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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Amos O'Neal 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, Amanda Kitterman-Miller, Amos O'Neal, Bill Scharffe, Paul Virciglio, Andrew Wendt and Mayor Joyce Seals-8.

Absent: Councilpersons Daniel Fitzpatrick -1.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Dr. Ernie Balcueva, 800 Cooper Street, Suite 10, expressed his concerns about the condition of Niagara Street near SASA from Genesee to Congress. Believes it is a serious liability issue and he is worried for the safety of the students. Urged Council members to take a drive down the road if they hadn't done so.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Kitterman-Miller reminded City residents of the Waste Collection Convenience Station available to citizens on the second Saturday of every month. The next date would be Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Public Services building across from City Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. She indicated what materials would be accepted.

Councilman Coulouris urged citizens to bring recyclables to the station. Said the more recyclables received would be an indication to reinstate curbside collection.

Councilman Scharffe reminded citizens the ballot proposals could be found on the City's website and sample ballots would be available soon. He agreed the condition of Niagara Street was horrible and assured Dr. Balcueva City staff would respond to him.

Councilman Virciglio said a Steering Committee had been formed for the Charter Amendments and information would be available and distributed soon to neighborhood groups and the general public.

Councilman Wendt also agreed Niagara Street was in need of repair, however said there is a process in place for such matters. Noted he and Councilman Scharffe recently toured B & P Processing.

Councilman Branch said his office is on Niagara and understands Dr. Balcueva's concerns. Said he hoped something could be done about the street.

Mayor Seals said she checked with the School District and SASA will be under construction until March 10, 2010. Noted the school's new entrance would be on Genesee and said repair would likely be made after the contractor's trucks are no longer utilizing the road. Mentioned attending a Back to School rally, the ground breaking for the new airport and the citywide neighborhood watch meeting. Praised the SCENIC group for their work.

*(City Manager Darnell Earley noted the City was aware of the condition of Niagara Street and were reviewing the issue.)*

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

From the Boards and Commissions and Committee:

Councilman Virciglio moved for consideration of reappointing Thomas Miller, Sr. and Sylvester Payne to the Local Development Finance Authority with a term to expire June 1, 2013, seconded by Councilman Branch.

Adopted unanimously.

Other reports from Boards, Commissions and Committees:

Councilman Wendt noted attending the City/County/School Liaison Committee. Said the group discussed some concerns with the M-13 construction. Thanked the City Manager for the report he received on the issue and said he would disseminate it to the group. Said the group requested a representative from the City attend next month's meeting (September 17, 2009 at City Hall Council Chamber) to explain the Charter amendments and advise committee members how they can be of assistance. Also received a report on the Job Fair and would get this information to the City Manager.

Councilman Coulouris reported on two items approved by the Planning Commission at its August 25<sup>th</sup>: 1) a unique pharmacy at 109 S. Washington (former NBD Bank), which will pick up and deliver prescriptions; and 2) Life In Christ Church Ministries would be establishing a church at 2000 Morris Street (former Webber School). They have a two-year lease with an option to expand. No structural changes will be made to the school. Both items were approved unanimously.

Councilman Wendt requested the status of the Circle 7 Party Store. Councilman Coulouris said the Zoning Board of Appeals would hear the matter on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. The store had asked for a variance to be open until 11:00 p.m. seven days/week.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Management Update

City Manager Darnell Earley spoke briefly on the COPS grant. Noted the City's obligation to maintain the five (5) officers for 12 months following the grant period. The officers would be added to the Community Policing program.

Larry Slovin, President/CEO of B & P Processing, explained his company's history and operation. Apologized for any misunderstanding at the prior Council meeting. Expressed his appreciation for the interest Council members, Saginaw Future and City staff gave him in the past week. Said his company plans to stay in Saginaw for a long time. Invited other Council members to tour the plant.

Recommended Actions

Subject: Deconstruction Grant – Budget Adjustment

Manager's Recommendation: It is recommended that a budget adjustment be completed to increase the General Fund's–State Shared Revenue/State Grant Account, No. 101-0000-511.51-09 from \$504,000 to \$609,497. Likewise, the Department of Development - Zoning and Planning Division's Deconstruction Account, No. 101-3863-761.80-26 should be increased by the same amount, from \$1,500 to \$106,997.

Justification: In late fiscal year 2009, City Council approved the use of \$135,000 from the Cities of Promise for the Deconstruction Program. In fiscal year 2009, only \$29,503 was expended. This budget adjustment recognizes the remaining \$105,497 that is to be spent in fiscal year 2010.

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

Subject: Demolition Grant – Budget Adjustment

Manager's Recommendation: It is recommended that a budget adjustment be completed to decrease the General Fund's State Shared Revenue/State Grant Account, No. 101-0000-511.51-09 from \$609,497 to \$109,497. Likewise, the Department of Development - Inspection Division's Demolition Account, No. 101-3865-761.80-25 should be decreased by the same amount, from \$1,126,000 to \$626,000.

In addition, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Fund – MSHDA Revenue Account, No. 279-0000-511.60-01 should be increased from \$0 to \$500,000. Likewise, the NSP Fund – Demolition Account, No. 279-6550-761.80-25 should be increased by the same amount.

Justification: Currently the fiscal year 2010 General Fund's Budget recognizes \$500,000 in MSHDA monies for demolition. These monies should be allocated to a separate fund for auditing purposes. This budget adjustment decreases the General Fund by these monies and increases the newly created Neighborhood Stabilization Program Fund.

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

Subject: Neighborhood Stabilization Fund – Budget Adjustment

Manager's Recommendation: It is recommended that a budget adjustment be completed to increase the Neighborhood Stabilization Fund (NSP) –MSDHA Revenue Account No. 279-0000-511.60-01 from \$500,000 to \$2,797,000; which amounts to \$2,297,000.

In addition, the following expenditure accounts should be increased: House Acquisition by \$100,000, Account No. 279-6550 761.84-55; Housing Construction Project by \$200,000, Account No. 279-6550-761.83-30; Demolition by \$1,910,000, Account No. 279-6550-761.80-25; Advertising by \$7,000, Account No 279-6550-761.80-08; Employment Agency Fees by \$40,000, Account No. 279-6550-761.80-04; Professional Services by \$30,000, Account No. 279-6550-761.80-01; Insurance Fees by \$5,000, Account No. 279-6550-761.80-06; Taxes by \$2,500, Account No. 279-6550-761.80-62; and Printing by \$2,500, Account No. 279-6550-761.80-30.

Justification: In July 2009, City Council approved the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant Agreement. This budget adjustment recognizes receiving and use of these monies for fiscal year 2010.

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

Adopted unanimously.

Subject: Annual BS&A Software maintenance/support renewal payment

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that payment be made to BS&A Software in the amount of \$4,760.00 for the renewal of annual software maintenance/support. The maintenance covers the Tax, Special Assessment and Delinquent Personal Property systems used by the Fiscal Services Department, Treasurer's Division, and includes all support and updates to the software for one year.

This vendor meets all requirements of §14.23, "Vendors", of "Purchasing, Contracting and Selling Procedure," of Chapter 14, "Financing and Purchasing", of Title 1, "General Provisions" of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances O-1.

Funds for this payment are budgeted and available in the Information Services Operating Services Account No. 658-1720-711.80-05.

Justification: The City annually renews our maintenance and license fees for BS&A Software. This annual renewal of maintenance and license fees is for a 12-month period.

Council Action: Councilman Coulouris 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: U.S. Department of Justice COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant Acceptance

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend approval of the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant (CHRP) Agreement and authorization for the award document to be signed by the City Manager and the Chief of Police. The Department of Justice requires that the award document be signed by both the government executive and the law enforcement executive. Therefore, it is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager and the Chief of Police to sign the Grant Award document on behalf of the City.

Justification: Recently, the City was notified by the Department of Justice that it was approved to receive a COPS Hiring Grant in the amount of \$1,126,710. The term of the grant is 36-months, and the City was awarded 5 (five) COPS officers. Pursuant to the terms of the grant, the City must accept the award through completion of the Award Document. Under CHRP all positions awarded must initiate or enhance community policing in accordance with the City's community policing plan. Per the terms of the award, the City must maintain the 5 (five) COPS positions for a period of 12-months after the expiration of the 36-month grant.

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

Adopted unanimously.

#### MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

City Manager Darnell Earley noted Council had been provided with a complete copy of the City's 2009-2010 Budget. Commended Yolanda Jones and City staff that

worked on the project. Noted it was available on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:17 p.m., Councilman Virciglio moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Branch.

Adopted unanimously.

Diane M. Herman  
City Clerk