
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HELD MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Police Chaplain Popard 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, Amos O'Neal, Bill Scharffe, Paul Virciglio, Andrew Wendt and Mayor Joyce Seals-7.

Absent: Councilpersons Daniel Fitzpatrick and Amanda Kitterman-Miller-2.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Earl Jesse, 310 S. Harrison, said Saginaw is still losing people. Believes the issue should be placed on the ballot to reduce the number of Council members to 7.

Freddie Jackson, 256 Parkside Ct., said he complained about tall grass in the Wickes Park area in July and wanted to let Council know that the grass had been cut and the area looked good. Said Council is doing a good job.

David Ortega, 1330 N. Washington, stated the halfway house does not house violent offenders. Believes it is hypocritical for the NAACP to fight for Civil Rights and deny these residents their constitutional rights. Mentioned the *LeFevre* case and said Ms. LeFevre needs to do the time for her crime.

Alfonzie Smith, 2222 S. 23rd, requested again that something like the former lot crew needs to be established. Disagreed that the City is addressing the tall grass issue, in particular Weadock and Atwater Streets. Believes someone is not doing their job.

Dennis Morrison, 1667 Gilbert, thanked the crews who addressed weeds at the intersections in the Southside that were causing a sight obstruction. Expressed concerns about grass being left on the sidewalks when empty lots are mowed.

Terry Sangster, 2221 Frueh, President of the E. Genesee Avenue Committee mentioned how the Committee was working with the MSU Extension to improve the community on Genesee Avenue from Downtown to Hess Street. Invited Council, business owners and homeowners to attend a meeting the following night to discuss the issue. Said Council was violating laws by publicly endorsing his opponent in the Primary Election.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Coulouris commended and thanked Dow Chemical and Habitat for Humanity for the blitz recently held the area of Union, Michigan, Cooper and Oakley Streets. Nearly 800 volunteers are working on approximately 44 homes by painting, repairing outside electrical, grass mowing etc. The blitz also included many improvements to Bliss Park.

Councilman Scharffe said the City is making progress on weed abatement. Said Council is aware of the citizens' concerns in this regard and working with the City Manager closely on the issue. Noted the lack of personnel and equipment. Mentioned the police complaint lodged by Xavier Sanders and his grandfather at the prior meeting. Said the report received indicated the Saginaw Police Department followed protocol on the incident

and apologized for assuming they hadn't followed procedures. Said it was unfortunate the incident occurred but given today's circumstances, the police did follow regulations and procedures.

Councilman Virciglio challenged Mr. Jesse to find out what the population was when the City Charter was formulated and the City fathers decided Council should be nine members. Gave an update on the Friends of Hoyt Park Committee and said things were progressing. Noted there had been a review of the condition of the warming house and a report would be provided to the Committee on the cost to restore. Anyone wanting to support the park should contact the Saginaw Community Foundation.

Councilman Wendt thanked Bill Federspiel and Buena Vista and Saginaw Police Departments for their due diligence in retrieving his car which was recently stolen. Agreed with Mr. Morrison that it was nice that the grass is getting cut but questioned if City crews could at least sweep the sidewalks afterwards. Noted there was a difference between "endorsing" a candidate and "supporting" a candidate and he would review what the Charter stated in this regard. Thanked all who were working to restore Hoyt Park and Bliss Park. Urged all to explore the new Children's Museum. Said it is a jewel for the City.

Councilman Branch praised the recent Heroes for Kids event which raised \$300,000 for youth recreation programs. Also apologized for his comments the prior week on the Xavier Sanders incident before having all the evidence. Noted that due to the grass height, lots are being cut with brush hogs and this is why the grass lays there afterwards. Said he vowed to remember weed abatement during the next budget season.

Councilman O'Neal thanked Mr. Jackson for his positive comments. Mentioned some recent activities he attended such as the Mission in the City walk, Christmas in July (sponsored by the Salvation Army), Gospel Fest, Outta Control Car Show and Eddy Band concert. Also apologized for commenting the prior week on the Xavier Sanders incident. Thanked Chief Cliff for his report and noted the officers operated within their bounds.

Mayor Seals noted having attended the car show and Eddy Bank Concert. Thanked Dow Chemical and Habitat for Humanity for the work they are doing in the Covenant neighborhood. Mentioned attending a recent press conference at the Civitan Recreation Center. Said the center was packed with kids. Commended Mrs. Braddock for all her work and thanked all who offer programs for youth. Also spoke on the recent Housing Expo sponsored by Fifth Third Bank. Said she was excited to see the great turnout. Mentioned the EverythingTri-Cities.com website where anyone could post their event.

PETITIONS

08-21 from Norman LaBrenz, Prints Plus, submitting an application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for the property located at 2301 N. Michigan Avenue.

Councilman Scharffe moved to receive and file the request.

Adopted unanimously. Mayor Seals referred the request to the City Manager.

- 08-22 from Thomas B. Mudd, 1001 Hoyt, requesting to post six double-sided street signs in memory of Norman Little underneath existing East Genesee Street signs, worded "Norman Little Plank Road" at the following intersections: Water, Washington, Federal, Jefferson, Warren and Millard or Janes.
Councilman O'Neal moved to receive and file the request.
Adopted unanimously. Mayor Seals referred the request to the Planning Commission.

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

Councilman Coulouris reported two items which were approved by the Planning Commission on July 22nd: (1) Request from Terel Development to create a 193-parking lot on the site of the former McDonald's restaurant across from the Dow Center. (Noted that they were waiting for it to be reviewed by the Riverfront Development Commission); and (2) Emaus House, 734 S. 14th, construction of a 1,840 square foot distribution center, adjacent to the church parking lot.

(Councilman Wendt expressed his concerns about another parking lot being constructed on a valuable piece of land.)

Councilman O'Neal stated the City/County/School Liaison Committee requested a demolition update from the City at the next meeting (8/21/08), along with a report from the Safe Routes to School Committee. The group also briefly discussed the job fair and the need to expand it due to the unemployment rate. Announced the dedication of the Willie E. Thompson Middle School on July 31st.

Councilman Wendt noted the Precinct Consolidation Committee had met and discussed changes made to precincts, preparations made for the upcoming election, cleanup of the voter registration file and training for election workers. Said the group would meet again after the election. He and the City Clerk provided some information on the changes and on voting by absentee ballot for the August Primary.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Management Update

Beth Church, Acting City Manager and Interim Director of Employee Services, explained the Personnel Complement Changes to be voted on that evening.

Tom Darnell, Public Services Director, gave a brief history of the City's special events policies and procedures and explained the 50% in-kind services offered by KCQ in exchange for the KCQ's Country Music Concert special event fees. *(Council members expressed some concerns on the fact that the City had not been utilizing the in-kind advertisement services and requested future reports on how it was utilized.)*

Mr. Darnell then gave an update on the weed abatement program. Said the City is cutting approximately 75 lots each day and doing the best they can with the number of personnel and equipment available. He noted that the more time the City spends cleaning up the lots and sidewalks afterwards, the less time the crews have for mowing.

Recommended ActionsSubject: Contract with School District for Administering Elections

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval of the contract between the City of Saginaw and the School District for the purpose of administering General and Local Elections in the City of Saginaw.

The agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

Justification: On February 6, 2006, the School District and the City entered into an agreement for purposes of setting forth the obligations, responsibilities and understandings between the parties for conducting all General and Local Elections within the City of Saginaw.

Due to the requirements under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), it became necessary for the City to move certain polling locations to assist voters with disabilities. In addition, the School District requested adjustments to certain polling locations due to school closures. Following is a list of the School District's buildings to be utilized under the contract.

#	PRECINCT	ADDRESS
2	ARTHUR EDDY ACADEMY	1000 Cathay
3	HEAVENRICH SCHOOL	2435 Perkins
5	CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL	1010 Hoyt
6	SAGINAW HIGH SCHOOL A	3100 Webber
7	WEBBER MIDDLE SCHOOL (Formerly Webber Elementary)	2600 Prescott
8	SAGINAW HIGH SCHOOL B	3100 Webber
11	THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL (Formerly Handley School which was temporarily relocated to Arthur Hill High School)	3021 Court
12	KEMPTON SCHOOL	3040 Davenport
13	SAGINAW CAREER COMPLEX	2101 Weiss
15	HERIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Formerly St. Paul's Lutheran School)	1905 Houghton
16	SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL (Formerly Staff Development Center)	224 N. Elm
19	JEROME SCHOOL	1515 Sweet
20	MERRILL PARK SCHOOL	1800 Grout

The School District also requested the contract be re-evaluated due to additional security concerns on Election Day, which the School District believes to be a necessary precaution. The parties (hereinafter referred to as "City" and "School District") have agreed as follows:

(1) School District will attempt to provide the use of the school gymnasium or a room or space of adequate size and accessibility and the parties will review the designated

area prior to each election. School District will attempt to make the designated area as close as possible to the entrance of the polling location and will attempt to route students away from the designated area on Election Day.

(2) School District will provide ample handicap and regular parking spaces, store election equipment and supplies, have the buildings accessible at 6:00 a.m. the morning of the election, heat the buildings and have tables and chairs for School District workers available.

(3) School District agrees to remove the snow from parking lots and walkways. However, in the event School District's crews are unavailable to remove the snow on Election Day and are called in to work over and above their normal scheduled hours, City agrees to reimburse the School District for the cost of snow removal. City may also elect to use its own crew to remove the snow.

(4) School District will attempt to avoid scheduling major activities in the buildings, i.e., athletic activities, fund-raisers, social events, etc. on Election Days.

(5) The parties further agreed to coordinate efforts with regard to emergencies, signage, handicap accessibility and will discuss any concerns and issues subsequent to each election, if any.

(6) School District has negotiated with its employee unions to schedule non-instructional days on the February, May and November election days to better accommodate the voters. City recognizes that in the event School District exceeds its allotted amount of snow days, it may not be able to fulfill this obligation.

(7) School District and City have agreed to each indemnify the other with regard to any possible claims.

(8) Any amendments to the agreement must be requested at least 90 days prior to the next election date.

(9) The terms of the contract will commence upon execution and will terminate on December 31, 2013, with an option to renew. The parties will review the terms and conditions six (6) months prior to the termination and make any necessary modifications, if needed, prior to renewal. In all other events, each party has agreed to give the other 12-months written notice to terminate the contract.

(10) The parties agree that School District shall have custodial staff at each polling location from 6:00 a.m. until the close of the election process for every election at School District's expense. In addition, School District agrees to provide security at each polling location for every election until 3:00 p.m. at School District's expense. City agrees to reimburse School District for the cost of providing security at all polling locations after 3:00 p.m. at any presidential election and at the secondary schools (i.e. Saginaw High School, Webber Middle School and Thompson Middle School) after 3:00 p.m. for all other elections. In the alternative, City may provide its own security at its expense.

Given the foregoing, I recommend approval of the contract between the City of Saginaw and School District for the City of Saginaw for purposes of administering General and Local Elections in the City of Saginaw.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Fiscal Year 2008-09 Personnel Complement Changes

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval of the fiscal year 2008-09 Personnel Complement changes per the attached sheet. Such changes stem from departmental efforts to restructure employee job duties and responsibilities to better accomplish the work of the City. I recommend these personnel complement changes be approved.

Justification: These recommended financial changes will provide a more focused approach for working with all departments regarding financial and budgetary issues. These changes will increase the General Fund Fiscal Services Department salaries by \$17,290 but will be offset by the anticipated savings that will be incurred through the use of Plante & Moran, Inc. who provides accounting services for the City. The Block Grant reallocation addresses the performance of SEDC loan activities with a salary impact of \$4,063. Funds are available within the Block Grant Non-General Fund. The Right-of-Way reallocation implements a contractual progression in pay range, incurring \$2,282 in additional Non-General Fund salary costs, which are available in the Major Streets, Local Streets, and Rubbish Collection funds.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT CHANGES	
<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>	
<u>Fiscal Services Department:</u>	
Replace Director of Fiscal Services with Assistant City Manager for Finance Reallocate from Non-Union Salary Range N-81 to N-86	Cost Impact: \$13,002
<u>General Government Department:</u>	
Replace Budget Officer with Assistant to the City Manager/Budget Administrator Relocate from Fiscal Services Department to the Office of the City Manager Reallocate from Non-Union Salary Range N-67 to N-72	Cost Impact: \$4,288
Total General Fund Cost Impact: \$17,290	
<u>NON-GENERAL FUND:</u>	
<u>Department of Development:</u>	
Replace Administrative Professional with SEDC Loan Support (100% Block Grant funded) Reallocate from SEIU Salary Range O-4 to A-26	Cost Impact: \$4,063
<u>Department of Public Services:</u>	
Labor Foreman, Environmental/Streets (50% 226 Rubbish; 25% 202 Major Streets; 25% 203 Local Streets) No title change. Reallocate from AFSCME Salary Range M-54 to M-56	Cost Impact:
\$2,282	
Total Non-General Fund Cost Impact: \$6,345	

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Naval Reserve Center Lease Renewal

Manager's Recommendation: The City recently received a Notice of Renewal of Government Lease from the Department of Navy ("Navy"). The Navy is seeking to renew the lease for a one-year term from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. The Navy leased 7.39 acres of land from the City at 3500 Douglass Street beginning July 1, 1946. I recommend that the lease be renewed.

Justification: Records disclose a lease dated October 18, 1985, which was signed by City and Navy officials. The lease stated the Navy would pay the City \$1.00 for annual rent and other legal consideration. Further, there is a clause, which states that the lease was renewable for forty-nine (49) additional one (1) year terms at the same rate. In addition, the lease states the Navy is only required to send the City a letter stating that it wants to renew the lease. The Navy uses the land to train reserves and an office is located on the land, which is used for recruiting.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Telecommunications Permit with NEXTG

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval of the Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit with NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc. and authorization for the City Manager to execute it and the related documents. This Agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

Justification: NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc., has filed its application and paid the requisite fee for a Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit pursuant to the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Right of Way Oversight Act ("METRO Act"); Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 2002, as amended. The METRO Act determines all aspects of the permit and creates the METRO Authority that collects all fees paid by telecommunications providers and makes payments to municipalities.

NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc. is a new provider and will place a small number of antennae and fiber optic lines along designated routes in the City. This area is regulated by the METRO Act and the City is required to approve this permit if NextG Networks of Illinois, Inc. meets the appropriate criteria, which it does.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: TBF Graphics, Inc. – 2008/2009 Approved Budget Documents

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend issuance of a purchase order to TBF Graphics, the only bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$2,252.50 for the printing of fifty-three (53) 2008/2009 Approved Budget documents.

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 are available in the Administration Division's Professional Services Account No. 101-1740-711.80-01.

Justification: In February 2008, TBF Graphics, Inc., sole bidder, provided a bid to the City for both the proposed and approved budget documents. The issuance of this purchase order will allow the City to print the 2008/2009 Approved Budget, which will be submitted to the Government Finance Officer Association for the Distinguished Budget Award.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Insurance Proceed - Budget Adjustment

Manager's Recommendation: It is recommended that a budget adjustment be completed to increase the Drug Forfeiture Fund's Reimbursements/Insurance Proceeds Account No. 264-0000-602.68-04 from \$0 to \$524.00. This deposit consists of a check from the Amerisure Insurance Company to cover towing on a totaled Chevy Tahoe. The increase in revenue will be offset by an increase in the Drug Forfeiture Fund Other Services / Equipment Rental Account No. 264-3040-731.80-50 by the same amount.

Justification: The City received a check in the amount of \$524.00 from the Amerisure Insurance Company. This check will cover costs for towing of a totaled Chevy Tahoe from the City of Westland, MI to Saginaw, MI.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Tires for Police Pursuit Vehicles

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that a blanket purchase order be approved and issued to Scott's Tire Company, the State bid supplier, in the amount of \$7,000.00 for patrol and administration tire maintenance of the Police Department's motor vehicle fleet.

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

Funds are budgeted in the Police Department's Operating Services Account No. 101-3014-721.73-12.

Justification: The Saginaw Police Department's garage serviceperson performs tire replacement and repair on the department's fleet utilizing these tire supplies. Maintaining proper care of tires on the department's motor vehicle fleet is necessary and critical for the safety of the department's personnel.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Police Pursuit Vehicle Repair Parts

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that a blanket purchase order be approved and issued to Larry's Auto Parts in the amount of \$9,000.00 for parts and supplies for routine maintenance of the Police Department's motor vehicle fleet.

This vendor meets all requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1,

Chapter 14, Sections 14.35-14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds are budgeted in the Police Department's Operating Services Account No. 101-3014-721.73-12.

Justification: The Saginaw Police Department's garage serviceperson performs maintenance and repair on the department's fleet utilizing these parts and supplies. These repairs reduce the amount of time the vehicle is out of service and eliminates additional mechanical service charges.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Charter Business Telephone Service Agreement

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval of the Charter Business Telephone Service Agreement. I further recommend that the Information Services Director, Jay Beelman, be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. The Agreement has been approved by the City Manager 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 are available in the Other Services/Telephone/Cell/Pagers Account No. 101-1747-821-8032.

Justification: During the past few months, staff at Forest Lawn Cemetary ("Forest Lawn") has experienced problems with the telephone system. Specifically, staff cannot receive calls from the outside and sometimes cannot place phone calls. After numerous attempts, staff was not able to repair the problem. Disruption of the telephone service has made it difficult for staff to communicate with local funeral homes, other City departments and citizens that have loved ones buried at Forest Lawn. The monthly amount of the agreement is \$97.71.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Annual Supply of Manhole Blocks

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend acceptance of the only bid received from Acme Block and Supply and that a purchase order be issued to them in the amount of \$29,250.00 for fiscal year 2008/2009 for the annual supply of manhole blocks.

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 purchase are available in Water Parts Account No. 591-4721-861.73-30 and Sewer Parts Inventory Account No. 590-4821-861.73-30, and will be accounted for through the Water Inventory Account No. 591-0000-171.11-30.

Justification: On July 1, 2008, the Public Services Department, Right of Way Division, received one bid for an annual supply of manhole blocks to be used in the construction and repair of the water distribution/transmission and sewage collection systems. A cost comparison shows a 34% increase over the previous purchase.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Annual Supply of P.V.C. Pipe and Fittings

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend acceptance of the low bid and issuance of a purchase order to Stephens Tile in the amount of \$34,969.88 for an annual supply of P.V.C pipe and fittings to be used in the construction and maintenance of the wastewater collection system.

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 purchase are budgeted in Sewer Parts Account No. 590-4821-861.73-30 and will be accounted for through the Water Stores Asset Inventory Account No. 591-0000-171.11-30.

Justification: On July 1, 2008, the Public Services Department, Right of Way Division, received bids for a supply of P.V.C. pipe and fittings from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 that will be used in the construction and maintenance of the wastewater collection system. A cost comparison shows a 19% average increase over the cost of the materials purchased during fiscal year 2008. Following is a tabulation of bids received:

Stephen's Tile Birch Run, MI	\$34,969.88
Etna Supply Wyoming, MI	\$52,338.40

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Annual Supply of Brass Water Pipe Fittings

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend acceptance of the low bid and issuance of a blanket purchase order to Etna Supply Company in the amount of \$50,872.49.

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 purchase are available in Water Parts Account No. 591-4721-861.73-30 and will be accounted for through Water Inventory Account No. 591-0000-171.11-30.

Justification: On July 1, 2008, the Public Services Department, Right of Way Division, received bids for an annual supply of brass water parts for the construction and repair of the water distribution and transmission system. A cost comparison shows a 9% increase over the previous purchase, due to market volatility. Following is a tabulation of bids received:

Etna Supply Company Grand Rapids, MI	\$50,872.49
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Michigan Pipe & Valve Saginaw, MI	\$55,253.00
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Council Action: Councilman Scharffe 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: Approval of Discharge of Mortgage for U.S. Graphite, Inc.

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval of the Discharge of Mortgage on property owned by U.S. Graphite, Inc. and that the Mayor be authorized to execute this document. I as to substance and by the City Attorney as to form have approved the discharge.

Justification: On April 28, 1998, U.S. Graphite executed a mortgage in favor of the City of Saginaw on certain parcels of property owned by U.S. Graphite. It did so pursuant to the requirements of a Development Agreement also negotiated and executed at that time. The Development Agreement provided for a release of the mortgage upon completion of certain conditions, in this case a certain level of investment by U.S. Graphite in the property. U.S. Graphite has met those conditions and requests the release of the mortgage so that it may pursue other financing.

This proposed approval will authorize the Mayor to execute the Discharge already prepared by U.S. Graphite.

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

Adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVING BOARDS FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2008 PRIMARY AND NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

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

WHEREAS, a Primary Election will be held in the City of Saginaw on Tuesday, August 5, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a General Election will be held in the City of Saginaw on Tuesday, November 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, each of the City's twenty-two (22) precincts at the close of the polls, prepare the necessary paperwork to be sealed in specified envelopes, seal the ballots in the ballot box, and deliver the materials to the City Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, under Michigan law (MCL 168.679a), the legislative body of a City, by resolution, can authorize the Election Commissioners of the City to appoint receiving boards to accept and open the sealed envelopes and containers for review and verification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Election Commissioners for the City of Saginaw (consisting of the Chief of Police, City Attorney and City Clerk) are hereby authorized to appoint the necessary receiving boards to receive the materials (ballot boxes, poll books, and statement of votes) from the precincts at the close of the polls on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 and Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with MCL 168.679a, each board will consist of an equal number (or as near as possible) of inspectors from each major political party.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the receiving boards will be authorized to open the sealed envelopes and ballot boxes to verify: (1) that the number of ballots issued equals the number of voters in the poll book and statement of votes; (2) confirm that the ballot box has been properly sealed and that nothing other than ballots are contained within; and (3) verify that all necessary documents have been properly signed by the election inspectors of each precinct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the receiving board, with the election inspectors, shall together take the necessary steps to correct any discrepancies, making notation of such correction in the poll book and shall notify the clerk of the board of canvassers of the corrective action taken. Upon review and correction, if necessary, the receiving board shall properly reseal the ballot boxes and envelopes.

Adopted unanimously.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilman Wendt requested the August 11th Committee of the Whole session to discuss City's ordinances on planning and zoning be rescheduled for August 25th because he had another commitment on the eleventh.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m. Councilman Viriglio moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

Diane M. Herman
City Clerk