A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023, AT 6:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 1315 S. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Copeland offered a prayer and Council Member Garcia led the pledge of allegiance of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Monique Silvia, Annie Boensch, William Ostash, Priscilla Garcia, George Copeland, Brenda Moore: 6. Council Members absent: Reggie Williams, Michael Balls, Michael Flores: 3.

Council Member Flores entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Clerk Santos announced the public hearing regarding the 2023 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll. Mayor Moore called for public comments. Jeanne Young stated an objection. Mayor Moore called for public comment two additional times. There were no further objections.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Ostash to close the public hearing. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the public that addressed the Council: Guadalupe Guevara, Gilberto Guevara.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to extend the time for Gilberto Guevara by 45 seconds. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Public input continued with Denita Dorsey.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to extend the time for Denita Dorsey by 45 seconds. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Public input continued with Eric Eggleston.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to extend the time for Eric Eggleston by 45 seconds. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Public input continued with Selena Land, Craig Tatum, Lula Woodard, ChristGiles Yarn, Christina Yarn, Jawain Swint, Kristi Phillips.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to extend the time for Kristi Phillips by 45 seconds. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Public Input continued with Evelyn McGovern, and Audrey Beatty.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Ostash, Garcia, Flores, Copeland, Silvia, Boensch, and Moore.

Council Member Flores left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:32 p.m.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Tim Morales reported updates regarding various projects. Manager Morales introduced Andy Campbell, CPA, Director, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors. Mr. Campbell presented an update on the City's sewer rates and proposed rate adjustments.

Manager Morales introduced Thomas Beckley, Vice President, Raftelis Financial Consultants. Mr. Beckley presented an update on the City's water rates and proposed rate adjustments.

Council Member Silvia left the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and returned at 8:09 p.m.

Manager Morales introduced Paul Reinsch, Director of Water and Wastewater Treatment. Director Reinsch presented an update on the water and sewer capital projects.

Council Member Copeland left the meeting at 8:51 p.m. and returned at 8:53 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. Exceptions were made to items #3, 4, 7, 8, and 17. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the February 6, 2023 regular council meeting minutes.

2. Approve the purchase with Data Supplies Company for $22,900 for flooring replacement in the Election Center for the Election Division.

3. Approve the selling of the former Jefferson Apartments located at 505 Millard Street through the standard bid process.

4. Approve the agreement with Spicer Group, Inc. for the use of a portion of the City owned parking lot at 220 Baum Street.

5. Approve a five-year lease with Applied Innovation for a total of $2,868.60, with $573.72 in annual payments, for a multi-function copier for the Public Services Department, Traffic Engineering Division.

6. Approve the purchase with Charter Communications, a sole source, for $111,336 for coaxial services for the Police Department.

7. Approve the purchase with CollinsFlags.com for $2,637; and pending budget approval for $3,047 for FY 2024 and $3,234 for FY 2025 for U.S. flag grave markers for the Public Services Department, Cemeteries Division.

8. Approve the purchase with Detroit Salt Company for $109,902 for seasonal road salt for the Public Services Department, Streets Division.

9. Approve the purchase with Snap-On Industrial for $4,030 for a vehicle diagnostic scanner for the Public Services Department, Motor Pool Division. Further, recommend the acceptance of a $1,073.99 trade-in credit for a 2017 Prolink scanner.

10. Approve the purchase with Versalift Midwest for $2,815 for aerial lift unit parts for the Public Services Department, Traffic and Engineering Division.

11. Approve to increase the purchase order with Wieland Sales by $15,000, for a new total of $45,000, for vehicle repair services for the Public Services Department, Motor Pool Division.

12. Approve the purchase with Todd Wenzel Buick GMC for $41,371 for a 2022 GMC Sierra 1500 4x4 Double Cab pickup truck as specified for the Neighborhood Services and Inspections Department, Inspections Division.

13. Approve the purchase with Todd Wenzel Buick GMC for $37,141 for a 2023 GMC Sierra 2500 4x4 Double Cab pickup truck as specified for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.

14. Approve the purchase with Leica Geosystems, Inc. for $29,969 for a Leica CS20 LTE data collector for the Public Services Department, Engineering Division.

15. Approve the proposed traffic regulation changes for the Public Services Department, Engineering Section of the Right of Way Division.

16. Approve the Drinking Water Grant Agreement with Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.

17. Approve the water and sewer rate increases for the Water and Sewer Departments, Water and Wastewater Treatment Division.

18. Approve the purchase with SUEZ SES North America, Inc., a sole source, for $6,000 for the e-Ris Reporting Software Medium Partner renewal fee for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Instrumentation and Process Controls Division.

19. Approve the purchase with Penn Valley Pump Company for $85,990 for double disk pumps for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Wastewater Treatment Division.

20. Approve the proposal and contract agreement with Nelson Tank Engineering and Consulting, Inc. for $5,350 for the inspection of the East Finished Water Tank for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.

21. Approve the termination of the lease agreement for 1910 Fordney Street with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, seconded by Council Member Copeland to approve consent agenda item #3 as presented. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Ostash, seconded by Council Member Copeland to approve consent agenda item #4 as presented. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Flores to approve consent agenda item #7 as presented. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch to approve consent agenda item #8 as presented. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to postpone consent agenda item #17 until the next regular meeting. Discussion held. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.
Ayes: Flores, Silvia
Nays: Boensch, Ostash, Garcia, Copeland, Moore
Absent: Balls, Williams
Motion denied.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch to approve consent agenda item #17 as presented. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Copeland to approve the following appointments:

1. the Manager appointment of John Miller to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with a term ending December 31, 2025.
2. the Mayoral appointment of Drew Pursley to the Housing Board of Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2024.
3. the Council reappointment of Darlean Carpenter to the Human Planning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2024.
4. the Mayoral appointment of Viloshinee Murugan to the Riverfront Development Commission with a term ending April 1, 2024.

7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, seconded by Council Member Flores to adopt the resolution to authorize the re-submission of the MDOT Transportation Alternative Program Grant for the Cass Street Reconstruction Project. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, seconded by Council Member Flores to adopt the resolution to authorize the elimination of the at-grade railroad crossings at Mackinaw Street and Meredith Street. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Ostash to adopt the resolution to approve the Cost Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of Mackinaw Street from Congress Avenue to Alexander Street. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, seconded by Council Member Ostash to adopt the resolution to allocate ARPA funds to the Boys and Girls Club in an amount not to exceed $903,300 for capital expenses and to rescind the previous resolution allocating ARPA funds for programming expenses. Discussion held.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Copeland to go out of regular order of business to allow discussion with a representative from the Boys and Girls Club. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Flores to return to regular order of business. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Copeland to postpone the resolution for the Boys and Girls Club until the next regular meeting. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to approve ARPA funds to the Women of Colors in the amount of $200,000.00 for eligible programming expenses. Discussion held.

Moved by Council Member Ostash, seconded by Council Member Flores to amend the motion by adding that the Women of Colors ARPA fund allocation to include all conditions and stipulations as listed in all other ARPA funding allocation resolutions. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Vote on the main motion as amended was taken. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Flores to approve ARPA funds to the Police Department in an amount of $100,000 for Youth programming. Discussion held.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Copeland to postpone the motion of ARPA funds to the Police Department until the next regular meeting. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Copeland to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 p.m. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

As recorded by,

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC
City Clerk

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