezoning of the N. Washington Avenue – Farwell corridor.

Council Member Lamar-Silvia left the meeting at 8:17 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Council Member Boensch to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. No exceptions were made. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the April 4, 2022 regular council meeting minutes.

2. Approve the auditing contract extension with Yeo & Yeo, CPAs & Business Consultants for $65,200 for FY 2022, with a not to exceed five year cost of $365,850 for auditing services.

3. Approve the purchase with Pivot Point Partners, LLC for $11,500 for mobile appraisal software for the Fiscal Services Department, Assessing Division.

4. Approve the service agreements with Mercury Consulting for $31,878 for email migration, application migration, and development services and software for the Technical Services Department.

5. Approve the purchase with Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting, LLC for $7,094 for an uninterruptible power supply for the City's core network switch.

6. Approve the transfer of the property known as 3408 Bundy Street to the Saginaw County Land Bank for $1.

7. Approve the purchase with WatchGuard, Inc. for $24,890 for FY 2022; and pending budget approval, for an annual amount of $13,524 for FY 2023 through FY 2026 for body camera system upgrades for the Police Department.

8. Approve the purchase with Ferguson Waterworks for $3,772 for an outdoor pedestal mounted drinking fountain for the Garber Tennis Courts for the Public Services Department, Parks and Grounds Division.

9. Approve the purchase with Vehicle Services Group, LLC for $10,954 for a Two Post Turf Equipment Lift for the Public Services Department, Abatement of Nuisances Division.

10. Approve the purchase with Vehicle Services Group, LLC for $9,530 for a Two Post Surface Lift for the Public Services Department, Motor Pool Division.

11. Approve to increase the blanket purchase orders issued to specific vendors by $14,500, for a new total of $94,500, for vehicle parts for the Public Services Department, Motor Pool Division.

12. Approve the Community Development Block Grant contract with Rohde Brothers Excavating, Inc. for $1,438,154 for the Lapeer Avenue Reconstruction project for the Public Services Department, Engineering Division.

13. Approve the recommendation that a public hearing be held at the regular City Council meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. related to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Elevated Tower application.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Council Member Scherzer to approve the appointments as follows:

1. Council appointment of Heather Collins to the Human Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2022.
2. Council reappointment of Trisha Baker to the Public Libraries of Saginaw with a term to expire June 30, 2026.
3. Mayoral reappointment of Richard Spitzer to the Saginaw Economic Development Corporation with a term to expire June 30, 2025.

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

ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to adopt an ordinance to amend the official city map to rezone 3617 Mackinaw St. from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-2, Two Family Residential. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to adopt an ordinance to amend the official city map to rezone 2138 N. Carolina from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-3, Low Density Multi-Family Residential. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Scherzer to adopt an ordinance to amend the official city map to rezone the area between N. Washington Avenue and Farwell and from Roosevelt Austin to N. 10th Street from the current zoning to M-1, Light Industrial. Discussion held.

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Flores to postpone the adoption consideration of the ordinance to amend the official city map to rezone the area between N. Washington Avenue and Farwell and from Roosevelt Austin to N. 10th Street from the current zoning to M-1, Light Industrial until the time when the City's Master Plan is introduced. Discussion held. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Flores, Copeland, Lamar-Silvia, Williams, Boensch, Moore
Nays: Balls, Scherzer
Absent: Ostash
6 ayes, 2 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Williams to adopt the resolution authorizing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate at 2138 N. Carolina Street. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Scherzer to adopt the resolution authorizing the appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for the general governmental services to the extent of lost revenues and employee workers compensation and medical expense due to the COVID-19 virus. Discussion was held. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Copeland, Williams, Boensch, Balls, Scherzer, Moore
Nays: Flores, Lamar-Silvia
Absent: Ostash
6 ayes, 2 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Council Member Copeland left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Boensch to adopt the resolution pledging to follow best practices of civility and civil discourse.

Council Member Copeland returned to the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to amend the resolution by replacing it in its entirety with a proposed resolution as drafted by Council Member Flores. The proposed resolution was distributed to Council.

Council Member Williams left the meeting at 9:24 p.m. and returned at 9:27 p.m.

A lengthy discussion was held.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Balls, seconded by Council Member Scherzer to call for the question. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

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

Nay: Flores
Absent: Ostash
7 ayes, 1 nay, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Council Member Lamar-Silvia left the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Mayor Moore called for the vote on the motion to amend the resolution by replacing it in its entirety with a proposed resolution as drafted by Council Member Flores. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.
Aye: Flores
Nays: Copeland, Williams, Boensch, Balls, Scherzer, Moore
Absent: Lamar-Silvia, Ostash
1 aye, 6 nays, 2 absent. Motion denied.

Council Member Lamar-Silvia returned to the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Discussion was held on the main motion to adopt the resolution pledging to follow best practices of civility and civil discourse.

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

Mayor Moore called for the vote on the main motion to adopt the resolution pledging to follow best practices of civility and civil discourse. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moved by Council Member Lamar-Silvia, seconded by Council Member Scherzer to enter a closed session for a strategy session connected with the negotiations of collective bargaining agreements per MCL 15.268 (c). Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.
Ayes: Lamar-Silvia, Williams, Boensch, Balls, Scherzer, Flores, Copeland, Moore
Nays: None
Absent: Ostash
8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Council entered a closed session at 9:40 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Lamar-Silvia to return to regular session at 10:03 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to approve the tentative agreement that was discussed in closed session with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), for the term to commence on July 1, 2022 and to expire on June 30, 2026. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Copeland to approve the tentative agreement that was discussed in closed session with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM), for the term to commence on July 1, 2022 and to expire on June 30, 2026. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.
8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Boensch to approve the tentative agreement that was discussed in closed session with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), for the term to commence on July 1, 2022 and to expire on June 30, 2026. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Scherzer, seconded by Council Member Copeland to approve the tentative agreement (pending union ratification) with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), including the Salaried, Hourly and Part-Time Collective Bargaining Units, for the term to commence on July 1, 2022 and to expire on June 30, 2026. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Boensch, seconded by Council Member Copeland to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

As recorded by,

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC
City Clerk