

Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Workshop Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, February 7, 2008

1. **Call to Order by Mayor Pro-Tem Spangler at 4:02 p.m.**
2. **Attendance**
Present: Spangler, Bekken, Johnson, Hess, Verplank & Simon (joined at 4:10 p.m.)
Absent: Vettori
Others Present: City Manager Harrier and City Clerk Looman
3. **Public Comment:** Lesa Werme, 671 Spear Street, expressed her concerns regarding a new state of the art stadium the Saugatuck Public Schools is in the process of building. Due to the fact that schools are exempt from zoning regulations and do not need approval from the local government she is encouraging City Council to contact the school and work closely together on these upcoming projects.
4. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Capital Improvement Bond—Ballot Language Review:** City Council had a conference call with Attorney Jim White regarding the Capital Improvement Bond ballot language. A resolution to accept the ballot language has been prepared by the City Attorney's office and will be brought before council on February 11, 2008 for approval. This ballot language must be certified by the Allegan County Clerk's office by February 26, 2008 to be placed on the May 6, 2008 ballot.

Council Member Bekken excused himself from the meeting at 4:54 p.m.
 - B. **Oval Beach Wedding Policy:** City Manager Harrier announced City Hall has been flooded with Oval Beach wedding calls; he proposed some simple guidelines for private beach events. City Council agreed with the concept of not allowing organized pre-approved beach weddings at Oval Beach. The Council agreed allowing all persons to use the beach as public property was past policy and the City should continue with this policy. Council member Hess volunteered to work with the City Manager to fine tune the guidelines if needed.
 - C. **505 Water St. HDC Appeal (Update):** Historic District Committee Members Vic Bella and Fred Weber were present at the workshop to update City Council regarding an HDC appeal filed by Brian Schipper of 505 Water Street.
 - D. **City Council Rules of Procedure:** Council Member Hess asked for clarification as a new board member on the rules of procedure for City Council.
 - E. **City Council Meeting Agenda Review (02-11-2008):** City Manager Harrier gave City Council an overview of the February 11 City Council agenda items such as: A legal services proposal, resolution for proposed ballot language, engineering services, waterfront construction ordinance and special events permits.
5. **Other Items of Discussion:** None
6. **Public Comment:** None
7. **Adjournment** Mayor Pro-Tem Spangler adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman
City Clerk