

**Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, May 26, 2020**

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video/audio conference technology due to the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Trester at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Attendance:**
Present: Bekken, Johnson, Leo, Lewis, Peterson, Verplank, & Trester
Absent: None
Others Present: City Manager Harrier, City Treasurer Stanislawski, DPW Superintendent Herbert
City Clerk Nagel & Zoning Administrator Osman
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
A. Regular City Council Meeting of May 11, 2020: A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the May 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes as amended. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
4. **Mayor's Comments:** None
5. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier announced the Governor's Stay At Home order has been extended to June 12, 2020 therefore City Hall will remain closed to the public and so any individual wanting a beach pass is to buy at Oval Beach Gate. He also thanked City Clerk Nagel in providing essential services in order to make the clerk position transition as easy as possible and wished her well in her new endeavors.
6. **Agenda Changes:** (*placement*) A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson, to move agenda item 16(A) to 13(F). Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
7. **Guest Speakers:**
A. Lt. Brett Ensfield – Allegan Co. Sheriff's Department: Lt. Brett Ensfield announced the Sheriff's Department is ready for another successful summer season.
B. Ms. Mandy M. Reed – MML Classification and Compensation Study: Mandy Reed, MML, presented Council with the MML Classification and Compensation Study.
C. Ms. Elizabeth Estes – Governor's Committee Restaurant Reopening Update: Elizabeth Estes, presented Council with Power Point Presentation outlining essential steps area restaurants are proposing to the Governor in order to open their business to patrons in a safe manner.
8. **Public Comment:** None
9. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$53,706.26. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
10. **Introductions of Ordinances:** None
11. **Public Hearings:** None
12. **Unfinished Business:** None

13. New Business:

A. Resolution No. 200526-A – MDOT Transportation Economic Development Fund

Category B Funding Request: A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Peterson, to approve Resolution No. 200526-A requesting funding through the MDOT's Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program as presented and commit to funding the project through FY 20/21 budget appropriations. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution No. 200526-B – Staff Support: A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Verplank, to approve Resolution No. 200526-B to recognize and support the City Manager and City Staff as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

C. Proclamation No. 200526-P1 – City Clerk Appreciation of Service: A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Peterson, to approve Proclamation No. 120526-P1 expressing sincere gratitude to City Clerk Ms. Monica Nagel for her 13 years of dedication and service to the City. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

D. Proclamation No. 200526-P2 – June Pride Month: A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Johnson, to approve Proclamation No. 200526-P2 designating June 2020 as Pride Month in the City of Saugatuck. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

E. Saugatuck Township Fire District – FY 20/21 Budget Approval: A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Peterson, to approve the Saugatuck Township Fire District FY 20/21 Budget as presented. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

F. Downtown Pop-Up Patio/Dining in the Right-of-Way Report: A motion was made by Lewis, to call a special meeting on Thursday for discussion and decision. Motion died for lack of second.

At 1:34 Johnson recommends that a motion be made or that the proposal be tabled until the next meeting.

At 1:35:10 Lewis moves to "call a special meeting of the City Council for this Thursday to move forward on discussion and decision regarding this proposal."

At 1:36:22 Peterson indicates that "I did second the motion."

A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Verplank to table this report. Upon roll call the motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Johnson, Verplank, Bekken, Leo, Trester

No: Lewis, Peterson

A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Lewis, to schedule a Special Meeting for Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

14. Consent Agenda: None

15. Public Comment: Elizabeth Estes with regards to item 13(F) by delaying any action is hurting the business community and encouraged Council to make a decision and move forward as quickly as possible.

Birdie Holley with regards to item 13(F) stated there is an urgency from business owners and echo's Ms. Estes comments to move forward with a decision as soon as possible.

Todd Hoskins thanked City Clerk Nagel for her contribution to the city over the past 13 years and suggested the next time the city contracts with the MML for a compensation study to also conduct an employee satisfaction study.

16. Communications:
A. Downtown Pop-Up Patio/Dining in the Right-of-Way Report – Accepted as information

17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:
A. Planning, KLSWA, Fire Department, Ad-Hoc Recycling Committee

18. Council Comments: Council Member Johnson explained the purpose of the Rules of Order as it protects the minority.

Council Member Leo announced many business owners are uncertain what the future holds for them at this point in time and it's time to work with businesses to come up with a creative solution to help alleviate some of their fears.

Council Member Peterson with regards to excessive trash in town due to take out containers discuss ways of businesses doing their part in helping the Department of Public Works with excessive trash.

Council Member Verplank thanked Zoning Administrator for preparing the Pop-Up Patio / Dining in Right-of-Way report.

Council Member Lewis thanked those attending Zoom meeting and thanked essential workers for being the front lines during pandemic.

19. Adjournment: A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Leo, to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Nagel, CMC
City Clerk