

COUNCIL AGENDA

For

May 8, 2006, 5:00 p.m., Council Chamber

SPECIAL MEETING

ROLL CALL:

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING SESSIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

(A list will be provided on Monday after 1:30 p.m.)

REMARKS OF COUNCIL:

PETITIONS:

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERS:

REPORTS FROM MANAGER:

A. Management Update

Budget presentations from the following:

1. Darnell Earley, Interim City Manager, will give an overview of the FY 2006-07 Budget
2. Chief Gerald Cliff to review the Police Department Budget
3. Chief Joe Dziuban to review the Fire Department Budget
4. Beth Church, Interim Director of Employee Services, to review the Employee Services Budget
5. Tom Fancher, City Attorney, and Diane Herman, City Clerk, to review the Department of Law and Records Budget
6. Dale Stanton, Director of Finance, to review the Fiscal Services Budget

7. Tom Darnell, Director of Public Services, will review the Water and Sewer Budget.

B. Recommended Actions

1. Recommending approval of a set of agreements with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan to convert from an Experience Rated Service Contract to an Administrative Services Contract effective June 1, 2006. Further authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary documents. These agreements have been approved by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Approving the budget amendment for the FY 2005-06 Budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Darnell Earley
Interim City Manager

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Blue Cross Blue Shield Administrative Services Contract

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend Council approve a set of agreements with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) to convert from an Experience Rated Service (ERS) Contract to an Administrative Services Contract (ASC), effective June 1, 2006, and to authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary documents. These agreements have been approved by the City Manager as to substance and the City attorney as to form.

Justification:

Effective benefit cost administration will become increasingly important as the City moves forward with its five-year fiscal plan. The City has obtained the services of Public Employee Benefit Solutions (PEBS) to help it explore service efficiencies available from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. As a result, the City desires to change its current ERS contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield and enter into an ASC agreement effective June 1, 2006. This effective date allows any advantages resulting from this change in health plan design to be realized within FY07 as well as within the last month of FY06. PEBS does not charge a fee for its recommendations, receiving a fee payable only from Blue Cross Blue Shield should its recommendations result in a cost savings to the City.

Funds for health insurance premium payments continue to be available under the 71-01 Health Insurance line items within each City department.

Council Action:

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

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: FY 2006 Budget Amendment

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend approval of a budget amendment of \$44,600 to the FY 2005 - 2006 General Fund Budget. Funds are to be received in Reimbursement of Insurance Premiums Account No. 101-0000-602 68-05 and distributed to Police Patrol Salaries and Benefits Account Nos. 101-3011-721 70-01 through 101-3011-721 71-11.

Justification:

On May 2, 2006, the residents of the City of Saginaw voted in favor of the public safety millage. As a result, the City is recalling five (5) laid-off police officers to duty. Funds are available from health care insurance reimbursements due to the analysis of Public Employee Benefits Solutions, LLC (PEBS).

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that this communication be received and filed.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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

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

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Saginaw have voted in favor of the public safety millage; and

WHEREAS, the City is recalling five (5) laid-off police officers; and

WHEREAS, a budget increase of \$44,600 is needed in Revenue Account No. 101-000-602.68-05 Reimbursements of Insurance Premiums; and

WHEREAS, a budget increase of \$44,600 is needed in Account Nos. 101-3011-721.70-01 through 101-3011-721.71-11 for police patrol salaries and benefits; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget as set forth in this resolution is hereby approved.