

**CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 WEST MCLEROY BLVD.
MAY 16, 2023**

Present at the meeting:

Mayor	Todd Flippo
Mayor Pro-Tem	Valerie Junkersfeld
Councilmember	Paul Felegy
Councilmember	Nicky Lawson
Councilmember	Charles Tucker
Councilmember	Cindy Bighorse
Councilmember	Mary Copeland
City Attorney	Bryn Meredith
City Engineer	Trenton Tidwell, P.E.
City Manager	Gabe Reaume
Asst. City Manager	Lee Howell
Finance Director	Kim Quin
City Secretary	Janice England
Police Chief	Russell Ragsdale
Fire Chief	Doug Spears
Director of Public Works	Randy Newsom
Director of Comm. & Eco. Dev.	Keith Rinehart
Library Director	Ellen Ritchie
Environmental Manager	Matt Regan
Communications Manager	Pedro Zambrano
Chief Building Official	Larry Little
Animal Services Manager	Jose Wheeland
Management Analyst	Salvador Gonzalez
Police Officer	Aaron Callahan

Absent from the meeting:

Director of Human Resources	Melanie McManus
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Visitors at the meeting:

Nika Davis	Jaime Morgan
Grace Sears	Michael Burch
Faith Sears	William Sears
Camryn Simon	Mia McGavley
Shriya Chapagai	Srijan Sharma
Dakota Waters	Yzurium Milton
Sparsha Acharya	Britton New
Kylie Ashcraft	Brittany Broskus

Reynold Broskus	Doug Crosthwait
Kristi Haney	Maria Guynes
Megan Guynes	Kelly Henderson
Ronnie Horton	Breanna Farley
Taylor Guadian	Linda Salinas
Jennifer Wheeland	Danny Copeland

(1) Call to Order

Mayor Flippo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas

(2) Invocation

Mr. Doug Crosthwait of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

(3) Audience Participation

This item was covered on the video screen.

(4) Consent Agenda

a. Action regarding a Chapter 380 Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Blazing Hospitality (1005 N. Saginaw Blvd.)

Summary: The proposed agreement is a Chapter 380 Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Blazing Hospitality. It addresses the demolition of the existing building at 1005 N. Saginaw Blvd. The building has been vacant for many years. The purpose of the demolition is to support future development of the property. The agreement sets forth the City's participation which is an amount not to exceed \$25,000. This item was originally approved by the City Council at the October 18, 2022 meeting. The proposed agreement was not available at the time the meeting packet was prepared last October. Therefore, we are bringing this back to the Council for official approval. In addition, this property finally sold to Blazing Hospitality Group on May 4, 2023. The financial impact is not to exceed \$25,000 and will be paid from Account 01-6141-13 (Economic Development Incentive).

b. Action regarding Resolution No. 2023-11, City of Saginaw's Application to Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Call for Projects

Summary: In January of 2023, a Preliminary TA (Transportation Alternative) Set-Aside Grant Application was submitted to TXDOT for McLeroy Blvd Phase 3 from Knowles Drive to Business 287. On March 14, 2023, the City was notified that the preliminary application was reviewed and deemed eligible – allowing the City to continue to the next step, submitting a Detailed Application. For the Detailed Application to be submitted, the City must adopt a resolution in support of the application. If the Detailed Application is accepted, TXDOT would require a 20% local match and Saginaw would be responsible for all overruns and all non-reimbursable costs. The local match and other costs would be paid for with the 2021 Bond Funds.

c. Action regarding Ordinance No. 2023-18, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Quitclaim Deed Abandoning an Eight (8) Foot Utility Easement to Richard Linthicum, Owner of Lot 27, Block 1 of The Dominion Phase II

Summary: City Staff was contacted by Mr. Richard Linthicum, owner of 1120 Little John Drive, regarding the intent to remove an unused eight (8) foot utility easement at the rear of the property. Staff reviewed letters from the utilities company as well as any potential City utilities in the easement, and found there to be no conflict. The neighboring property went through a similar process in 2018.

Mayor Flippo stated that he received a request to pull Item 4a from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Tucker to approve Items 4b and 4c as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Felegy, Lawson, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Council considered Item 4a. Action regarding a Chapter 380 Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Blazing Hospitality (1005 N. Saginaw Blvd.)

Motion was made by Councilmember Copeland with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld to approve the Chapter 380 Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Blazing Hospitality as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Felegy, Lawson, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(5) Recognition of Members of Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

Management Analyst Gonzalez gave a brief overview of the activities of the Mayors' Youth Advisory Council. The members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council were presented with certificates in recognition of their participation.

(6) Consideration and Action regarding Resolution No. 2023-12, Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of the General Election held on May 6, 2023

City Secretary England stated that Resolution No. 2023-12 canvasses the May 6th General Election. The results were as follows.

Councilmember Place 4

Brack St. Clair	379 Votes
Randy L. Edwards	462 Votes

Councilmember Place 6

Mary Copeland	442 Votes
Rick Russell	428 Votes

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Bighorse to approve Resolution No. 2023-12, canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 6, 2023. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers Felegy, Lawson, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- (7) Consideration and Action regarding Resolution No. 2023-13, Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of the Special Election held on May 6, 2023 to determine whether the voters of the City of Saginaw desire to continue a Sales and Use Tax for Street Maintenance in the City.

City Secretary England stated that Resolution No. 2023-13 canvasses the May 6th Special Election. The results were as follows.

Proposition A

For 735

Against 169

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Copeland to approve Resolution No. 2023-13, canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Special Election held on May 6, 2023. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers Felegy, Lawson, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- (8) Presentation to Outgoing Councilmember Tucker

Mayor Flippo and the Council recognized outgoing Councilmember Tucker with an award for his years of service on the City Council as well as his years of service on the Advisory Recreation and Parks Board. Mayor Flippo also presented him with a City Service pin in recognition of his completion of five (5) years of service on the City Council.

Note: Outgoing Councilmember Tucker left the meeting at this point.

- (9) Recognition of Mayor Flippo's 15 Years of Service

Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld presented Mayor Flippo with a City Service pin in recognition of his completion of fifteen (15) years of service on the City Council.

(10) Oath of Office for Councilmember Place 6

City Secretary England administered the Oath of Office for Councilmember Place 6, Mary Copeland. She explained that incoming Councilmember Edwards is out of town tonight. He will be given the Oath of Office at the next City Council Meeting.

(11) Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Bighorse to table this item until the next City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Felegy, Lawson, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(12) PUBLIC HEARING—Consideration and Action regarding Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission regarding request to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Saginaw, regarding a change in Zoning from Community Commercial (CC) to Heavy Industrial (HI) on approximately 12.85 acres of land out of the Bursey, John Survey, Abstract 122, Tract 2A1 & 6A1 & Part C1 Street more commonly known as 2301 Terminal Road (Ordinance No. 2023-16)

Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing for this item opened at 6:24 p.m. Mr. Britton New explained his request for rezoning the property at 2301 Terminal Road from Community Commercial (CC) to Heavy Industrial (HI). Mayor Flippo read a note from Ms. Suzanne Boyce, President of Attebury Grain, LLC in support of the request. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval to the City Council. Mayor Flippo called for any public input. There was none. Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing closed at 6:29 p.m.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Felegy to approve Ordinance No. 2023-16, zoning change from Community Commercial (CC) to Heavy Industrial (HI) on property at 2301 Terminal Road as presented, and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Felegy, Lawson, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- (13) PUBLIC HEARING—Consideration and Action regarding Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission regarding Amending Appendix A, “Zoning”, Article 8, “Supplemental District Regulations, Section 8-9, Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements” of the Saginaw City Code by updating On Premise Parking Requirements and Residential and Non Residential Parking Standards (Ordinance No. 2023-17)

Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing for this item opened at 6:29 p.m. Chief Building Official Little gave a presentation explaining the proposed ordinance. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval to the City Council. Mayor Flippo called for public input. There was none. Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing closed at 6:54 p.m.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Felegy to approve Ordinance 2023-17, amending the Zoning Ordinance, On Premise Parking Requirements as presented, and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers Felegy, Lawson, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- (14) Consideration and Action regarding Award of Bid for Knowles Drive Phases 2 & 3 Project (Tabled at 5-2-2023 Meeting)

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawson with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld to approve the award of the bid for Knowles Drive Phases 2 & 3 Project to DDM Construction Corporation. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers Felegy, Lawson, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- (15) Library Presentation

Library Director Ellen Ritchie gave a presentation regarding the Library’s budget, duties, and staff. Adult Services Librarians Ronnie Horton and Megan Guynes gave an overview of the programs and services offered at the Library for adults. Children Services Librarian Kristi Haney gave an overview of the programs and services offered for children.

(16) Animal Services Presentation

Animal Services Manager Jose Wheeland gave a presentation regarding the current staffing and duties of Animal Services as well as their achievements and long term objectives.

(17) Executive Session

1 § 551.071. Texas Government Code. Consultation with Attorney. The City Council may convene in executive session to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551, including the following items:

a. Any Posted Item

1 § 551.087. Texas Government Code. Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations. The City Council may convene in executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or Financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, Stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development Negotiations, or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect Described above, including:

a. Building Improvement Grant Application—712 S. Saginaw Blvd.

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting back in Regular Session at 8:34 p.m.

(18) Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Bighorse to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-0

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers Felegy, Lawson, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Flippo declared the City Council Meeting of May 16, 2023 adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary Janice England

Mayor Todd Flippo