

City of Saginaw

Minutes for the City Council

333 West McLeroy Boulevard, Saginaw, Texas 76179

April 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

- Todd Flippo, Mayor
- Paul Felegy, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1
- Nick Lawson, Place 2
- Valerie Junkersfeld, Place 3
- Brack St. Clair, Place 4
- Shawn Morrison, Place 5
- Mary Copeland, Place 6
- Bryn Meredith, City Attorney
- Trenton Tidwell, P.E. City Engineer
- Gabe Reaume, City Manager
- Kim Quin, Finance Director
- Doug Spears, Fire Chief
- Russell Ragsdale, Police Chief
- Randy Newsom, Director of Public Works
- Pedro Zambrano, Director of Economic Development & Community Engagement
- Melanie McManus, Director of Human Resources
- Ellen Ritchie, Library Director
- Vicky Vega, City Secretary
- Diksha, General Support Specialist
- Ronnie Horton, Adult Services Librarian

Visitors at the meeting

- Tabitha O'Connor
- Roberto Bachiller
- John Fielder
- Diana Bridges

Absent

- None

1. Call To Order

1.A. Call To Order -- Todd Flippo, Mayor

Mayor Flippo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1.B. Pledges--Pledge of Allegiance to the United States; Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas--
"Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one State under God, one and indivisible**

1.C. Invocation -- Pastor Ramon Smith, Saginaw United Methodist Church

Mayor Flipppo gave in the invocation in absence of Pastor Ramon.

1.D. Audience Participation--Anyone wishing to speak during the discussion of an item listed on the agenda must complete an audience participation form. These forms are located by the Police Chief. After completing the form, give it to the City Secretary. She will give it to the Mayor. The Mayor will call on you when that item is discussed. You will have three (3) minutes to make your comment.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Junkersfeld and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Felegy to approve 2A, 2B, 2C from the consent agenda and to pull 2D for further discussion. Motion carried 7-0-0-0

2.A. Action regarding minutes from April 7, 2026, meeting--Vicky Vega, City Secretary

Council approved the minutes from the April 7, 2026 meeting.

This item was approved through the Consent Agenda.

2.B. Action Regarding Canceling the May 5, 2026, City Council Meeting--Vicky Vega, City Secretary

Council approved the cancellation of the May 5, 2026 City Council meeting.

This item was approved through the Consent Agenda.

2.C. Action Regarding Purchase Agreement of Water & Wastewater Utility Easement & Temporary Construction Easement located 451 Sansom Blvd -- Jarred Coursey, Asst. Director of Public Works

Council approved the purchase of a Water and Wastewater Utility Easement and Temporary Construction Easement through Metro Pool Chemical's property at 451 Sansom Blvd for the Fairmont Phase 2 sewer project in the amount of \$23,563.

This item was approved through the Consent Agenda.

2.D. Action Regarding Amending Section 98-229 of the Saginaw City Code by adding an Enforcement Process to Water Conservation Plan--Jarred Coursey, Asst. Director of Public Works

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council approved Ordinance No 2026-07, amending the City's water conservation ordinance to add an enforcement process consistent with the City of Fort Worth Water Department. As a wholesale customer of Fort Worth Water, the City is required to enforce the same conservation measures and irrigation restrictions adopted by

Fort Worth. The amendment establishes a graduated enforcement process for repeated violations, and potential temporary suspension of irrigation service for continued non-compliance. The goal remains voluntary compliance while reducing water waste and water infrastructure.

Mayor Flippo received one request to speak on topic from Saginaw resident Ms. Diana Bridges. Ms. Bridges expressed concerns regarding shutting the water off if it would damage the irrigation system.

**** Item was Removed from Consent**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Felegy and seconded by Councilmember Copeland to approve item. Motion carried 6-1-0-0. (Nay: Lawson)

3. Proclamations-Presentations

3.A. Recognitions/Presentations--Gabe Reaume, City Manager

General Support Specialist Diksha was honored by Dr. Skip Krueger, Director of the MPA Program at the University of North Texas. Diksha was recently named Outstanding MPA Student of the Year.

Public Works awarded the 212 Award to Ronnie Martinez, Superintendent of Water Utilities. Mr. Martinez was honored for his outstanding work ethic, dedication and professionalism.

Fire Department recognized Capt. Walker, Apparatus Operator Waugh, Firefighter Polk, and Firefighter Hickey along with Fort Worth Fire Department/EMS. The Livesaver Award was presented in recognition of their teamwork and lifesaving efforts that resulted in an incredible outcome.

3.B. Workshop: Economic Development Strategic Plan Update -- Pedro Zambrano, Director of Economic & Community Engagement

Workshop regarding updates to the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Staff went over the purpose of the plan, existing focus areas from the 2016 plan, reasons for updating the plan, and options for completing the update, including in-house, consultant-led, and hybrid approaches. Discussions included the advantages and disadvantages of each option, and Council was asked to provide direction on the preferred method for moving forward.

3.C. Presentation Regarding McLeroy Phase 3 Update--Trenton Tidwell, P.E. City Engineer

City Engineer Trenton Tidwell provided an update regarding McLeroy Phase 3, including project schedules, franchise coordination, right-of-way acquisitions, final design, bidding process, pre-construction activities, anticipated construction start dates, and median landscaping options.

3.D. Work Plan Update--Gabe Reaume, City Manager

City Manager Reaume gave Council a progress update regarding his 2026 Work Plan.

4. Public Hearings

4.A. PUBLIC HEARING -- Consideration and Action Regarding a Textural Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Modifying the City's Permitted Use Table (Automotive Uses, Medical Uses, and Commercial, Retail and Services Uses) of Article 5, "Permitted Uses" of Appendix A, "Zoning". --Susy Victor Trevino, Asst. Dir. of Economic & Community Engagement

Public Hearing was opened at 7:41 PM and closed at 7:46 PM

Mayor Flippo opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. And immediately called the meeting into Executive Session. At 7:41 p.m., Mayor Flippo reconvened the meeting into Regular Session. Assistant Director of Economic & Community Engagement Susy Victor presented and discussed the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance modifying the City's Permitted Use table, specifically the Automotive, Commercial, Retail and Services section. The proposed amendments did not include modifications to the Medical Use Table, which will be discussed at a future meeting. Mayor Flippo called for Public Input; there was none. At 7:46 p.m. Mayor Flippo closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember St. Clair and Seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to approve the proposed amendments to the Commercial, Retail, and Service section of the City's Permitted Use Table related to convenience stores with or without fuel sales by changing the use from permitted to not permitted in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) district and from permitted to Specific Use Permit (SUP) in the Community Commercial (CC) district; approve amendments to the Permitted Use Table by moving ambulance service, cosmetic tattoo establishment, and pharmacy uses from Commercial, Retail and Service category to the medical category; and approve the proposed amendments to the Automotive section of the permitted Use Table as presented, with the exception that Farm Machinery and implemented sales and services be allowed in the Light Industrial (LI) district through a Specific Use Permit (SUP). Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

5. Business

5.A. Consideration and Action Regarding Adding a Voluntary Donation Statement to Water Bills--Mary Copeland, Councilmember Place 6

Councilmember Copeland discussed adding a statement to water bills clarifying the donation charges are voluntary after residents expressed they were unaware they could opt out. She stated the change would improve transparency.

Staff discussed adding language to utility bills clarifying that contribution charges are voluntary. Staff explained residents may opt out through written request, e-mail, or by completing an online form. Council discussed providing additional information regarding programs and community events funded through the donation fund.

Mayor Flippo received, one request to speak on topic from Saginaw resident Tabitha O'Connor. Ms. O'Connor asked questions regarding animal shelter funding and donations. Staff explained the shelter's regular operations are funded through the general fund budget, while donation funds are used for supplemental animal care needs, emergency medical expenses, and TVNR program expenses.

Council discussed providing a one-time insert with the utility bills to inform residents that contributions are voluntary and to explain the community programs and services funded through the donations.

Motion was made by Councilmember Copeland and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to add a statement to the water bills that indicate that donations are voluntary and adding a one-time informational insert in the water bill. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

5.B. Consideration and Action regarding adoption of Saginaw Parks and Recreation Master Plan update March 2026 -John Fielder & Trenton Tidwell, Kimley-Horn

Senior Landscape Architect John Fielder with Kimley-Horn gave a presentation to Council regarding the Saginaw Parks and Recreation Master Plan March 2026 edition. The presentation included a project timeline, summary updates related to playground assessments, park assessment, park concepts, tree canopy inventory, grants and

alternative funding opportunities, future addendums, and next steps for project funding and City Council and Staff direction following adoption of the Parks Master Plan.

Council requested additional information regarding grant limits, timelines, and cost to prepare for the upcoming budget process. Council also discussed two amendments to the Parks Master Plan, including correcting the location of Highland Station Park from West Saginaw to East Saginaw and clarifying that the project involves expansion of the existing parking lot at Highland Station Park rather than constructing a new parking lot.

Motion was made Councilmember St. Clair and seconded by Councilmember Morrison to approve the Saginaw Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update March 2026 and to include the two modifications as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

6. Executive Session

6.A. 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:

6.B. Any Item Posted

Mayor Flippo called the meeting into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

6.C. 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:

Mayor Flippo called the meeting into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

6.D. Building Improvement Grant for 681 N. Saginaw Blvd. Saginaw, Tarrant County, Texas

6.E. Building Improvement Grant for 1200 Jarvis Road Saginaw, Tarrant County, Texas

7. Business from Executive Session

Mayor Flippo reconvened the meeting into regular session at 8:26 p.m.

7.A. Action Regarding a Building Improvement Grant for 681 N. Saginaw Blvd. -- Susy Victor Trevino, Asst. Dir. of Economic & Community Engagement

Susy Victor, Asst. Director of Economic Development & Community Engagement, informed the Council that the city received a Building Improvement Grant application from MGC Ashton, LLC located at 681 N. Saginaw Blvd. The applicant requested funding for public art improvements depicted in the application packet. Council approved awarding the applicant \$3,485 through the Building Improvement Grant Program.

Motion was made Councilmember St. Clair and seconded by Councilmember Morrison to approve item as presented and award MGC Ashton, LLC \$3,485 through the Building Improvement Grant Program. Motion carried 7-0-0-0

7.B. Action Regarding a Building Improvement Grant for 1200 Jarvis Road -- Susy Victor Trevino, Asst. Dir. of Economic & Community Engagement

Susy Victor, Asst. Director of Economic Development & Community Engagement, informed the Council that the city received a Building Improvement Grant application from Holloway Company, Inc located at 1200 Jarvis Road. The applicant requested funding in the amount of \$66,000 for a new fence installation. Council approved awarding the applicant \$16,000 through the Building Improvement Grant Program.

Motion was made by Councilmember St. Clair and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to approve item as presented and award Holloway Company, Inc \$16,000 through the Building Improvement Grant Program. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

8. Adjournment

8.A. Adjournment--Todd Flippo, Mayor

Motion was made Councilmember Junkersfeld and seconded by Councilmember Lawson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

Mayor Flippo adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Vicky Vega, City Secretary

Todd Flippo, Mayor