

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: 2010 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend the 2010 Calendar Year Schedule for Regular Meetings and Special Strategic Planning sessions of the Council be adopted.

Justification:

The 2010 schedule is established in accordance with the Saginaw City Charter and posted in compliance with requirements of Act 267, P.A. 1976. Following are the proposed dates:

JANUARY	11, 25 AND *30 (*Strategic Planning Session)
FEBRUARY	8 AND 22
MARCH	8 AND 22
APRIL	5 AND 19
MAY	3 AND 17
JUNE	7 AND 21
JULY	12, *24 AND 26 (*Strategic Planning Session)
AUGUST	9 AND 23
SEPTEMBER	13 AND 27
OCTOBER	11 AND 25
NOVEMBER	8 AND 22
DECEMBER	6 AND 20

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Regular meetings are held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Student Government Day (which will be announced) begins at 12:00 noon.

On November 3, 2009, the voters approved a revision to the City Charter of the City of Saginaw (Chapter IV, Legislation, Regular Meetings, Section 18) which now states in part, *The council shall meet at least twice monthly.* As a result, there are three (3) weeks between the following meetings: December 21, 2009 and January 11, 2010, May 17, 2010 and June 7, 2010, June 21, 2010 and July 12, 2010 and August 23, 2010 and September 13, 2010.

Special Meetings for Strategic Planning have been placed on the regular calendar in January and July so Council members and staff may plan accordingly. These sessions generally run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To accommodate the City Clerk in preparing for elections, City Council adopted a motion in 2007, wherein Council meetings would not be scheduled on the Monday preceding an election. Election consolidation provides for elections to be held on the fourth Tuesday in February, and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August and November. Possible election dates for 2010 are February 23rd, May 4th, August 3rd and November 2nd. To date, there are two (2) scheduled elections in 2010, i.e. August 3, 2010 and November 2, 2010. As such, it was not necessary to adjust the Council calendar for this purpose. In the event an election is scheduled on the February or May dates, an adjustment in the Council calendar may become necessary.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.