
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Fitzpatrick offered a prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Branch called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Annie Boensch, Norman Braddock, Andrew Wendt, Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Browning, Larry Coulouris, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Amos O'Neal, Floyd Kloc and Mayor Gregory Branch - 9. Council Members absent: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Eve Perry addressed City Council.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Fitzpatrick, Browning, Wendt, Braddock and Mayor Branch.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Management Update

City Manager Darnell Earley informed Council of the State's 2014 EVIP program, formerly known as State Revenue Sharing, and the proposed 4.8% increase that could potentially generate \$173,531 additional revenue to the City if approved by the Legislature and Governor. This will not be known until August 2013. Manager Earley reminded Council that the SAFER grant was not awarded to the City last fiscal year and the SAFER grant awards for this year have not been announced. When awarded, this grant funding is allocated for firefighter positions in the Fire Department. He stated that negotiation meetings continue between management and the POAM/COAM and IAFF unions with progress being made. Such consensus on proposals would require the respective membership and Council approvals. Manager Earley spoke on the fiscal year 2013 budget amendments approved to retain a balanced budget without use of fund balance reserves.

City Manager Darnell Earley introduced City Auditor, Dave Youngstrom. Mr. Youngstrom recapped the Fiscal Year 2012 audit results to the fund balance and the impact on future budgets. He noted that the Fiscal Year 2012 audit fund balance would provide 10 days of operational costs. Mr. Youngstrom reminded Council that the budget is a working document and is monitored for appropriate amendments throughout the fiscal year.

City Manager Darnell Earley noted that the City presented and approved a balanced budget, as required, for the last eight years that has managed the decline in revenues and increasing legacy costs while considering the impact of future budgets.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council Member Braddock, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Browning to adopt the resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget. Discussion held.

Moved by Council Member Kloc, seconded by Council Member Wendt to amend the main motion to include the following: 1) If, by June 28, 2013, the City Administration and the IAFF have reached consensus on budget neutral measures that will allow the City to preserve fire department positions, they shall be implemented, and if necessary Council shall be presented with an amendment of the budget to do so; 2) If, by June 28, 2013, the City Administration and the POAM and/or COAM have reached a consensus on budget neutral measures that will allow the City to preserve police department positions, they shall be implemented, and if necessary Council shall be presented with an amendment of the budget to do so; 3) It is the Council's policy to expect the City Administration to immediately implement and give effect to the maximum utilization of civil infraction actions and the City's municipal infraction Bureau to maximize whatever revenue may be achieved thereby.

Mayor Branch asked the Clerk to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Wendt, Mayor Branch

Nays: O'Neal, Fitzpatrick, Boensch, Kloc, O'Neal, Coulouris, Mayor Pro Tem Browning

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion failed.

Moved by Council Member Kloc, seconded by Council Member Wendt to approve and make policy the following: 1) If, by June 28, 2013, the City Administration and the IAFF have reached consensus on budget neutral measures that will allow the City to preserve fire department positions, they shall be implemented, and if necessary Council shall be presented with an amendment of the budget to do so; 2) If, by June 28, 2013, the City Administration and the POAM and/or COAM have reached a consensus on budget neutral measures that will allow the City to preserve police department positions, they shall be implemented, and if necessary Council shall be presented with an amendment of the budget to do so; 3) It is the Council's policy to expect the City Administration to immediately implement and give effect to the maximum utilization of civil infraction actions and the City's municipal infraction Bureau to maximize whatever revenue may be achieved thereby.

Moved by Council Member Braddock, seconded by Council Member O'Neal to postpone the previous motion, until Monday, June 3, 2013, so that a legal opinion can be obtained.

Mayor Branch asked the Clerk to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: O'Neal, Fitzpatrick, Boensch, Braddock, Mayor Pro Tem Browning, Coulouris, Mayor Branch

Nays: Kloc, Wendt

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Branch asked the Clerk to conduct a roll call vote on the main motion to adopt the resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget.

Ayes: Braddock, Boensch, Kloc, O'Neal, Coulouris, Mayor Pro Tem Browning

Nays: Wendt, Fitzpatrick, Mayor Branch

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member O'Neal, seconded by Council Member Braddock to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Janet Santos, CMC/MMC
City Clerk

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