
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HELD MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008, AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL. (STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY)

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

American Legion Post 22 Honor Guard offered a prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Joyce Seals called the meeting to order. The following Councilpersons were present: Gregory Branch, Larry Coulouris, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Amos O'Neal, Bill Scharffe, Paul Virciglio, Andrew Wendt and Mayor Joyce Seals-8.

Absent: Councilwoman Amanda Kitterman-Miller-1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lori Bommarito, President of the Saginaw County Bar Association, accepted a proclamation designating May 1, 2008 as Law Day in the City of Saginaw.

(At 12:05 p.m., Councilwoman Kitterman-Miller arrived and took her seat.)

City Clerk Diane Herman announced the City Clerk's Office would be closed on Thursday, April 10, 2008, because office personnel would be attending training in Lansing.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

David Ortega, 1330 N. Washington, commented on the fact that men were the only ones who had to remove their hats. Also mentioned the public being given 3 minutes to speak and Council getting 5. Believes it should be equal. Expressed his concern about The Saginaw News using the word "Mafia" in describing a motion picture to be filmed in the area. Believes the Italian community is owed an apology. Praised the new Council for the fine job they are doing.

Tim Anegon, 2255 Delaware Blvd., advised Council of an issue he was having with being billed for personal property taxes unjustly assessed to his home. Says he knows Council cannot rectify the issue but should be made aware of it. Said he never had an office in his home but the City billed him under an assumption. Believes the City dropped the ball on the issue. *(Mr. Anegon's time expired and he requested an additional minute.)*

Councilman Coulouris moved to allow Mr. Anegon an additional minute.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Anegon was concerned he would not be able to serve on a City Board or Commission or run for an office while these charges were on the tax roll.

Mary Loyd-Deal, 1035 E. Holland, spoke on the City removing traffic lights at Owen and Holland and Jefferson and Holland. Said residents in the area were not notified of the change. Believes the intersections are too busy and the curve is too hard to see around, especially when the bushes are in full bloom.

Andy Johnson, 4962 Fontaine, President of SEIU Local 517M, representing the hourly, salaried, part-time, and seasonal employees of the City of Saginaw, said employees are having problems getting issues resolved with City administration. He read a statement from the membership about employee morale being at an all time low. Said employees are

being harassed and threatened by management that they will be laid off, fired, or their job outsourced. Said management is wasting tax dollars by hiring temporary employees through agencies while seasonal, dues-paying employees sit at home and collect unemployment. Said he would be back each week to give more details. (*Mr. Johnson requested additional time and then withdrew his request.*)

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Fitzpatrick welcomed the students. Warned the general public to be aware of the many treacherous potholes on the City's streets. Recommended the police officers double up in their vehicles on some shifts to keep down the costs of vehicle maintenance and fuel and saving on having to call for backup. Urged citizens to have a separate connection and meter for watering lawns to save sewer costs. Requested the City Manager review Mr. Anegon's problem, particularly with regard to him being ineligible to run for a City office. Noted recent changes to the traffic regulations and Ms. Loyd-Deal's concerns about moving the traffic lights. Thanked Mr. Johnson for his remarks and said the Council needs to hear from employees. Council is aware there are labor issues.

Councilwoman Kitterman-Miller also welcomed the students. Mentioned that April was Sexual Assault Awareness month and listed some of the activities planned for the month to increase awareness. Noted she had received a complaint from a citizen about leaving a social security number on the Income Tax voice mail. (*City Manager Darnell Earley said he would respond to Council on the procedure and reason the situation exists.*) Thanked all who are working towards the 2008 Arson Watch. Said they have an excellent start. Said the group would be meeting on April 19th in the Police Department lobby.

Councilman Coulouris noted the Covenant Neighborhood Association had just celebrated one year of existence. Commended them for how much they have accomplished for their neighborhood in such a short time. Said the group meets the first Wednesday of each month and would have their first cleanup project the weekend of May 16-18, 2008. Urged others to get involved with their association. You need neighborhoods to have a community.

Councilman Scharffe also welcomed the students and commended the American Legion for hosting the breakfast each year. Said he was an AHHS Student Government Day representative 48 years prior. Mentioned recently attending performances by the Saginaw Symphony and Choral Society and commended them for their contributions. Noted that he has a separate water meter like the one Councilman Fitzpatrick mentioned. Said sprinkler systems should be taken into consideration when the odd/even watering days take effect. Said he spoke with a citizen on how Flint and some other cities deal with landlords who have illegal activities in their rental units, which he would share with the City Manager and City Attorney. Mentioned receiving an invitation to tour the fire stations.

Councilman Virciglio said it was good to see such bright students. Said he is in his golden years and no longer a leader of tomorrow. Referred to the students as the City's future leaders and said he hoped they would consider serving their community in the future.

Councilman Wendt also welcomed the students and said he's been politically active since he was 16. Mentioned the recent death of Wally Bronner, all he gave to the community and how he would be missed. Said when he was contemplating running for Council, Mr. Bronner said, "Just serve." Told the students some day someone may call on

them to "just serve." Urged Mr. Anegon to follow up with the City Manager on his issue. He requested Mrs. Loyd-Deal speak to him after the meeting because he lives in the same neighborhood and would be interested in her concerns. Said he was sorry to hear from Mr. Johnson that employee morale is down. Requested to meet with the City Manager to review the SEIU issues. Said the weather is getting nice and urged parents to know where their children are at all times.

Councilman Branch also welcomed the students and apologized for having to miss the breakfast.

Councilman O'Neal congratulated the students for taking on the role of leadership. Commended Buena Vista for securing the Fort Saginaw Mall property. Said he looks forward to future development. Said he trusts the City Manager would look into the concerns of the speakers. Reiterated that the next movement for the City would evolve around citizen participation. Commended those neighborhoods that were getting involved and taking control of their neighborhood. Noted having seen 14 blighted homes in a 1-block radius in the South side. Mentioned the City's Strategic Plan and its plans to revitalize the City neighborhood by neighborhood.

Mayor Seals thanked American Legion Post 22 for hosting Student Government Day for 77 years and thanked the students for getting involved. Urged Council members to support the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" effort. Thanked Councilman Virgilgio for representing the City at Buena Vista while she was at the Michigan Municipal League Conference. Reminded parents of the City's curfew and said she's been seeing too many 8-10 year olds walking the street. Reminded all May 1st was National Day of Prayer and invited all to join her at City Hall at noon. Said she began and would continue to attend meetings of the East Genesee Economic Group, sharing with them the Cities of Promise Initiative plans for their area. Reminded Mr. Ortega that Council is only given 5 minutes to speak and sometimes that's not enough for them either. Requested the City Attorney advise her of why hat wearing in Council Chamber was different for men and women. She also requested some information on the film project in the Saginaw area.

PETITIONS

08-10 from Rosa Holliday requesting that the property abutting the alley bounded by S. Porter, Gratiot, and Stephens be vacated.

Councilman Coulouris moved to receive and file the Petition. Adopted unanimously. Mayor Seals referred the matter to the City Planning Commission.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERS

Councilwoman Kitterman-Miller reported on the Keep Saginaw Beautiful Committee and the upcoming Clean Up and Beautification Blitz scheduled for May 16, 17 and 18, 2008. Mentioned receiving donations from Dow, Spicer Group and Waste Management and gave an update of the various projects by organizations and the neighborhood groups. Said the Flower Power Project volunteers will plant flowers downtown and hang baskets on the bridges. Trees for the Tri-Cities would be planting trees on April 26th and during the cleanup weekend. Read some information on the benefit of

trees. Announced the next meeting is April 9, 2008, at 5:15 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room across from Council Chamber.

Councilman Fitzpatrick said the Housing Board of Appeals only meets when it has issues to address. Believes doesn't meet too often because citizens are not pulling the proper permits. Reminded those planning on making improvements to their home that a permit is required, whether or not the homeowner is doing the work or they have hired someone.

Councilman O'Neal reported the Cities of Promise recently held a strategic planning session to look at subcommittees. They prioritized some areas of focus for the Economic Development Subcommittee. This Committee will meet soon and have invited members of the East Genesee Corridor Committee to join them.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Management Update

Darnell Earley, City Manager, mentioned the agenda items for a summer youth program with First Ward Community Center. Sheilda Braddock, President and CEO of First Ward Community Center gave details of the K-12th grade recreation program. Said they plan to utilize two site locations, Civitan Recreation Center and the Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Civitan Center would host high school children with open recreation and basketball leagues. The church program is a summer day camp geared for elementary to mid-school range (K-8) and would offer activities such as basketball, soccer, tennis, arts and cultural classes, etc.

Darnell Earley, City Manager, and Carl Johnson, Plante and Moran, reviewed the Single Audit. Mr. Earley said the audit was a report on the federal funds the City receives and it was timely filed. Said there were some discrepancies with regard to calculations on the demolition funds, however the matter was investigated and the findings reported to HUD. Believes the issue has been resolved. Requested Council pass a resolution to accept the report. Mr. Johnson went through the report and noted the auditors' reports on controls in the Fiscal Services Department, which included eighteen unresolved issues.

Darnell Earley, City Manager, mentioned forming of the Public Safety Diversity Task Force. Said the Task Force consists of a diverse group which included individuals from the education community and labor relations community. Stressed the need to have the public safety work force be diverse with respect to its reflection of the makeup of the community. Noted the Police Department presently had 7 vacancies.

Darnell Earley, City Manager, and Yolanda Jones, Budget Director, reviewed the third quarter Budget Status Report for fiscal year 2008. Said departments are holding expenditures close to what was estimated. Said the management team is concerned with the sluggish revenue picture to date and the projections made, particularly with regard to income tax.

Income Tax Manager Janet Schramke gave a presentation of the income tax outlook, which included a history of what had been collected and what was outstanding. Noted there were 113 less employers from 2006 to 2007 resulting in a loss of approximately \$700,000 in revenue. This was greatly due to the decline in General Motors and Delphi employees.

(At 2:02 p.m., Councilman Branch excused himself from the meeting.)

Councilman Coulouris moved to take a short recess.

Adopted unanimously.

(The meeting was recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.)

(Councilman Scharffe excused himself during the recess.)

Fire Chief E. Dean Holland reviewed the Fire Department's overtime through the third quarter of fiscal year 2008. He noted the reasons driving the overtime, which included firefighters on military leave, extended leave, the arson rate and recalling off-duty personnel for major incidents, all as a result of understaffing of the department.

Budget Officer Yolanda Jones advised Council of an issue regarding the Gas and Weight tax. Said the gas tax is based on the gallon versus mileage, so as the price goes up (how much you're spending on gas), the tax goes down. Mentioned that the prior year the Gas and Weight tax did not come in as projected and the same can be expected this year.

Dr. Eric Scorsone, Extension Specialist for State and Local Government Program, Michigan State University, discussed the economic outlook for revenues and expenditures. Said Fiscal Year 2009 would be one of the most challenging for the City in the past 30 years. Said nationally a recession is likely. It's just a question of how deep. Noted 200,000 jobs had been lost so far this year and there could be as many as 2 million before it's over. Said the subprime mortgage issue is the crux of what is going on and briefly explained it. The realty is that home prices are going to continue to decline. Mentioned the City's bank reconciliation issues and how it impacts the budget process. Said it's difficult to prepare a budget when you are not sure what the numbers are in the current year. He also spoke briefly on the gas tax and said there are significant shortfalls in road funding in Michigan.

Tom Fancher, City Attorney, discussed the legal aspects of the Budget Stabilization Fund and said there were four purposes for which City Council, by a two-third's vote, could use the accumulative budget stabilization fund: 1) cover a general fund deficit at the time of an audit, 2) deal with a shortfall when you adopt a budget or during the course of the year when the revenues fall short or expenses are higher, and 3) natural disaster. The fund cannot be used for capital improvements or to add personnel, pay benefits or wages.

Recommended Actions:

Subject: First Ward Community Center Summer Recreation Program Agreement

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval of the First Ward Community Center ("FWCC") Summer Recreation Program Agreement. The Agreement is subject to my approval as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

This vendor meets all the requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35-14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for this Agreement are available in the Recreation Administration Professional Services Account, Number 101-7550-831-8001.

Justification: FWCC submitted a proposal to operate a Summer Recreation Program for the City of Saginaw during an eight-week period this summer. The program will have operations at two locations. The Summer Recreation program for grades K-8 will be held at the Cathedral District Youth Center and the program for grades 9-12 will be at the Civitan Recreation Center. First Ward Community Center will provide a comprehensive social development program for youth in grades K-12. The Summer Recreation Program

will operate Monday through Friday.

Students will participate in a variety of activities including, organized basketball leagues, soccer, table tennis, billiards, board games, health and fitness activities, art and cultural classes, drug and violence prevention classes, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, summer reading programs, library and field trips and other enrichment education programs. Students will be provided daily a free lunch and snack. The amount of the Agreement will not exceed \$50,000.00. The term of the Agreement is for one year.

Council Action: Councilman Coulouris moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Pressure Seal Forms

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that the bid received from Superior Business Solutions be accepted and that a purchase order be approved and issued to them in the amount of \$2,068.50 for the purchase of pressure seal forms.

This vendor meets all the requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1 Chapter 14, 14.35-14.44 of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for these forms are budgeted in the Treasurer's Printing Services Account No. 101-1743-711-8030.

Justification: On March 18, 2008, the City received bids to purchase pressure seal stock forms. These forms are necessary to print July property tax bills. The following is a tabulation of the bids received:

Superior Business Solutions <i>Saginaw, MI</i>	\$2,068.50
Total Business Systems, Inc <i>Alma, MI</i>	\$2,116.50
TBF Graphics <i>Saginaw, MI (In-City)</i>	\$3,552.00

Council Action: Councilman Coulouris moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Budget Adjustment and Transfer

Manager's Recommendation: It is recommended that the 2007/2008 Approved Budget for the Water Fund's Reimbursements/Insurance Proceeds Account No. (591-0000-602.68-04) be increased from \$0.00 to \$7,055.00. To offset the increase in revenues received, the Water Operations and Maintenance Capital Outlay/Vehicle Account No. (591-4730-861.97-70) should also be increased from \$0.00 to \$7,055.00.

In addition, a budget adjustment in the amount of \$32,000.00 is recommended to transfer funds from the Water Surplus Fund Capital Outlay/Vehicle Account No. (577-4740-881.97-70) to the Water Operations and Maintenance Fund Capital Outlay/Vehicle Account

No. (591-4730-861.97-70). The recommended budget adjustment will increase the amount available in the Water Operations and Maintenance Fund Capital Outlay/Vehicle Account No. (591-4730-861.97-70) from \$7,055.00 to \$39,055.00.

Justification: The City will receive a check in the amount of \$7,055.00 from Amerisure Insurance Company to settle a claim resulting from a vehicle accident on 12-27-07. The Water Treatment Division budgeted \$32,000.00 for the replacement of one (1) vehicle this fiscal year. However, due to the accident two (2) vehicles will need to be replaced. The insurance proceeds and the available budgeted monies will be used to purchase the two (2) vehicles.

Council Action: Councilman Coulouris moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Water Treatment Replacement Vehicles

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that purchase orders be issued to Snethkamp Dodge of Lansing, MI, in the amount of \$15,876.73 for the purchase of one new Dodge Caravan and to Signature Ford/Jeep of Owosso, MI, in the amount of \$18,188.71 for the purchase of one new Jeep Liberty to be used by the Water Treatment Division.

These vendors meet all requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35 – 14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for these purchases are available in the Water Maintenance and Operations Account No. 591-4730-861.97-70.

Justification: These vehicles are being purchased using State Bid Pricing. The Water Treatment Division is replacing a 1999 Jeep Cherokee that was included in the approved budget for this fiscal year. The maintenance staff utilizes this vehicle to perform maintenance checks at the water booster and pumping stations, light duty repairs and to transport employees to required training and seminars. The Water Treatment Division is also replacing a 2001 Jeep Cherokee Sport, which was damaged in an accident on 12-27-07 and subsequently totaled by the insurance company. The laboratory staff utilizes this vehicle to perform sampling throughout the water distribution system, which includes portions of Saginaw, Bay and Tuscola Counties. This sampling is required by Federal and State Laws. The budgeted funds combined with the insurance settlement are enough to purchase both replacement vehicles.

Council Action: Councilman Coulouris moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: 2007-2008 CDBG Sidewalk Ramps

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that the low bid from Allen Contracting in the amount of \$39,575.00 be accepted and a contract awarded them in that amount be approved. Contract documents forwarded herein (City Clerk's File _____), have been signed by the contractor. The contract is subject to approval by me as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

This vendor meets all requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35-14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for this contract are available in the Block Grant Services Construction Fund Account No. 275-6511-761-83.30.

Justification: On February 19, 2008, the City received bids for the 2007-2008 CDBG Sidewalk Ramps. (Work includes the installation of ADA compliant sidewalk ramps in various locations within the City of Saginaw.)

Following is a tabulation of the bids received and reviewed by the Purchasing Committee:

Allen Contracting Saginaw, MI	\$ 39,575.00
Wenda Lecke dba Mr. Asphalt Birch Run, MI	\$ 41,025.00
Wobig Construction Saginaw, MI (In City)	\$ 51,985.00
Boyle Construction Bay City, MI	\$ 72,849.00 *
4-Star Concrete Bay City, MI	\$ 82,070.00

*Should be \$72,763.00 due to multiplication and addition errors

Council Action: Councilman Coulouris moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Backup Road Salt for City Streets in the FY2008 Winter Season

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that payment be made to Morton International, Inc. in the amount of \$52,860.00 for the purchase of 1,500 tons of backup road salt that was delivered in February 2008.

This vendor meets all requirements of State of Michigan Contract Compliance Policy, which supersedes the City of Saginaw's Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35 – 14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for this purchase are available in the Major & Local Streets Fund Account Nos. 202-4655-841-73-40; 202-4692-841-73-40 and 203-4655-841-73-40 and will be accounted for through the Municipal Streets Fund Account No. 204-4615-781-73-40.

Justification: On April 18, 1977, City Council approved a cooperative purchasing agreement with the State of Michigan, which allows the City to purchase material and equipment at State-Bid pricing. The City has used this agreement to purchase road salt for ice control.

In addition to the 2,000 tons of salt purchased by the City to fill the salt storage facility, the City has contracted for an additional 1,500 tons of salt. This salt is necessary to

insure that enough salt is available for City crews to de-ice the City streets while allowing enough salt to be left over for possible ice storms in the spring and the following fall.

Morton International Chicago, Ill. was the low bidder at \$35.24 per ton. This price per ton includes the salt, weighing and loading, handling and the truck freight charges. This compares to a price of \$38.36 per ton for the bulk shipment of 2,000 tons received in October 2007.

Council Action: Councilman Coulouris moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: 2007-2008 Sidewalk Replacement

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that the low bid from Hilario Martinez dba Tri-City Contracting in the amount of \$55,745.00 be accepted and a contract awarded them in that amount be approved. Contract documents forwarded herein (City Clerk's File _____), have been signed by the contractor. The contract is subject to approval by me as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

This vendor meets all requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35-14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for this contract are available in the Engineering Division Major Streets Construction Projects Fund Account No. 202-4614-781.80-47.

Justification: On February 19, 2008, the City received bids for the 2007-2008 Sidewalk Replacement. (The work includes the removal and replacement of defective sidewalk in various locations within the City of Saginaw.)

Public Act 51 of 1951 created the Michigan transportation fund (MTF). Revenues collected through highway user fees, state motor fuel taxes, vehicle registration taxes and other miscellaneous related automobile taxes are deposited into the MTF. These funds are then distributed throughout the State to various governmental organizations, including the City of Saginaw.

The City of Saginaw on an annual average receives between four and five million dollars of MTF Funds. In order to continue to receive these funds and stay in compliance with ACT 51 requirements, the City of Saginaw must expend at a minimum 1% of its MTF monies annually on non-motorized improvements. Sidewalk construction and repair is considered as a non-motorized improvement. Therefore, this contract will keep the City of Saginaw compliant with this Act.

Following is a tabulation of the bids received and reviewed by the Purchasing Committee:

Hilario Martinez dba Tri-City Contracting Saginaw, MI (Out-City)	\$ 55,745.00
Boyle Construction Bay City, MI	\$ 59,270.00 *
Lois-Kay Contracting	\$ 62,757.50

Saginaw, MI (Out-City)	
Wenda Lecke dba Mr. Asphalt Birch Run, MI	\$ 64,880.00
Wobig Construction Saginaw, MI (In City)	\$ 72,665.00
4-Star Concrete Bay City, MI	\$ 73,602.50
Audia Concrete Milford, MI	\$ 87,975.50 **
Job Site Services Bay City, MI	\$ 91,555.00

*Should be \$59,270.50 due to multiplication and addition errors

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Council Action: Councilman Coulouris moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.
Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Application for Federal Local Safety Program Funds for fiscal year 2009

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that the City of Saginaw actively seek Transportation Safety funds and participate in the proposed intersection improvements, including upgrade of existing traffic signal equipment at the intersections of East Genesee Avenue with Jefferson Avenue, East Genesee Avenue with Warren Avenue, and East Genesee Avenue with Janes Avenue. The application is for \$390,000.00 of which the City's shared cost will be \$78,000.00. Funds for the City's share will be made available in Gas and Weight Major Street Fund Account No. 202-4614-781-8047. The City of Saginaw will be responsible for design and construction engineering costs.

MDOT requires as part of the application process, that a resolution be adopted by City Council indicating that the application has been reviewed and that the City is actively seeking these funds for safety improvements of said intersection. This resolution appears under the regular order of business.

Justification: The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, and Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was enacted in 2005 and is the federal legislation that provides funds for transportation projects. Some of these funds are categorized as Transportation Safety funds that are designated for transportation needs of communities such as Saginaw. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has called for project applications from eligible communities who wish to participate in this program. The applications have to meet certain criteria and because of fund limitations, the applications are evaluated by MDOT and ranked against these criteria. City staff has interpreted the

criteria and propose intersection improvements including upgrading existing traffic signal equipment at the intersections of East Genesee Avenue with Jefferson Avenue, East Genesee Avenue with Warren Avenue, and East Genesee Avenue with Janes Avenue. Engineering staff has reviewed the proposed intersection improvements, and find it will improve traffic flow and safety for both motoring and pedestrian traffic.

Council Action: Councilman Coulouris moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.

Adopted unanimously.

All City Manager recommendations to this point were adopted by general consent. The following was considered after discussion.

Subject: Liquor License for 2109 W. Michigan

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval of the request from Lucky Petroleum, Inc. to transfer ownership of a 2007 SDM licensed business located at 2109 W. Michigan, Saginaw, MI 48638, Saginaw County from Jascot, Inc.

Justification: On or about January 9, 2008, the City received notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the request from Lucky Petroleum, Inc. to transfer ownership of a 2007 SDM licensed business located at 2109 W. Michigan, Saginaw, MI 48638, Saginaw County from Jascot, Inc.

The City of Saginaw Fire Prevention, City Building Inspections Division and the Michigan Department of Agriculture have completed the necessary inspections and have approved 2109 W. Michigan for the license as required by Chapter 110, "General Provisions," of Title XI, "Business Regulations" of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances. Under Chapter 111, "Alcoholic Beverages," §111.11, "Application for License," the City Manager is to review all applications and departmental reports and give his recommendation to City Council of his approval or disapproval of the license. Since Lucky Petroleum, Inc., has met the necessary requirements, I hereby recommend approval of Lucky Petroleum, Inc., to transfer ownership 2007 SDM licensed business located at 2109 W. Michigan, Saginaw, MI 48638, Saginaw County from Jascot, Inc.

Council Action: Councilman O'Neal moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Purchase of Laptop for Weed Abatement

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that the bid received from Yeo and Yeo Computer Consulting, be accepted and that a purchase order be issued to them in the amount of \$4,037.00 for the purchase of a toughbook laptop that will be used in the field by weed abatement personnel.

This vendor meets all requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35-14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for the laptop are available in the GIS Capital Outlay Less than \$5,000 account No. 650-1738-781.97-05 (\$2,018.00), and in the Building & Grounds Maintenance Capital Outlay Less than \$5,000 Account No. 101-7575-821.97-05 (\$2,019.00).

Justification: On March 11, 2008, the City received bids for the purchase of a toughbook laptop. Weed abatement personnel currently use two laptops in the field to process work orders and store before and after grass cutting photos. Photos are taken of each lot as verification that cutting was justified and completed. Two laptops that are currently in use are more than 6 years old and have become unreliable. Following is a tabulation of the bids received:

	<u>Bid</u>
Paradigm Systems Burnsville, MN	\$3,963.00
Howard Industries Ellisville, MS	\$3,965.00
Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting, LLC Saginaw (In City)	\$4,037.00
SR Systems, Inc Boise, ID	\$4,087.00
Vindhya Systems Inc. Wappingers Falls, NY	\$4,129.00

The Yeo & Yeo bid was not the lowest but was deemed to be the best as a result of being an in-city business and falling within the preference limits of the Purchasing Contracting and Selling Procedure, General Policy Saginaw-Based Business, Chapter 14, §14.21 (D) (1) of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Council Action: Mayor Seals moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.

Adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Subject: Supporting an AARP Resolution

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that the Council consider passing the attached Resolution supporting the efforts of Divided We Fail.

Justification: Representative of the American Association of Retired People ("AARP") attended the March 24, 2008 City Council meeting and requested the Council pass a Resolution in support of its "Divided We Fail" campaign. The Administration asked for a delay in that decision until it had an opportunity to investigate further and report to Council. We have subsequently reviewed the written material provided as well as the information on its website: www.dividedwefail.org, particularly its formal platform.

The goals of the organization are accurately portrayed in its written material and by its prior presentation to Council. It purports to be, and appears to be, bipartisan in its approach. Its interest is in nationwide healthcare concerns and the financial well-being of individuals, the natural interests of the members of AARP.

Supporting nationwide concerns is not the usual concern of City Council but it has been done from time to time in the past, especially if the Council believes that the resolution of these concerns will have a specific impact on the City. This is a policy decision that is appropriate for the Council to consider.

Council Action: This Council Communication is for explanation purposes only of the Resolution to be adopted.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AARP HEALTHCARE CONCERNS

Councilman O'Neal offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the opportunity to have access to health care and long-term financial security is a basic need that all Americans share and it is the foundation for future generations; and

WHEREAS, all Americans should have access to affordable health care, including prescription drugs, and these costs should not burden future generations; and

WHEREAS, wellness and prevention efforts, including changes in personal behavior such as diet and exercise, should be top national priorities; and

WHEREAS, Americans should have choices when it comes to long-term care allowing them to maintain their independence at home or in their communities with expanded and affordable financing options; and

WHEREAS, we believe all Americans should have peace of mind about their future long-term financial security; and

WHEREAS, our children and grandchildren should have an adequate quality of life when they retire. Social Security must be strengthened without burdening future generations; and

WHEREAS, workers should be provided with financial incentives to save, should have access to effective retirement plans, and should be able to keep working and contributing to society regardless of age; and

WHEREAS, Americans of all ages should have access to tools to help manage their finances, and save for the future and better, easy to understand information to help them increase their financial literacy and manage their money wisely; and

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, health care providers, non-profit organizations, and government must work together to find solutions – personally, privately and publicly; and

WHEREAS, AARP, the Business Roundtable, the Service Employees International Union and the National Federation of Independent Business have committed to be champions for this new American Dream by launching Divided We Fail, an effort that engages millions of Americans to call their elected leaders to work together across party lines to provide answers, action and accountability on these issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for Saginaw supports this Divided We Fail effort and urges our state and federal elected officials and candidates to the same, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution is intended to support or oppose the election of any particular candidate.

Adopted unanimously.

SAFETEA-LU TRANSPORTATION SAFETY FUNDS FOR EAST GENESEE
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES

Councilman O'Neal offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Federal Legislation known as SAFETEA-LU offers special funds known as Transportation Safety which are set aside for transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, these funds are eligible for intersection safety improvements in communities such as Saginaw; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to procure Transportation Safety funds for the purpose of improving safety towards its streets and citizens as outlined in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Saginaw is actively seeking SAFETEA-LU Transportation Safety funds for the intersection improvements and traffic signal upgrades at the intersections of East Genesee Avenue with Jefferson Avenue, East Genesee Avenue with Warren Avenue, and East Genesee Avenue with Janes Avenue, and is willing to participate in its implementation.

Adopted unanimously.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilman O'Neal made a motion to accept the Report on Expenditures of Federal Awards for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007.

Adopted unanimously.

Mayor Seals reminded citizens the City Clerk's Office would be closed on Thursday, April 10, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:42 p.m., Councilman Virgilgio moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

Diane M. Herman
City Clerk