

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Workshop Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, January 24, 2008

1. **Call to Order by Mayor Pro-Tem Spangler at 4:03 p.m.**
2. **Attendance**
Present: Spangler, Bekken, Johnson, Hess, Verplank & Simon
Absent: Vettori
Others Present: City Manager Harrier, City Treasurer Stanislawski and City Clerk Looman
Council Member Hess entered the meeting at 4:06 p.m.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Capital Improvements** – City Council met in a conference call with City Attorney Jim White and Paul Galdes of Fleis & Vandenbrink regarding the proposed street improvement project. Council agreed that the bond language should include a 20 year bond. Attorney Jim White is in the process of preparing the proposed bond millage language that will need to be certified by the Allegan County Clerk's office by February 26, 2008 to have the bond issue on the May 6, 2008 election.
 - B. **Ellis & Associates Aquatic Safety:** City Council reviewed two videos from Ellis & Associates regarding Lifeguarding and Aquatic Safety. The City Manager will investigate cost and report back to City Council.
 - C. **“Tall Ship” Dock Request:** The City Council discussed the public benefit of having a ship docked at the park verses taking away the space used by the public. The policy in the past has been not to allow docking of vessels at the City parks. City Council asked City Manager Harrier to contact the owners of the ship and offer assistance if they needed to find other docking space at local marinas to see if they could accommodate this historic ship for one week in July 2008.

City Council Member Bekken was excused from meeting at 5:16 p.m.

 - D. **January 28, 2008 City Council Agenda Review:** City Manager Harrier gave City Council an overview of January 28 City Council agenda items such as :commission appointments, irrigation agreement, independent contractor agreement for Chain Ferry operation, schedule of fees, culver street parking lot, dockage license for Saugatuck/Douglas Fire Dept, oval beach capital improvements and Green Market parking lot request.
 - E. **Mermaid Sign** – Council member Simon brought to the attention of Council that the Mermaid Bar & Grill sign has not been repaired and posses a liability risk to the City as it is located in the City right-of-way. Council agreed the property owner should have 60 days to put a plan in place with an additional 30 days to either repair or replace the sign. The City Manager will work with the City's Zoning official to get notice to the property owner.
5. **Other Items of discussion:** Council Member Verplank announced to Council that 71 single waste hauler surveys had been received and that she is very pleased with the community's positive response.
6. **Public Comment:** None.
7. **Adjournment** Mayor Pro-Tem Spangler adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman
City Clerk