
A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Saginaw, Michigan, was held Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Andersen Enrichment Center, 120 Ezra Rust Drive, Saginaw, Michigan.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia offered a prayer and Council Member Ostash led the pledge of allegiance of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Tobias Young, Michael Balls, Priscilla Garcia, Bill Ostash, Eric Braddock Sr., Carly Hammond, Brenda Moore: 7. Council Members absent: Jacinta Seals, Heidi Wiggins: 2.

Public Hearings

Clerk Bolzman announced the Public Hearing regarding the 2026 Single Lot Assessment Tax Roll. Mayor Moore called for public comments. Bill Waterman and Denise Charlton stated objections. Mayor Moore called for public comments two additional times. No further comment was made.

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

Clerk Bolzman announced the Public Hearing regarding the request from Saginaw County Real Estate LLC to create an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate at 1413 Gratiot Avenue. Mayor Moore called for public comments. Fahad Khan, CEO, Saginaw County Real Estate LLC, and Steve Hensley, Saginaw Future Inc. Community and Economic Development Director, spoke in favor of the topic. Mayor Moore called for public comments two additional times. No further comment was made.

Moved by Council Member Balls, seconded by Council Member Young to close the public hearing. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Clerk Bolzman announced the Public Hearing regarding the official intent to reimburse project expenditure with bond proceeds and authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue Water Supply System Revenue Bonds through the State of Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Fund Program. Mayor Moore called for public comments. Mike Grenier, Director of Water and Wastewater Treatment, spoke in favor of the topic. Mayor Moore called for public comments two additional times. No further comment was made.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Young to close the public hearing. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Public Input

Members of the public that addressed the Council: Hurley Coleman, Evelyn McGovern, Krista Mann, Anthony Pruitt, and Melanie Velasco.

Council Remarks

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Young, Balls, Ostash, Braddock,

Hammond, Garcia, and Mayor Moore.

Reports from Manager

City Manager Tim Morales reported updates regarding various projects.

A Riverfront Park Project Update was provided by Phil Karwat, Director of Public Services; Brad Howe, Principal, SCAPE Landscape and Architecture; and Joe Primeau, Spicer Engineering.

Council Member Braddock left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:37 p.m.

Council Members Balls and Young left the meeting at 7:41 p.m. and returned at 7:43 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Ostash to approve the consent agenda, allowing room for exceptions. No exceptions were made. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

1. Approve the February 9, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.
2. Receive and file Petition 26-03 from the Help Yourself Recover Project to be recognized as a nonprofit organization for purposes of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
3. Approve the amendments to the 2025/2026 Approved Budget for the listed funds. This adjustment is required to recognize any errors, omissions, or changes that have occurred within the month of January.
4. Approve the purchase with AIS Construction Equipment for \$11,700 for a Felling FT14 Tag Trailer for the Department of Neighborhood Services and Inspections, Environmental Division.
5. Approve the purchase with Kiesler Police Supply, Inc. for \$8,352 for training ammunition for the Police Department.
6. Approve the purchase with J&N Tactical, a sole source, for \$2,675 for a Hard Surface Breaching Head BH-2 for the Police Department, Emergency Services Team.
7. Approve the purchase with Hamilton's RV for \$2,970 for the repair of the awning on the fire prevention trailer for the Fire Department.
8. Approve the purchase with MacQueen Emergency Group for \$44,411 for the purchase of a Paratech Rescue System for the Fire Department.
9. Approve the purchase with Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland for \$125,078 for two 2026 GMC Sierra 3500HD, 1-Ton Mini Dump Trucks for the Public Services Department, Maintenance and Service Division.
10. Approve the proposal from Wade Trim, Inc. for \$328,000 for construction engineering

and administration for the Weiss Street Watermain Replacement & Road Resurfacing project for the Public Services Department, Engineering Division.

11. Approve the purchase with Fishbeck for \$45,800 to prepare and submit a project plan amendment for the DWSRF to the State of Michigan for watermain improvements, and for federal cross-cutting requirements for lead service line replacement for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Water Treatment Division.
12. Approve the professional services agreement with Dickinson Wright, PLLC for \$35,000 to act as bond counsel for the City in connection with the issuance of bonds for the City's water supply system that includes the replacement of water main and the construction of a new looped connection.
13. Approve the purchase with Microscope World for \$2,509 for a Laboratory Microscope at the Water and Wastewater Treatment Services Department, Treatment and Pumping Division.

Resolutions

Moved by Council Member Balls, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to adopt a resolution recognizing the Help Yourself Recover Project as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Balls to adopt a resolution approving the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate for the property at 1413 Gratiot Avenue. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Ostash to adopt a resolution declaring official intent to reimburse project expenditures with bond proceeds and authorizing publication of notice of intent to issue water supply system revenue bonds through the State of Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Fund Program. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Ostash, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to adopt a resolution adopting the Safe Streets for Saginaw Safety Action Plan. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Miscellaneous Business

Moved by Council Member Ostash, seconded by Council Member Young to uphold the response, as amended, associated with Meredith St. Henry's FOIA appeal. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Ostash, seconded by Council Member Young to motion to issue a written notice to Mitten Crime Network upholding the partial disclosure denial. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Moved by Council Member Hammond, seconded by Council Member Young to direct staff, through the City Manager, to fully reopen Ojibway Island, without any accessibility or vehicular barriers, immediately upon completion of construction work, currently slated for July 2026. Any delays beyond July 2026 shall come before Council for approval. Discussion was held.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Balls to call the question.

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

Ayes: Young, Balls, Garcia, Ostash, Braddock, Moore

Nays: Hammond

Absent: Seals, Wiggins

Motion approved.

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

Ayes: Hammond

Nays: Young, Balls, Garcia, Ostash, Braddock, Moore

Absent: Seals, Wiggins

Motion denied.

Adjournment

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Ostash to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Submitted by,

Kristine Bolzman, MiPMC/CMC
City Clerk