
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, WAS HELD MONDAY, JULY 24, 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, Reggie Williams, Annie Boensch, William Ostash, Priscilla Garcia, George Copeland, Brenda Moore: 7. Council Members absent: Michael Balls, Michael Flores: 2.

PUBLIC INPUT

Members of the public that addressed the Council: Bishop Larry Camel, Davion Ortiz, Jayda Brown, Jamarion Holmes, Dariah Burns, Adonnes James, Kamari Jones, Pastor Hurley Coleman.

Council Member Flores entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Public input continued with Betty Holmes, Inez Williams, Myrtle Collier, Pamela Collier.

Moved by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Silvia to extend the time for Pamela Collier by 45 seconds. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Flores, Silvia

Nays: Copeland, Williams, Boensch, Ostash, Garcia, Moore

Absent: Balls

Motion denied.

Public input continued with Corneathia Harvey, Eric Kehoe, Dominique Smith, Scott DeSilva.

Council Member Williams left the meeting at 7:14 p.m. and returned at 7:16 p.m.

Public input continued with Colleen Brown, Craig Tatum, and Ralph Martin.

COUNCIL REMARKS

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

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Tim Morales reported updates regarding various projects. Manager Morales introduced Ariel Flaggs, Managing Consultant of Guidehouse, Inc. Ms. Flaggs presented an update on the American Rescue Plan Act Funding.

Council Member Silvia left the meeting at 7:51 p.m. and returned at 7:53 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. An exception was made to item #3. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the July 10, 2023 regular council meeting minutes.
2. Receive and file Petition 23-08 from the Saginaw County Community Action Center to be recognized as a nonprofit organization for purposes of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
3. Approve the sale of the property at 505 Millard to Fifth Avenue Limited Partnership for \$1,000.
4. Approve the purchase with Hoffman's Power Equipment, Inc. for \$5,472 for three Stihl MS 462 Ventilation saws for the Fire Department.
5. Approve the purchase with Professional Building Services for \$92,460 for FY 2024 and pending budget approval for FY 2025 and \$94,308 for FY 2026 for janitorial services for City Hall, Public Services Department, and the Traffic Maintenance Division.
6. Approve the increase to blanket purchase order with Michigan CAT by \$40,000, for a new total of \$48,000 for vehicle repair services for the Public Services Department, Motor Pool Division.
7. Approve the purchases with Valk Manufacturing, Co., Truck and Trailer Specialties and Winter Equipment, Co. for a total of \$42,617 for snowplow blades and guards for the Public Services Department, Motor Pool Division.
8. Approve the purchase with Begick Nursery and Garden Center, Inc., a sole source, for \$12,000 for grass seed for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.
9. Approve the purchase with Hymmco, LLC for \$12,000 for concrete restoration supplies for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.
10. Approve the blanket purchases with specified vendors for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000 for sanitary sewer and storm sewer appurtenances for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.
11. Approve the contract with L.A. Construction Corporation for \$645,634 for the Meredith Street Reconstruction project for the Public Services Department, Engineering Division.
12. Approve the purchase with Pro-Seal Group, a sole source, for \$3,268 for a 55-gallon drum of Royal Purple synthetic oil for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.

13. Ratification of a purchase with Michigan CAT, a sole source, for \$11,750 for repair to the generator at the Water Treatment Plant for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.
14. Approve the purchase with Michigan CAT, a sole source, for \$56,135 for control upgrades to the generator at the Water Treatment Plant for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, seconded by Council Member Ostash to approve consent agenda item #3 as presented. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Copeland, Williams, Boensch, Ostash, Garcia, Moore

Nays: Silvia, Flores

Absent: Balls

Motion approved.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Copeland reported that the Saginaw Housing Commission has received a letter from HUD approving the old fairgrounds demolition project.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Copeland to approve the Mayoral reappointment of Kristin Karwat to the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission with a term to expire April 30, 2026. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Flores to introduce an ordinance to amend the official city map to vacate the easterly 246 ft. of Congress Avenue lying west of and adjacent to the west line of North Niagara Street. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch to adopt the resolution recognizing the Saginaw County Community Action Center as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Silvia to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Harris case per MCL 15.268(e). Discussion was held.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Williams to table the motion regarding the closed session until the case attorney arrives. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch to amend the March 6, 2023 postponement of further awarding of unallocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars by Council for a period of six months to allow for the one-time allocation of \$1,000,000.00 to the Saginaw Community Food Club & Kitchen and to adopt the resolution relating to same. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Council consent was given to have Manager Morales and staff create a sister city committee to work on our sister cities relations.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch to recess at 8:20 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Mayor Moore called the meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Silvia, seconded by Council Member Williams to take from the table the motion for a closed session. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote regarding the motion to enter a closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Harris case per MCL 15.268(e).

Ayes: Silvia, Williams, Boensch, Ostash, Garcia, Flores, Copeland, Moore

Nays: None

Absent: Balls

Motion approved.

Council entered a closed session at 8:26 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Copeland, seconded by Council Member Silvia to return to regular session at 8:40 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Boensch, seconded by Council Member Silvia to approve legal recommendation as discussed in closed session regarding the Harris pending litigation. Mayor Moore asked Clerk Santos to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Williams, Boensch, Ostash, Garcia, Copeland, Silvia, Moore

Nays: Flores

Absent: Balls

Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Moore, seconded by Council Member Silvia to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Submitted by,

Janet Santos, MiPMC/MMC
City Clerk