
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Police Chaplain Darlene Hodgins 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, Amanda Kitterman-Miller, Amos O'Neal, Bill Scharffe, Paul Virciglio, Andrew Wendt and Mayor Joyce Seals-9.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk Diane Herman announced the public hearing on the City's intent to amend the official City map by renaming a portion of the park known as Veteran's Memorial Park to the Lawrence H. McKinney Park. Brian Pruitt and Ramont Roberts praised Mr. McKinney and expounded on his contributions to Saginaw youth, the upkeep of the park and the activities he organized. Requested Council's support in honoring him with this partial name change. Mayor Seals called for additional comments three times. No one else was heard.

Councilman Scharffe moved to declare the hearing closed, seconded by Councilman Branch.

Adopted unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Johnny Sanders, 3420 Grant, expressed gratitude for the homes which were torn down on the South side, but said there are holes left from the demolition and no warning signs posted. Feared someone could get hurt. Blamed youth violence on parents. Said they need to be responsible for their children. The police cannot do everything.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Councilman O'Neal thanked all those who donated to the repurposing of the Andersen Water Park. Said he was very pleased with the number of home being demolished. Assured Mr. Sanders the debris piles would be addressed. Thanked Mr. Pruitt for his petition to honor Mr. McKinney's legacy. Noted that the Planning Commission had unanimously approved the renaming.

Councilman Fitzpatrick expressed condolences to the families of Bob Colby and Larry Kerr, City residents and activists who recently passed away. Mentioned some of their contributions and accomplishments. Requested that Bay Road from Congress to State Street be added to the list of roads that need to be repaired. Reminded all that the snow brings family fun by sledding at Hoyt Park. Noted that the Friends of Hoyt Park are still having discussions with the City Manager on the best way to manage and preserve the park as required by the Hoyt Trust for the benefit of the community.

Councilwoman Kitterman-Miller thanked all the departments that have been doing more with less. Reminded all that the Keep Saginaw Beautiful Committee meets the

second Wednesday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Asked Neighborhood Groups to start thinking of projects for their neighborhoods. Urged shoppers to buy bags for the grocery stores, to reduce the use of plastic bags.

Councilman Coulouris believes the City is off to a good start. Thanked citizens who are actively involved in their neighborhood associations, which contributes to the City's success. Encouraged others to stop complaining and get involved. Said he was impressed by the snow removal from the streets especially considering the amount it snowed.

Councilman Scharffe was pleased with the successful reorganization of the Finance Department and the progress of the Andersen Water Park repurposing project. Requested that Harden Street be added to the list of road repairs, particularly since it's the front entrance to Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Thanked Mayor Seals for being a leader of positive thinking. Criticized The Saginaw News for singling out the Mayor in the recent Kroger article for not attending the new store's open house. Said he too, believed it would be a slap in the face to City residents. Requested the City Attorney review the whole matter of restrictive codicils in deeds. Did not believe a property owner could dictate the use of property. Expressed concern about empty buildings causing blight. Noted that The Saginaw News was celebrating 150 years of service to the community and requested a resolution be prepared in appreciation and support of their celebration.

Councilman Virciglio congratulated the City Manager and staff for their dedicated work all year long. In tough economic times the City of Saginaw is in good shape compared to other cities in Michigan.

Councilman Wendt expressed his support to rename a portion of Veterans Memorial Park to honor Lawrence McKinney. Requested Mr. Sanders provide a list of addresses for properties he mentioned. Encouraged the City Manager, Council and staff to continue to work hard. Requested a meeting with the City Manager on the 310 Club.

Councilman Branch said the City of Saginaw accomplished a lot in 2008. It took Saginaw 40 years to get where it is, and it's not something it can get out of overnight. Said the City will not be what it was in the 50's and 60's but it will be a better City than it has been in the past 40 years. Believes if things continue, 2009 will be a very Happy New Year.

Mayor Seals thanked the City Manager and staff for all the fine work done in 2008. Was pleased to see all the houses torn down in the South end. Said there is a process to clean up after a demolition and sometimes there is a delay. Agreed with Mr. Sanders that parents need to take responsibility for their children. Mentioned how the National League of Cities recommends cities work with schools to create a Youth Master Plan. Thanked Mr. Pruitt and Mr. Roberts for attending the meeting and expressing their appreciation for Lawrence McKinney. Said mentors are needed to work with youth. Said Mr. McKinney planned activities and kept the park clean without compensation. She is looking for great things in 2009.

(Several Council members expressed appreciation for the timely filing of the City's audit.)

PETITIONS

09-01 from Timothy M. Lynch, Saginaw County Bar Association, requesting permission to erect a banner in the 500 block of Court Street from March 30, 2009 to April 30, 2009 for the purpose of promoting Law Day.
 Councilman Virciglio moved to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Scharffe.
 Adopted unanimously.

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

From Boards and Commissions Committee:

Councilman Coulouris moved for consideration of reappointing Darnell Earley to the MBS International Airport Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2012, seconded by Councilman Wendt.
 Adopted unanimously.

Mayor Seals reported the Cities of Promise would have a conference call to discuss various programs and resources for youth programs.

Councilman Scharffe requested the City Attorney provide Council with a list of those matters requiring a 2/3rds vote of Council under the Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Seals noted the Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee would be providing Council with a report and recommendation on the Charter.

Councilman Branch said the group had an interesting and productive meeting on the City's tax structure and would provide the Charter Committee with a recommendation once the group was done crunching the numbers.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Management Update

City Manager Darnell Earley advised Council the list of projects which the City would like to have included as part of the stimulus package, had been forwarded to the Michigan Municipal League to be put before the decision-makers. Said he would add those items Council mentioned to the list.

Reported the law firm of Gilbert, Smith & Borrello was selected to serve as counsel for the MBS International Airport Board after interviews.

He then introduced the newly appointed Assistant City Manager for Finance, Tim Morales, and provided Council with an extensive report on his broad range of experience before coming to the City.

Recommended Actions

Subject: CDBG Public Hearing

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that a public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant be set for Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Justification: It is necessary to hold a public hearing to meet citizen participation requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Emergency

Shelter Grant (ESG) program and HOME program. The public hearing is part of the submission approval process for the upcoming 2009-2010 CDBG, ESG and HOME programs.

Citizens wishing to comment on the upcoming fiscal year CDBG, ESG and HOME programs will be given an opportunity to comment.

A public hearing notice for a February 9th public hearing has already been published in The Saginaw News and Mi Gente magazine.

Council Action: Councilman Virciglio moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved, seconded by Councilman Branch.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Replacement Flow Meter

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that the previously approved council communication for the purchase of a replacement flow meter from Emerson Process Management be amended to reflect the vendor as Rosemount, Inc., a division of Emerson Process Management, and that a purchase order be approved and issued to them in the amount of \$5,611.00.

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 service are budgeted in the Sewer Operation and Maintenance Parts and Supplies Account No. 590-4835-861.73-30.

Justification: Rosemount is a division of Emerson Process Management and is invoicing us. Therefore, we wanted to amend the original council communication to reflect that the payment will be made to Rosemount, Inc. instead of Emerson Process Management.

Council Action: Councilman Virciglio moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved, seconded by Councilman Branch.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Engineering Software Subscription Renewal

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that a purchase order be approved and issued to DLT Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$5,125.49 for the annual subscription renewal of engineering software for the Engineering Division.

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 and available in the Information Services Software Account No. 658-1720-711.73-25.

Justification: The Engineering Division uses several specialized engineering software tools. This request renews the subscriptions for AutoCAD, Viz, and Civil 3D and allows their usage for an additional year. The sealed bid process was waived because the unit prices for these subscription renewals are covered under a GSA contract.

Council Action: Councilman Virciglio moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved, seconded by Councilman Branch.

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Emergency Repairs/Truck 2

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that a purchase order be approved and issued to Diesel Truck Sales in the amount of \$6,741.80 for emergency repairs to Truck 2 of the Saginaw Fire Department.

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 Saginaw Fire Department Motor Vehicle Repairs Account No. 101-3754-751.80-42.

Justification: The fire department experienced problems with wheel bearings, seals, and brakes with Truck 2 rendering the vehicle unserviceable, thereby, requiring emergency repairs. Repairs included removing and replacing all rotors, bearings, brake pads, wheel seals, renewing all drive axle brake shoes and hardware kits, and replacing wheel sensors for the anti-wheel lock braking system.

Council Action: Councilman Virciglio moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved, seconded by Councilman Branch.

Adopted unanimously.

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

Subject: Ronald O'Brien Agreement

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval of the Agreement between the City of Saginaw and Ronald T. O'Brien, in the amount of \$40,000, to act as Site Coordinator for the Weed and Seed Grant activities. The Agreement has been approved by me as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

In addition, a budget adjustment is recommended to increase the Community Policing Fund - Weed and Seed Division's Professional Services Account No. 260-3321-741.80-01 from \$0 to \$40,000, for monies received from the Department of Justice. To offset the increase in expenditures, the Community Policing Fund – Federal Grant/ Weed and Seed Account No. 260-0000-513.58-35 should be increased by the same amount.

Justification: Mr. O'Brien has been selected by the Steering Committee of the Weed and Seed Grant program to serve as its Site Coordinator. He will act as an at-will independent contractor and receive annual compensation of \$40,000, but no other benefits.

The contractor will indemnify the City for any liability and provide liability insurance. The City will make the initial monthly payments for the services and obtain reimbursement through the federal grant.

Supervision of the site Coordinator will be by the City in consultation with the Steering Committee of the Weed and Seed program, pursuant to the requirements of the federal grant.

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

Adopted unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Branch moved that an ordinance introduced December 8, 2008, entitled and reading as follows, be taken up and enacted, seconded by Councilman Fitzpatrick:

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICAL CITY MAP BY RENAMING A PORTION OF THE PARK KNOWN AS VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK AS LAWRENCE H. MCKINNEY PARK.

The City of Saginaw Ordains:

Section 1. That the North two hundred and fifty feet of the property known as 2835 E. Holland Ave., Parcel No. 401 0520 00000 be designated as Lawrence H. McKinney Park.

Section 2. The official map of the City of Saginaw is hereby amended accordingly.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on January 15, 2009.

Enacted: January 5, 2009.

Adopted unanimously.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilman Coulouris wanted citizens to know there would be public forums for the public to give their input on the proposed Charter amendments, once the Committee had completed its work.

Councilman Scharfee said he was pleased to see the installation of speed limit signs on Adams Boulevard as a result of the traffic study requested by the neighborhood.

Councilman Wendt requested a copy of the union contract language in advance of it being brought before Council for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41 p.m. Councilman Branch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Virciglio.

Adopted unanimously.

Diane M. Herman
City Clerk