

A REGULAR MEETING AND A STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HELD SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE MORLEY ROOM AT THE CASTLE MUSEUM, 500 FEDERAL AVENUE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Browning offered a prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Browning called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Dan Fitzpatrick, Demond Tibbs, Annie Boensch, Mayor Pro Tem Amos O'Neal, Larry Coulouris, Brenda Moore, Michael Balls, Floyd Kloc, and Mayor Dennis Browning: 9. Council Members absent: 0.

Also in attendance were the following City staff members: Tim Morales, City Manager; Debbie Buck, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Janet Santos, City Clerk; Yolanda Jones, Assistant to the City Manager/Budget Administration; Robert Ruth, Chief of Police; Christopher Van Loo, Fire Chief; Kim Mason, Director of Water/Wastewater Treatment; Dennis Jordan, Director of Human Resources; Beth Carson-Church, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Jeff Klopac, Director of Technology; Phil Karwat, Director of Public Services; John Stemple, Chief Inspector; Kanah Franklin, Block Grant Administrator; Shontaye Bibbs, SEDC Loan Support; Beth Ernat, Downtown Development Authority Director; Tom Miller, Saginaw Future, and resident Paul Virciglio.

Moved by Council Member Coulouris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem O'Neal to waive the Council Rules of Order and change the Order of Business to follow the special agenda prepared by the City Manager. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve the January 12, 2015 regular Council meeting minutes.
2. Approve the filing of the 2015 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll in the office of the City Clerk, and to set a public hearing to be held on February 16, 2015.
3. Adopt the Performance Resolution agreeing to the requirements to perform work within the Michigan Department of Transportation Trunkline right-of-way within the city boundaries.

Moved by Council Member Kloc, seconded by Council Member Boensch to approve consent agenda items 1 through 3 as presented. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Management Update

City Manager Tim Morales presented a recap of the January 2014 Strategic Planning Session. The SWOT analysis was reviewed which covered the City's Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT). The analysis shows that the Threats and

Weaknesses were similar. The goals and achievements of the Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely (SMART) were reviewed.

A short break was taken at 10:15 a.m.

City Manager Morales introduced Beth Ernat, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director. Ms. Ernat presented the history of the DDA, explained the Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) process and the nine goals that were established for the TIF District. She also reported on the achievements and the current and upcoming projects.

City Manager Morales announced that Yolanda Jones, Assistant to the City Manager/Budget Administrator will be the Department Head overseeing Budget, Grants, Block Grants and the SEDC. He then introduced Yolanda Jones and Tom Miller of Saginaw Future. Ms. Jones and Mr. Miller presented a Development Strategy to create a sustainable model for growth in the City. Six mechanisms for strategic growth were identified as 1) business retention, 2) identify our "anchors," 3) entrepreneurship and economic gardening, 4) neighborhood stabilization, 5) urban homesteading, and 6) quality of life.

A lunch break was taken at 12:32 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

City Manager Morales introduced Yolanda Jones, Assistant to the City Manager/Budget Administrator and Phil Karwat, Public Services Director. Ms. Jones and Mr. Karwat presented information for Street Light Strategy that included a street light retrofit project that will provide energy savings and efficiency; and a street light special assessment option. The recommendation of the Street Light Taskforce is to finance a street light retrofit project, in conjunction with a city wide special assessment district, with a 10 or 15-year amortization.

Moved by Council Member Kloc, seconded by Council Member Coulouris to approve the Street Light Retrofit Program as proposed by the Public Services Director and to work with the City's financial advisor to determine what, if any, recommendation to bring to Council for the retrofit expense. A brief discussion was held. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

A short break was taken at 2:08 p.m.

City Manager Morales presented a 5-year financial outlook. The FY 2014 audit will be presented to Council at the February 2 regular meeting and the report is currently available on the State of Michigan website. The FY 2014 audit reflects an increase to the General Fund fund balance, which is a first in many years.

Moved by Council Member Kloc, seconded by Council Member Boensch to direct the City Manager to convene the Special Assessment Board and provide a report to council regarding a special assessment for a Street Light Special Assessment District. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Due to time constraints it was agreed that the Equal Employment Opportunity Semi-Annual Report will be presented to Council at a later date.

Closing remarks were made by City Manager Morales and Mayor Browning.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

There were no personal appearances.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Kloc to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion approved.

Janet Santos, CMMC/CMC/MMC
City Clerk

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