

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

1. Call to Order by Mayor Vettori at 3:05 p.m.

2. Attendance

Present: Spangler, Bekken, Johnson, Hess, Verplank, Simon & Vettori

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Harrier and City Clerk Looman

Council Member Bekken enter into the workshop at 3:00 p.m. and Member Johnson at 3:51 p.m.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Workshop Items:

A. Peter A. Letzmann – Goal Setting and Evaluation Process (Part 1 of 2) -

Today's workshop was geared toward Council setting goals and priorities for the City of Saugatuck. Presenter Peter A. Letzmann helps small government entities improve the performance of their organization. One of Mr. Letzmann's requirements is full participation of Council Members during his presentations this helps in developing a meaning work product. Some of the items discussed in this training included: Functions and duties of City Council and City Manager; 14th Amendment – Due Process; City Charter; Council Rules and Policies.

Other areas of discussion included:

CITY'S STRENGTHS: Arts; water; tourism/resort; beaches; stable property value; community involvement; walk able community; diversity lifestyles; harbor; ½ mile walk able boardwalk along water; 9 parks; natural areas; hiking trails; retail Main Street; active business authority; active Convention and Visitors Bureau.

CITY'S WEAKNESSES: Cost of living; cost of resorting; infrastructure – water/sewer/roads; limited financial resources; harbor needs dredging and no master plan; lack of trails; parking; zoning ordinance updating.

CITY'S THREATS: Gas prices; cost of living; affordable housing; affordable commercial rent; resort rentals fee regulations; percent of residential homestead to non-homestead;

OPPORTUNITIES: Schools; weak dollar; becoming year around resort area; media

CITY GOALS: Bike/walking paths; Harbor; Single Trash Hauler/Recycling; Employee Retention/Attraction; City Hall Renovations; Land/Zoning Use; Use of City Property; Charter Amendments; Policy / Procedures Update; Non-Revenue Tax Sources and Police Service & Funding.

At the May 22, 2008 Council workshop meeting Council will be presented with Part 2 of Mr. Letzmann's presentation which will include: Goals for the City Manager; City Manager Job Analysis and Performance Evaluations. City Council was asked by Mr. Letzmann to bring to the May 22nd session their lists of priorities and goals they have for the City of Saugatuck.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Adjournment: Mayor Vettori adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman, City Clerk