

Council Agenda

March 21, 2011 12:00 p.m., Council Chamber

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

American Legion Post No. 22

ROLL CALL

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING SESSIONS:

March 7, 2011 regular Council meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

John Humphreys to accept proclamation designating May 5, 2011 as Law Day in the City of Saginaw.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Adoption of the Brownfield Plan for 900 Block South Washington.
2. Notice of intent to amend the official city map by vacating North Weadock Avenue between Fitzhugh Street and Wadsworth Avenue, lying between Blocks 82 and 83 of Hoyts Plat.
3. Notice of intent to amend the official city map by vacating North Second Avenue between Fitzhugh Street and Wadsworth Avenue lying between Block 83 Hoyts Plat and Block 49 Glasby and Gallaghers addition located in the City of Saginaw.
4. The City of Saginaw's Five (5)-Year Recreation Plan.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

REMARKS OF COUNCIL:

PETITIONS:

11-07 From Robert Denha, 1122 E. Genesee Ave., Saginaw, MI submitting an application for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for the property located at 625 Owen Street, Saginaw, MI.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS:

From the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:

1. Recommending adoption of Resolution No. 3 listed under the regular of business, which approves the Brownfield Plan Amendment for 900 Block South Washington.

REPORTS FROM MANAGER:

Management Update:

Recommended Actions:

1. Recommending that consideration be given to the responses provided on the objections received through the public hearing held on February 21, 2011, and that the recommendations be approved.
2. Recommending approval of the contract with Kustom Signals, Inc., in the amount of \$161,632.50 and that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to execute this and any related document. The Saginaw Police Department was awarded JAG funds as part of the Federal Government's 2009 Stimulus Package. A portion of the funds was designated for the purchase and installation of in-car cameras for the police department's patrol fleet and the purchase of a video server, which will allow the in-car camera system to be utilized to its full potential. Kustom Signals, Inc. was selected because the State of Michigan solicited bids for the in-car camera system and awarded the bid to Kustom Signals, Inc. Funds are available in the Local Law Enforcement Grant Fund's/Office Equipment Account, No. 263 3321 741 9760.
3. Recommending acceptance of the State bid from Red Holman Pontiac of Westland, MI and issuance of a purchase order to them in the amount of \$16,932.00 for the purchase of a 2011 GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup. This truck will replace a vehicle with severe rust damage, causing safety and repair issues. Funds are budgeted in the Sewer Surplus Capital Outlay Vehicle Account, No. 590 4840 881 9770.
4. Recommending approval of the Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for installation of data equipment on the Court Street Bridge. The USGS received a grant from the Great Lakes Restoration initiative to install a new site on the Saginaw River. Installation costs \$80,000.00 and the annual operating cost is at least \$50,000.00. There will be no cost to the City.
5. Recommending approval of the Agreement with Spicer Group to lease seventy-five (75) parking spaces in Municipal Lot, Number 1 located at 220 South Franklin Street. The agreement is for one year commencing on May 1, 2011 and expiring on April 30, 2012. Spicer Group will pay the City \$6,480.00 per quarter. The total amount of the Agreement is \$25,920.00. This Agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

6. Recommending approval of the City of Saginaw Parks and Recreation Plan. This recreation plan meets the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources Five-Year Recreation Plan. The City's previous recreation plan expired in 2009.
7. Recommending that St. Mary's of Michigan be allowed to rent Ojibway Island on June 25, 2011 from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for their Run/Walk for Health special event at a reduced rate of \$350.00. This would leave the facility open for rental by another event sponsor after 11:00 a.m.
8. Recommending that the annual blanket purchase order issued to Northwest Tire be increased to \$2,800.00. Northwest Tire is an in-city provider for auto alignments for the City's municipal fleet. Funds are budgeted in the Motor Pool Operation Fund – Garage Division's Motor Vehicle Repairs Account, No. 661 4480 841 8042.
9. Recommending an increase in the annual blanket purchase orders in the amounts listed: Larry's Auto by \$18,000.00, Consumers Auto by \$3,500.00, Ritter Technology, LLC, by \$2,000.00, Thelen Chrysler Dodge by \$900.00, and Interstate Battery by \$800.00. The total amount of the increases is \$25,200.00. The City's Municipal Garage requires the purchase of a vast array of original equipment manufacturer vehicle parts and supplies for the maintenance of the fleet. Due to an aging fleet and the addition of the Saginaw Police Department fleet, the annual blanket purchase orders for the above vendors are nearly exhausted. Funds are available in the Motor Pool Operation Fund – Garage Division's Motor Vehicle Supplies Account, No. 661 4480 841 7312.
10. Recommending acceptance of the sole bid and issuance of a purchase order to Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting in the amount of \$4,338.30 for the purchase of a Barracuda Web Filter to protect City computers. This web filter will reduce productivity loss and reduce computer repairs. Funds are available in the Technical Services Capital Outlay – Less Than \$5,000 Account, No. 658 1720 711 9705.
11. Recommending acceptance of the low bid and issuance of a purchase order to Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting, Saginaw, MI in the amount of \$33,381.00 for the purchase of Panasonic Toughbook field computer equipment. These nine (9) computers will be utilized in field operations for the Water & Sewer Maintenance and Service and Traffic Engineering Divisions. Funds are budgeted and available in the Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund's Surplus Capital Outlay Maintenance Equipment Account, No. 590 4840 881 9741, the Water Operation and Maintenance Fund's Surplus Capital Outlay Maintenance Equipment Account, No. 591 4740 881 9741 and Traffic Engineering Capital Outlay Office Equipment Account, No. 202 4621 791 9760.

12. Recommending acceptance of the State's low bid and issuance of a purchase order to North American Salt Company, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas in the amount of \$111,244.91 for the purchase of road salt for snow and ice control. Funds are budgeted in the Major Streets Fund – Winter Maintenance Division's, Street and Road Materials Account, No. 202 4655 841 7340 (\$77,871.44), and Local Streets Fund – Winter Maintenance Division's, Street and Road Materials Account, No. 203 4655 841 7340 (\$33,373.47), and will be accounted for through the Municipal Streets Fund – Municipal Streets Division's, Street and Road Materials Account, No. 204 4615 781 7340.
13. Recommending that the blanket purchase order issued to Douglas Safety Systems, LLC be increased by \$2,000.00 for a total of \$5,300.00 to cover the purchase of repair parts for the SCBA breathing air system. Funds are budgeted in the General Fund Fire Suppression Account, No. 101 3751 751 7330.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Confirming the 2011 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll
2. Urging Congress to support continued funding of the Workforce Investment Act.
3. Amending the Brownfield Plan for the City of Saginaw, Michigan to include 900 Block South Washington, in compliance with the provisions of Act 381, Public Acts of 1996, as amended. Public Acts of 2000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Adopting the Strategic Visioning Statement and Preamble

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Darnell Earley
City Manager

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From: The City Manager

Subject: St. Mary's Run/Walk for Health

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend approval that St. Mary's of Michigan be allowed to rent Ojibway Island for their Run/Walk for Health special event for a reduced rate of \$350.00.

Justification:

St. Mary's of Michigan has scheduled their Run/Walk for Health on June 25, 2011 from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The course will go along the Riverwalk, over and through Ojibway Island and turn around in Wickes Park. St. Mary's will not be using the stage, garage, concession, restrooms or dressing rooms on Ojibway Island. They want to reserve the island in the early morning hours for the safety of the participants in their event. The special event rate sheet shows a cost of \$700.00 per day to reserve Ojibway Island for a special event. St. Mary's has offered to pay \$350.00, leaving the facility open for rental by another event sponsor after 11:00 a.m., should we receive another special event application to reserve Ojibway Island for that date.

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: United States Geological Survey Data Equipment Installation on Court Street Bridge Agreement

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend approval of the Agreement with the United States Geological Survey ("USGS") for installation of data equipment on the Court Street Bridge. The Agreement is subject to approval by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

Justification:

Recently, the City received a request from the USGS to install data collection equipment on the Court Street Bridge. The USGS currently has data collection equipment on the Genesee Street Bridge and has 200 other sites in the State of Michigan.

Stream flow data has been collected by the USGS or other agencies in the City since 1904. Data from these sites, also known as stream gauging stations have many uses in environmental planning. One of its many uses, includes assisting the National Weather Service with flood prediction and warnings. Currently, the USGS utilizes the Saginaw emergency raw water intake structure to gather the elevation information for flood prediction and stream flow computation.

The USGS wants to install the data collection site on the upstream end, west pier of the Court Street Bridge. This site was used in the 1970's and 1980's for a similar installation for a program called the National Stream Quality Accounting Network. The data from that program is still being used for research and planning. The USGS received a grant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to install new sites on major

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rivers. The USGS considers the Saginaw River to be a major river. The equipment for the Saginaw River consists of a continuous monitor collection of water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, specific conductance and turbidity, and an event based self-pumping sampler for collection of chemical constituents. In addition, the USGS will install equipment for determination of river discharge.

The requested installation is usually installed and operated by the USGS at the request of a governmental agency and funded by that organization. Installation costs \$80,000.00 and the annual operating cost is at least \$50,000.00. This will be no cost to the City.

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: Spicer Group Lot 1 Parking Agreement

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that the Agreement with the Spicer Group ("Spicer") to lease parking spaces in Municipal Lot Number 1 ("Lot 1") be approved. The Agreement is for a period of one year commencing on May 1, 2011 and expiring on April 30, 2012. This Agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

Justification:

Transmitted herewith is a Standard Group Rate Parking Agreement between the City of Saginaw ("City") and Spicer. Under the Agreement, Spicer will pay the City Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars and 00/100 (\$6,480.00) per quarter to lease seventy five (75) parking spaces in Lot 1, located at 220 South Franklin Street. The total amount of the Agreement is Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars and 00/100 (\$25,920.00). In addition, the Agreement contains a sixty-day termination clause. Specifically, either party can terminate the Agreement for any cause by providing the other party sixty-days (60) written notice.

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: Barracuda Web Filter

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend a purchase order be approved and issued to Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting, Saginaw, MI, in the amount of \$4,338.30 for the purchase of a Barracuda Web Filter.

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

Funds are available in the Department of Technical Services Capital Outlay Less Than \$5,000 Account, No. 658-1720-711.97-05.

Justification:

On October 19, 2010, the City received bids for the purchase of a Barracuda Web Filter. The Barracuda Web Filter is an integrated content filtering, application blocking and malware protection solution. It enforces Internet usage policies by blocking access to Web sites and Internet applications that are not related to business, and it reduces spyware and other forms of malware from City computers. The Barracuda Web Filter will reduce productivity loss and reduce computer repairs. Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting was the only bidder.

Council Action

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: 2011 GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend a purchase order be approved and issued to Red Holman Pontiac of Westland, Michigan, in the amount of \$16,932.00 be for the purchase of a 2011 GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup.

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

Funds are budgeted in the Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund - Sewer Surplus Division's Vehicle Account, No. 590 4840 881 9770.

Justification:

This truck would replace vehicle #84-0039, a 1993 Chevrolet Cavalier with 73,773 miles. This vehicle has severe rust damage causing safety and repair issues. This car had limited uses, and replacing it with a pickup will make it much more versatile. This vehicle is being purchased using State Bid pricing.

Council Action

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

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Manager's Recommendation: Approval of the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE 2011 SINGLE LOT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TAX ROLL

Council _____ offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council has complied with the requirements of ordinances of the City, relative to making special assessments for Nuisances, to include Trash Removal/Yard Cleanup (TR011), Weed/Grass Cutting (WC1101 and WC1102); Sewer Connections & Replacements (SEW11), Water Connections & Replacements (WAT11), Environmental Test/Samp/Insp/Adm Fees (EC111), Environmental IPP Fines & Surcharges (EC112) and Environmental Permit Fees (EC113); and

WHEREAS, that the Weed Cutting Roll No. (WC1101 and WC1102) be amended by removing the following assessments: \$79.12 at 712 N. Bond (15 0371 00000); \$81.18 at 521 N. 12th Street (05 0459 00000); and \$79.12 at 715 Williams Street (18 1013 00000); and

WHEREAS, that the Trash Removal Roll No. (TR011) be amended by removing the following assessment: \$44.75 at 1209 Gratiot Avenue (18 0518 00000); and

WHEREAS, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit immediately said assessment rolls to the City Treasurer for collection of the assessments therein contained together with interest and penalties as provided in the Charter and in Title III, Section 33.29 of the City of Saginaw Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, that all single lot special assessments assessed to properties owned by the Saginaw County Land Bank Authority or the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority

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shall be removed from the Tax Roll; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each assessment in rolls in SEW11 and WAT11 are payable in ten (10) annual installments, and assessments in rolls TR011, WC1101, WC1102, EC111, EC112 and EC113 are payable in one installment; and the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid installments shall be eight (8) percent per annum.

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From: The City Manager

Subject: 2011 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll

Manager's Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council consideration be given to the responses provided on the objections received through the public hearing held on February 21, 2011; that the recommendations be approved and Council consider the resolution confirming the 2011 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll under the regular order of business.

Justification:

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On February 21, 2011 City Council conducted a public hearing on the Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll for Nuisances, i.e. Trash Removal/Yard Cleanup (TR011), Weed/Grass Cutting (WC1101 and WC1102), Sewer Connections & Replacements (SEW11), Water Connections & Replacements (WAT11), Environmental Tests/Samples/Inspections/Adm. Fees (EC111), Environmental Fines and Surcharges (EC112) and Environmental Permit Fee (EC113);

Notice of the hearing was mailed to approximately 2,612 owners of property affected by the assessments as shown on the City Assessor records. These assessments represent expenses incurred by the City for improvements constructed and for abatement of nuisances, which expenses are charged against individual properties.

The following persons filed objections during the public hearing with the City Council.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
10 0468 00100	725 S. 15 th	Howard Rankins	\$79.12-WC1101 \$79.12-WC1102

Objection: Said he purchased two (2) lots in 1992 from the State of Michigan which have been well maintained. Said he did not know he owned the property at 725 S. 15th. During the last 21 years the City has been cutting the grass at this lot and therefore, he thought the City owned the lot. Said he received two (2) bills from Weed Abatement and when he called was told the City considered the property a right-of-way and therefore the City was cutting it. Questioned why he was billed for cuts after 21 years. Said he now knows the property is his responsibility and will maintain it. Does not believe he should be charged for the two (2) weed cuts due to poor communication on

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the part of the City.

Department Reply: The Weed Abatement Division agrees the City has been cutting the property for years, but the communication issue is not between the property owner and the City it is between the property owner and the State of Michigan. The property owner was also cutting his property, which is located next to 725 S. 15th and the City did not have to cut that particular property. A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass was cut on the dates in question and the cuts were necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
15 0371 00000	712 N. Bond	Sarah Paterson Farrand	\$79.12-WC1101

Objection: Property owner contested a bill she received for a 2-minute weed cutting in August for \$79.12. Said they have owned the property since 2002 and have never had a problem. Apparently there were some spindly weeds in the right-of-way. Said she called and received pictures and spoke with someone named "Edward" who told her he would not have cut the area. He told her to not pay the bill and object at the hearing. Requested Council give consideration to her because she has always maintained the property

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass/weeds may or may not have been 9" in length and therefore it is questionable if the cut should have been made.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
17 0361 00000	623 S. Porter	Marulanda Gonzalo	\$79.12-WC1102

Objection: Property owner stated 3 months after he purchased the property he found out there was an outstanding invoice for weed cutting which was not billed against the property when he purchased it. Questioned why it takes 3 months for the property to be invoiced for a cut. The invoice was incurred by the prior owner. Said it is difficult for a buyer to find out any outstanding charges on the property if the invoice does not appear for 3 months. Said it was very difficult to reach someone to address his concerns and would like a definite answer on whether or not he should pay this bill.

Department Reply: Mr. Marulanda purchased the above property on August 24, 2010. The City cut the property on the August 18, 2010. The bill would not gone out in time before his purchase, so no one would have known it had an encumbrance against the

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property. A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary. Single lot special assessments run with the land not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
11 0255 00000	228 Linton	Richard Doerr	\$79.12-WC1101
			\$79.12-WC1102

Objection: Mr. Doerr referred to a 7/1/10 photo he provided. Said he cuts his vacant lots on Saturdays and it had rained Saturday and Sunday so he would have cut it the following Saturday. Agreed the weeds were over 9". He then referred to a weed-cutting photo dated 10/11/10. Said there was no way the weeds were over 9." Said the lot in question is on the corner of Newton and Linton Streets. Called Council's attention to some grass over 4' tall in the photo from City-owned property at 2209 Newton where the house was demolished in August. Believes if he must comply with the ordinance, so should the City. City crews should have cut their own lot the same time they cut his lot.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicates the grass was cut on the dates in question and the cuts were necessary. With regard to the property at 2209 Newton, this property is not owned by the City. The owner is the Saginaw County Land Bank Authority.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
11 1445 00000	2617 S. Washington	Shashatia Guthridge	\$313.25-TR011
			\$ 79.12-WC1101
			\$ 81.18-WC1102

Objection: Ms. Guthridge said trash was removed and it shouldn't have been removed. Grass was also cut by the City but there was construction in the area and so she didn't believe the grass needed to be cut. Believes the invoices she received are erroneous.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicates the grass was cut on the dates in question and the cuts were necessary. In addition, documents and photographs provided by the Environmental Division indicate the property was posted on 6/30/2009 and the City removed the trash on 10/30/2009 giving the property owner 4 months to remove the debris and trash herself yet she failed to do so.

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Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash fee and weed-cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
10 0767 00000	3204 Roberts	Shashatia Guthridge	\$83.24-WC1101

Objection: Ms. Guthridge said she received 2 bills for weed cutting and doesn't believe the weeds were that tall. Believes the invoices she received are erroneous.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicates the grass was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
06 0222 00000	403 5 th Street	Shashatia Guthridge	\$79.12-WC1101 \$79.12-WC1102

Objection: Ms. Guthridge said the house on this property was demolished so the grass did not have time to grow. Believes the invoices she received are erroneous.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicates the grass was cut on the dates in question and the cuts were necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

In addition to those who attended the public hearing, the following written objections were received and filed with the City Clerk for Council consideration.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
05 0459 00000	521 N. 12 th St.	James W. Casey	\$81.18-WC1101

Objection: Received a letter from UAW Legal Services stating the owner maintains the property and the City never cut the weeds and therefore he is not liable for the bill.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass/weeds may or may not have been 9" in length and therefore it is questionable if the cut should have been made.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should be removed from the tax roll.

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19 0019 00000 1606 Division St. Guy and Janice Crockett \$95.61-WC1101

Objection: Owner stated this is a rental property and the tenant takes care of the yard. Tenant moved out without notifying owner and owes money. If owner had been notified by phone or mail they would have taken care of it.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary. Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in The Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. The City does not have to send individual notices.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
01 0258 00000	1115 Carroll St.	Bryan and Anna Patton	\$79.12-WC1101

Objection: Owner states he cut the property except the back edge near a fence, which would have been cut the next day with a weed whacker. City crews came in with equipment too large/heavy for the job and damaged some of the grass.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
18 1013 00000	715 Williams St.	George & Mary Bush	\$79.12-WC1101

Objection: Owner claims this is a paved lot. Owner said he spoke with MaryAnn Garrett from Weed Abatement who said the weed cut was billed in error.

Department Reply: MaryAnn Garrett from Weed Abatement concurred weed cut was billed in error.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
01 0605 00000	1222 N. Washington	Dingeman LLC	\$79.12-WC1101

Objection: Owner stated the property is cut by Lamar Advertising every 30 days early in the growing season and every 45 days for the mid and later days of the growing

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season.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 1043 00000	2301 Lapeer Ave.	TLC Properties, Inc.	\$130.64-WC1101

Objection: Owner stated the property is cut by Lamar Advertising every 30 days early in the growing season and every 45 days for the mid and later days of the growing season.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
09 0020A02900	2739 Ruckle St.	Shadi S. Fallah	\$ 89.42-WC1101 \$101.79-WC1102

Objection: Owner states he called many times asking for dates/times of work and photos and even left an email to send the information but never received a response.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass was cut on June 24, 2010 and September 17, 2010 and the cuts were necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fees should remain on the tax roll. (Note: City Clerk will provide copies of the photos to owner.)

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
18 0518 00000	1209 Gratiot	Terrence R. Wirth	\$44.75-TR011

Objection: Owner claims he moved the items before the 72-hour deadline.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Environmental indicates the items were tagged on 3/22/10 at 10:04 a.m. and picked up by the City on 3/25/10 at 8:33 am. There was not a 72-hour span after notice was given. The items should not have been picked up until 10:04 a.m. on 3/25/10.

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Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
07 0253 00000	623 S. Warren	Victoria Mortensen and Anson Chan	\$537.00-TR011

Objection: Owners are disputing the amount billed. When compared to a previous cleanup, this is very high for the amount of work owner believes was done. Believes it is at or near the maximum amount that could be levied.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Environmental indicates there was excessive trash and debris on the property on the date in question and the removal and amount of time it took is correct.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 1889 00100	2757 E. Holland Ave.	Micaela and Benadette Hernandez	\$79.12-WC1101

Objection: Owners state the property has always been maintained and therefore believe they were billed in error.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicate the grass in the right-of-way was not maintained and was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 0328 00000	652 S. 20 th	Delores Komst	\$83.24-WC1102

Objection: Owner claims the invoice was mailed to an old address and will be paid within 10 days.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicates the grass was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary.

Recommendation: If owner fails to pay as indicated, the single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
17 0377 00000	520 S. Oakley	Shelly Moffit	\$44.75-TR011

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Objection: Owner claims she received a 72-hour notice after the deadline of the notice. Objects because it is not possible to remedy a situation when notice is received after the time limit of the violation expires. Requested the policy be reviewed to allow property owners who do not live in Saginaw ample time to remedy situations like this.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Environmental indicates the trash was at the curb and removed by the City in excess of the 72-hour time period. The City's current ordinances on trash removal are the same for all property owners regardless of whether the property owner does or does not live in the City. The property owner could name another local party to receive notices.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 2080 00100	2337 Annesley St.	Jewerl & Andrea Jackson	\$79.12-WC1101

Objection: Property owners Object to the fee stating the neighbors keep this lot cut very neat and the City did not cut the lot.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicates the grass was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 1759 00000	2235 Hammel St.	Mittie A. Ross	\$81.18-WC11-2

Objection: Owner believes the grass was not long enough to warrant cutting and the bills were in her P.O. Box in December.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicates the grass was cut on the date in question and the cut was necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 2145 00000	2023 Lapeer	Richard and Mary Yee	\$134.76-WC1101
11 1528 00000	2414 S. Washington		\$ 95.61-WC1101
12 0273 00000	2705 S. Washington		\$ 79.12-WC1101
12 0359 00000	3102 Russell		\$ 89.42-WC1101

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Objection: Owner states either he maintains these properties or contracts someone to maintain them in his absence. Believes the City is assessing charges to all properties in the area as a whole.

Department Reply: A review of photographs provided by Weed Abatement indicates the grass was cut on the dates in question on each of these properties and the cuts were necessary.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
12 1311 00000	1012 Williamson	Saginaw Industrial Center, Inc.	\$89.42-WC1102

Objection: Single lot special assessment notice was sent to Piper Realty Company who claims it has not managed this property for several months.

Department Reply: Single lot special assessments run with the land not the owner. (Note: City Assessor's records have been updated to remove Piper Realty Company.)

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
19 1707 00000	1533 Stanley St.	Housing & Urban Dev.	\$112.09-WC1101 \$ 79.12-WC1102

Objection: Single lot special assessment notice was sent to Jackson County Bank who claims it no longer owns the property.

Department Reply: Single lot special assessments run with the land not the owner. (Note: City Assessor's records have been updated to remove Jackson County Bank.)

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
18 1100 00000	1009 S. Harrison St.	Thomas J & Doris Hutchinson	\$110.03-WC1101

Objection: Single lot special assessment notice was sent to GMAC Mortgage who claims it no longer has an interest in the property.

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Department Reply: Single lot special assessments run with the land not the owner.
(Note: City Assessor's records have been updated to remove GMAC Mortgage.)

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
10 0755 00000	3310 Roberts	Rosemarie Aquilina	\$85.30-WC1101 \$79.12-WC1102
12 1124 00000	3353 Glenwood Ave.		\$79.12-WC1101 \$79.12-WC1102

Objection: Owner claims she has made several attempts to turn this property over to Land Bank but has received no response.

Department Reply: Single lot special assessments run with the land not the owner.
(Note: Documents provided has been forwarded to Tom Miller at the Saginaw County Land Bank.)

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: Annual Blanket Purchase Order Increase

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend an increase in the annual blanket purchase orders for #41384 Larry's Auto by \$18,000.00, #41385 Consumers Auto by \$3,500.00, #41344 Ritter Technology LLC by \$2,000.00, #41398 Thelen Chrysler Dodge by \$900.00, and #41401 Interstate Battery by \$800.00, in the amount totaling \$25,200.00.

These vendors meet all requirements of §14.23, "Vendors", of "Purchasing, contracting, and Selling Procedure," of Chapter 14, "Finance and Purchasing," of Title 1, "General Provisions" of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances 0-1

Funds are available in the Motor Pool Operation Fund Motor Vehicle Supplies Account, No. 661-4480-841.73-12.

Justification:

The City's Municipal Garage requires the purchase of a vast array of original equipment manufacturer vehicle parts and supplies for the maintenance of the fleet. Due to an aging fleet and the addition of the Saginaw Police Department fleet, the annual blanket purchase orders for the following vendors are nearly exhausted. In order to continue purchasing repair parts, it is necessary to increase the amount of the annual blanket purchase orders:

Interstate Battery Saginaw, MI (out-city)	originally \$1,900.00 increase to \$2,700.00
Thelen, Chrysler, Dodge Bay City, MI	originally \$2,250.00 increase to \$3,150.00

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Ritter Technology LLC
Saginaw, MI (out-city)

originally \$2,990.00
increase to \$4,990.00

Consumers Auto
Saginaw, MI (in-city)

originally \$7,900.00
increase to \$11,400.00

Larry's Auto
Saginaw, MI (in-city)

originally \$38,000.00
increase to \$56,000.00

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: Police In-Car Camera System

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend approval of a contract with Kustom Signals, Inc. in the amount of \$161,632.50 and that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to execute this and any related document. The contract is subject to approval by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

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

Funds for this contract are available in the Department of Justice – JAG Grant's Office Equipment Account, No. 263-3321-741.97-60.

Justification:

The Saginaw Police Department was awarded JAG funds as part of the Federal Government's 2009 Stimulus Package. A portion of the funds was designated for the purchase and installation of in-car cameras for the Saginaw Police Department patrol fleet and also the purchase of a video server, which will allow the in-car camera system to be utilized to its full potential.

The City selected Kustom Signals, Inc. because the State of Michigan solicited bids for the in-car camera system and awarded the bid to Kustom Signals, Inc.

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: Northwest Tire Annual Blanket Purchase Order Increase

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend an increase in the annual blanket purchase order #41400 issued to Northwest Tire in the amount of \$2,800.00.

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

Funds for this increase are budgeted in Motor Pool Operation Fund Motor Vehicle Repairs Account, No. 661-4480-841.80-42.

Justification:

Northwest Tire is an in-city provider for auto alignments for the City's municipal fleet. The Northwest Tire annual blanket purchase order was established in July 2010 is nearly exhausted. In order to continue using this service, it is necessary to increase the amount of the purchase order.

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager.

Subject: City of Saginaw Recreation Plan

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that City Council approve the City of Saginaw's Parks and Recreation Plan.

Justification:

Recreation plans help communities plan, fund and provide recreation opportunities to residents. As the City of Saginaw is changing in size, demographics and densities, the type of recreation needed may change as well. This Recreation plan meets the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources Five Year Recreation Plan. These requirements include a discussion of the community in terms of built and natural features and demographics, a discussion of the administrative structure as it pertains to recreation and recreation programming, a review and inventory of the parks within the City and their barrier free compliance, a review of the public participation involved in the planning process, goals and objectives and a capital improvement schedule and rationale for recreation. With an approved plan, the City will be eligible to receive DNR grant dollars as well as pursue other grant funds for additional projects. The plan is flexible in its proposed improvements so that, when appropriate, the plan can be amended to take into consideration the results of the neighborhood governance strategy. The City's previous recreation plan expired in 2009. Within the past 10 years, the City has leveraged more than hundreds of thousands of dollars in recreation grants through the state due to a DNR approved recreation plan. Further, a DNR approved recreation plan can also be used to pursue additional monies from the federal government if and when the National Park Service funds the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program.

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: Computer Equipment

Manager’s Recommendation:

I recommend approval and issuance of a purchase order to Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting in the amount of \$33,381.00 for the purchase of Panasonic Toughbook field computer equipment.

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 purchase are budgeted and available in the Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund – Sewer Surplus Division’s Maintenance Equipment Account, No. 590-4840-881.97-41 (\$11,127.00), the Water Operation and Maintenance Fund - Water Surplus Division’s Maintenance Equipment Account, No. 591-4740-881.97-41(\$11,457.00) and Major Streets Fund - Traffic Engineering Division Office Equipment Account, No. 202-4621-791.97-60 (\$10,797.00).

Justification:

On February 15, 2011, the City received bids for 9 Panasonic Toughbook Computers that will be utilized in field operations for the Water and Sewer Maintenance and Service and Traffic Engineering Divisions. Following is a tabulation of the bids that were received:

Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting City of Saginaw, MI	\$33,381.00
Paradigm System Solutions Burnsville, MN	\$33,381.00

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En Point Technologies Sales Garden, CA	\$34,893.00
Computer Management Technologies Saginaw, MI	\$35,406.00
Global Gov/ED Solutions Fletcher, OH	\$35,603.55
CDW Government Vernon Hills, IL	\$36,153.00
Dynamic Computer Corporation Farmington Hills, MI	\$36,163.98
NetSource One Saginaw, MI	\$36,477.00
Advance Wireless Telecom Wixom, MI	\$36,715.86
Computer Design & Service Shelby Township, MI	\$39,286.26

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: Road Salt for City Streets FY11

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that the bid from North American Salt Company, Inc. be accepted at the State-Bid price and that a purchase order be approved and issued to them in the amount of \$111,244.91.

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

Funds are budgeted in the Major Streets Fund – Winter Maintenance Division's, Street and Road Materials Account, No. 202-4655-841.73-40 (\$77,871.44), and Local Streets Fund – Winter Maintenance Division's, Street and Road Materials Account, No. 203-4655-841.73-40 (\$33,373.47), and will be accounted for through the Municipal Streets Fund Street and Road Materials 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 snow and ice control.

North American Salt Company of Overland Park, Kansas was the State low bidder of late delivery salt at \$55.53 per ton. This price per ton includes the salt, weighing and loading, handling, and the truck freight charges for the 2,000 tons ordered. This is in comparison to a price of \$53.65 per ton bulk shipment of 2,450 tons received in March 2010.

Council Action

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

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From: The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Subject: Brownfield Plan Amendment, 900 Block South Washington. (Brownfield Plan Project No. 2011-01)

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Recommendation:

Recommending that City Council adopt the resolution approving the Brownfield Plan for 900 Block South Washington, which is listed under the regular order of business.

Justification:

On February 23, 2011, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority approved the Brownfield Plan Project No. 2011-01, 900 Block South Washington. The proposed project is comprised of eight parcels that will be combined once all have been acquired. The description of the proposed eligible property is: land situated in the City of Saginaw whose addresses are: 912 South Washington Avenue, 923 South Franklin Street, 929 South Franklin Street, 933 South Franklin Street, 211 Holden Street, 219 Holden Street, 936 South Washington Avenue, and 932 South Washington Ave.

This Brownfield Plan has been created for the purpose of facilitating the redevelopment of the property and to allow an application for a State of Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Michigan Business Tax (MBT) Credit.

The original Brownfield Plan was adopted by City Council on May 17, 1999 in compliance with Act 381, Public Act of 1996. The purpose of Brownfield legislation is to assist in development of vacant and/or underutilized sites. Act 381, Public Act of 1996 requires that City Council approve the plan and adopt a resolution after a duly advertised public hearing. The public hearing on the proposed plan is also on the

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Council Agenda for this meeting, (March 21, 2011). A notice was published in The Saginaw News. A notice was also sent to all taxing jurisdictions.

Subject to any compelling reasons to the contrary which may develop after the public hearing, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution approving the Brownfield Plan for 900 Block South Washington, which is listed under the regular order of business.

Council Action:

This Communication is designed to explain a Resolution that will be acted upon in another portion of the agenda.

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Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Recommendation: Approval of the resolution as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN TO INCLUDE 900 BLOCK SOUTH WASHINGTON, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381, PUBLIC ACTS OF 1996, AS AMENDED. PUBLIC ACTS OF 2000.

Council_____ offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Saginaw City Council approved a resolution on September 29, 1997 creating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and designated the boundaries of the Brownfield Redevelopment Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Saginaw City Council approved a resolution on May 17,1999 adopting a development plan for the Brownfield Redevelopment Zone which complies with the provisions of Act 381 of Public Acts of 1996; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2011, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority approved an amendment to the Brownfield Redevelopment Zone Development Plan to include Brownfield Plan Project No. 2011-01 – 900 Block South Washington, which complies with the provisions of Act 381 of Public Acts of 1996, as amended by Act 145 of Public Acts of 2000; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing notice on the proposed amendment was published in The Saginaw News and all taxing jurisdictions were notified of the hearing on the plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, the amended Brownfield Plan constitutes a public purpose and eligible activities provided in the amended plan are feasible and the cost of the eligible activities is reasonable to carry out the purposes of the Act,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saginaw City Council does hereby approve the twenty-fifth amendment to the Development Plan for the City of Saginaw Brownfield Redevelopment Zone to include Brownfield Plan Project No. 2011-01, 900 Block South Washington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF SAGINAW
ON THE ADOPTION OF A
BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR
“900 Block South Washington”

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Saginaw City Council on the 21st day of March, 2011, at 12:00 Noon in the Saginaw City Hall, located at 1315 S. Washington Avenue, Michigan, on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan, within which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed Eligible Property:

1. Land situated in the City of Saginaw whose addresses are: 912 South Washington Avenue, 923 South Franklin Street, 929 South Franklin Street, 933 South Franklin Street, 221 Holden Street, 219 Holden Street, 936 South Washington Avenue, and 932 South Washington Avenue.

A description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at the City of Saginaw Clerk’s Office.

Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

Diane M. Herman
City Clerk

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From: The City Manager

Subject: ISI Parts

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that the purchase order to Douglas Safety Systems, LLC be increased by \$2,000.00 to cover the purchase of repair parts for the SCBA breathing air system.

Justification:

At the beginning of the fiscal year a blanket purchase order was approved and issued to Douglas Safety Systems, LLC in the amount of \$3,300.00 to purchase AVON-ISI parts for the Saginaw Fire Department. The blanket purchase order is being increased by \$2,000.00 for a total of \$5,300.00. Parts include lens lights, end-of-service alarm, radio status, battery status, pre-alarm, and face mask components.

The 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 General Fund Fire Suppression Parts and Supplies Account, No. 101-3751-751.73-30.

Council Action:

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

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Manager's Recommendation: Approval of the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE MICHIGAN WORKS!

Council _____ offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed HR1, its proposed continuing budget resolution. If enacted HR1 would eliminate all funding for the Workforce investment Act (WIA). That would eliminate the nation's Workforce Investment System, which in Michigan is known as Michigan Works!; and

WHEREAS, the business-led Workforce Investment System, funded through the Workforce Investment Act, is essential to addressing the re-employment and retraining needs of the millions of American workers displaced by the economic crisis. Additionally, the WIA helps disadvantaged young people finish high school, go onto postsecondary training and enter the labor market; and

WHEREAS, American businesses use Workforce Investment Act services to obtain the skilled workers they need in order to maintain a competitive advantage in the global economy. The Workforce Investment System assists American businesses by directly supporting efforts to recruit employees, by tailoring skill training to meet business needs, and by aiding with regional effort to prepare the workforce for growing and emerging industries.

WHEREAS, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! covers Saginaw, Midland and Bay Counties. In 2010, in just those three counties alone, that organization provided services to 2,000 employers, including assistance to those employers in filling 5,800 job openings. Those services ranged from providing information to screening applicants to

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hosting one-company job fairs. The Region's expanding chemical industry, and emerging solar and advanced battery manufacturing industries, rely heavily on Workforce Investment Act funding to train the workers they need.

WHEREAS, in 2010 an average of 600 individuals per day came into a Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Service Center for assistance. A total of over 29,000 individuals took advantage of Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Services in 2010, about 15% of the Region's entire labor force. At the direction of the Region's Workforce Development Board, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Has focused its WIA Youth programs on dropout prevention. Those efforts are responsible in part for the 33% decrease in the Region's dropout rate from 2007 to 2009.

WHEREAS, if HR1 is enacted, all of these services will be eliminated.

WHEREAS, the City of Saginaw recognizes that Congress faces a large deficit reduction challenge. However a growing economy where people leave unemployment and return to work is the best deficit reduction strategy. The Workforce Investment Act is an "investment" in the essential strategy of growing the American economy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saginaw hereby strongly urges the Congress of the United States to reject HR1 and support continued funding of the Workforce Investment Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated to the Congress of the United States in the hope and expectation that it will take into consideration the wishes of the cities and citizens it serves.

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Manager's Recommendation: Approval of the resolution as follows:

ADOPTING THE STRATEGIC VISIONING STATEMENT AND PREAMBLE

Council _____ offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Saginaw City Council met on January 29, 2011 for a strategic visioning session; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this session was to develop and implement a vision that will capture the core identity and desired future states that will enable the City to be successful in the future, both internally and externally; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this session, a vision statement and preamble was created by the selected group that included the Mayor, Council Member Kitterman-Miller, and the City Manager, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council adopts the proposed document as the official vision statement and preamble for the City of Saginaw.

PUBLIC HEARING APPROVAL OF CITY OF SAGINAW 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN

In compliance with requirements of Act 267, P.A. 1976, the following notice is
posted:

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing on approval of the City of Saginaw 5-Year Recreation Plan on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 12 Noon in the City Hall Council Chamber, Room 205, 1315 S. Washington. A copy of the Plan is available for review in the City Clerk's Office, Room 102.

Diane M. Herman

City Clerk

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From: The City Manager

Subject: 2011 Chevrolet Impala

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that a purchase order be approved and issued to Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$27,335.00 for the purchase of a 2011 Chevrolet Impala four door Sedan that includes a police package and the necessary police equipment.

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

Funds are available in the Motor Pool Operations Fund's Vehicle Account, No. 661-4480-841.97-70 (\$16,188.00) and the Drug Forfeiture Fund's Vehicle Fund Account, No. 264-3020-731.97-70 (\$11,147.00).

Justification:

The Police Department, in accordance with Public Act 295, held an auction of confiscated weapons, generating \$16,188. A 2011 Chevrolet Impala with a police package has been located at Berger Chevrolet, Grand Rapids, MI. This vehicle was bid under the Oakland County Governmental Bid and Contract Opportunities program at \$19,896. Adding necessary lights, siren and other equipment is estimated at \$7,439.00. Remaining required funding was transferred from the Drug Forfeiture Fund in the amount of be \$11,147.00. The total purchase order, which includes all required police equipment, will be in the amount of \$27,335.00.

Council Action:

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

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From: The City Manager

Subject: Chevy Impala – Budget Adjustment

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that the Motor Pool Operation Fund's Capital Replacement-Police Account, No. 661-0000-601.67.37 be increased from \$0.00 to \$16,188.00. To offset this increase, the Motor Pool Operations Fund's Vehicle Account No. 661-4480-841.97-70 will be increased by the same.

Additionally, it is also recommended that the Drug Forfeiture Fund's Vehicle Account, No. 264-3020-731.97-70 be increased from \$70,000.00 to \$81,147.00, which equates to a \$11,147.00 increase. To offset this increase in expenditures, the Drug Forfeiture Fund's Use of Fund Equity Account, No. 264-0000-680.00-00 will be increased by the same.

Justification:

The Police Department was able to raise \$16,188.00 through the auction sale of confiscated weapons. These funds and available drug forfeiture funds will be utilized to purchase a police patrol vehicle.

Council Action:

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

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Manager's Recommendation: Approval of the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Council _____ offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Saginaw has undertaken a Five-Year Parks, Recreation and Open Space plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2011 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held on January 21, 2011 at City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saginaw has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Saginaw hereby adopts the City of Saginaw Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Saginaw and its surrounding communities.