
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE AUDITORIUM AT SAGINAW HIGH SCHOOL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Daniel 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, Dennis Browning, Larry Coulouris, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Floyd Kloc, Andrew Wendt and Mayor Gregory Branch. Council members absent: Amos O'Neal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Janet Santos stated the location of the restrooms facilities and information regarding the availability of the School's Wi-Fi connection.

Council Member O'Neal entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

The following persons addressed the Council: Johnny Sanders, Ruben Vasquez, Marge Bruzewski, Doug Wortley, Robin Stacer, Mike Jarabek, Paul Crane, Larry Schaaf, Janet Cook and Sheriff Bill Federspiel.

REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Remarks were heard from the following Council Members: Kloc, O'Neal, Fitzpatrick, Coulouris, Boensch, Braddock, Wendt, Browning and Mayor Branch.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Management Update

City Manager Darnell Earley thanked Superintendent Dr. Jenkins and his staff for the use of their facility to conduct the Special City Council meeting.

City Manager Earley stated that the focus of the special meeting was to present the report of the Public Safety Funding/Planning/Sustainability Committee. City Manager Earley recapped the reorganization of all operations since 2005. City Manager Earley stated that the draft general fund financial statements reflect a structural deficit of approximately \$2.5 million the City will face in fiscal year 2013 and inflationary costs that will increase the structural deficit to approximately \$3.2 million for fiscal year 2014.

Deputy City Manager/CFO Tim Morales and Plante Moran Controller Carl Johnson presented a financial analysis, forecasts data and the draft general fund 2012 financial statements.

Dr. Eric Scorsone of the Michigan State University Extension Department presented the Local and State economic history and forecast.

Assistant City Manager for Public Safety Phil Ludos presented information on the various public safety models considered by the committee.

Director of Employee Services Dennis Jordan and City Labor Contract Administrator John Clark, Esq., presented information on the impact of labor relations on public safety models.

City Manager Earley summarized the review and conclusions of the committee, addressed the next steps to move forward and stressed the seriousness of the financial deficit the City will face on July 1, 2013 if the City does not address the public safety structure.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council Member Coulouris, seconded by Council Member Braddock to adopt the resolution authorizing tentative agreement for the purpose of transitioning law enforcement services to the Saginaw County Sheriff.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Coulouris, Kloc, O'Neal, Boensch, Braddock and Browning.

Nays: Fitzpatrick, Wendt and Mayor Branch.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Council requested that the City Manager conduct a review of all current and retiree pension plans and present a report at the January 26, 2013 Strategic Planning Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Braddock, seconded by Council Member Boensch to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.

Janet Santos, CMC/MMC
City Clerk