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CITIZENS INVITED TO COMMENT ON FY 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

May 12, 2020 SAGINAW, MI –City officials are encouraging residents to participate in a virtual City Council meeting on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 pm on the FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget.

The May 18 Saginaw City Council meeting will be held via video/teleconference consistent with Executive Order No. 2020-75 issued by Governor Whitmer. The meeting will be streamed live on SGTV Channel 191 and on the City's website www.saginaw-mi.com.

The May 18 meeting will consist of three public hearings. The public hearings include a hearing on the FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget and Property Tax Millage, a hearing on the Special Assessment District for a Police and Fire Millage for FY 2020-2021, and a hearing on the Downtown Development Authority District millage to be levied on properties within the DDA district.

Written comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget will be read during the public hearing and can be submitted by email to: clerk@saginaw-mi.com or mail to: City Clerk, 1315 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. If you wish to speak during the public hearing call 989.759.1480 or email clerk@saginaw-mi.com to receive a call in number.

There will be additional budget discussions, and budget adoption will be proposed at the conclusion of the May 18 City Council meeting. For all other public comments not related to the budget, citizens can sign up for the Public Input portion of the May 18 meeting. Citizens will be allowed 3 minutes to address the City Council. Citizens may call 989.759.1480 or email the City Clerk at clerk@saginaw-mi.com to request to speak. All Public Input requests must be received by

May 18 at 1 pm. Call-in instructions will be provided to those citizens who are signed up for Public Input.

Yolanda M. Jones, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, commented, "This takes the place of our normal budget meeting, but we are still doing everything we can to gather feedback from residents. We welcome public comment during this budget process."

The FY 2021 proposed budget reflects the City's commitment to provide quality services to residents, while preserving the City's long-term financial viability. The total citywide budget is projected to be \$124.81 million which represents a \$4.56 million, or 3.8% increase from the 2020 approved budgeted levels. The General Fund Budget for FY 2021 is projected to be \$36,273,633.

City Manager Tim Morales, commented, "The budget process has evolved over the past several years because of the hard work the city's Financial Management Team along with Department Heads. This year presents very unique circumstances and we want to ensure citizens still have the ability to address City Council Members on the FY 2021 Proposed Budget. We've done our best to make it easy and available for our citizens."

For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at 759-1403.

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