



## City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

### Meeting Minutes City Commission Meeting

Monday, April 29, 2019  
6:00 PM  
Commission Chambers

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#### Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Mayor Stonehouse. Commissioners: Campana, Frazier, Hill and Schloegel.  
Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Reynolds. Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Reynolds due to illness and Commissioner Smith as she is out of town, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

#### Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Pete Frazier moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

#### Announcements

Mayor Stonehouse announced the list of City volunteer boards and committees that currently had seats available.

#### Boards and Committees

**1. Welcome New Member**

**Mallory Macdonald, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

As Ms. Macdonald was not present, there was no presentation for this item.

**2. Recognition of Outgoing Member**

**Theresa Hamari, Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee**

Mayor Stonehouse asked Ms. Hamari to meet him at the front of the room, where he thanked her for her service to the City, and presented her with a City T-shirt.

**3. Appointment**

**Todd Leigh, Harbor Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 6-1-21**

Commissioner Dave Campana moved to Approve the appointment of Todd Leigh to the Harbor Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 06-01-21, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

#### **4. Reappointments**

**Anne Donohue, PWPL Board of Trustees, for a term ending 5-1-24**

**Judy Berglund, Elections Board, for a term ending 4-11-23**

**David Rayome, Investment Advisory Board, for a term ending 4-1-22**

Commissioner Dave Campana moved to Approve the appointments of Anne Donohue, Judy Berglund and David Rayome to the boards, and for the terms, indicated, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

**Public Comments - Comments may not exceed three minutes per person. Please state your name and physical address when making public comments.**

Colleen Roberts shared opinions on the Heartwood Forestland property and the possibility of creating a City dog park.

Matt Treado said he was available for Commission questions, if necessary, on agenda item #17.

Margaret Brumm reserved time to speak on agenda item #12. Kate Lewandowski reserved time to speak on agenda item #16. Risa Bernard reserved time to speak on agenda item #14.

Lynn Barry reserved time to speak on agenda item #14.

Frank Verito reserved time to speak on agenda items #10, #14 and #18. Mr. Verito commented on the order of agenda items, public comment process, the chambers video system, office co-sharing, graffiti and Heartwood Forestland plans.

Stuart Dulany commented on limited parking availability on Lake Street, private snow plowing issues and hotel and housing needs.

John Archambeault reserved time to speak on agenda item #14. Shelly Russell reserved time to speak on agenda item #14.

#### **Presentation(s)**

#### **5. Guardian of the Quarter, Levi Paananen**

Mayor Stonehouse invited Levi Paananen to the lectern, where he congratulated him on his efforts at the U.P. Children's Museum. On behalf of the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, Brynn Wing then said a few words about Levi's dedication, and Mayor Stonehouse presented him with a treat from the City Commission.

#### **6. Marquette Junior Wildcats 8U White Division Hockey Team - 2019 Michigan Amateur Hockey Association State Champions**

Mayor Stonehouse welcomed the Marquette Junior Wildcats 8U White Division Hockey Team, who won the 2019 Michigan Amateur Hockey Association State Championship recently. The mayor read a list of the team's accomplishments and said the Commission looks forward to hearing of the group's continued successes.

#### **7. Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee, by Nina van den Ende**

Nina van den Ende, member of the City's Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee, updated the City Commission on the activities of her board. She spoke about the TPAC's membership and future areas of focus, which included highlighting some intersections and areas of concern in the City.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. van den Ende for the presentation and the work of her group. Mayor Stonehouse said this presentation, and the work of the TPAC, is a great example of the positive and vital impact volunteer boards can have in the City.

#### **8. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Jenn Hill moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

##### **8.a. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,327,186.86**

- 8.b. Approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 Commission meeting.**
- 8.c. 2019 Fireworks Display Permit**
- 8.d. Emergency Bucket Truck Repair**
- 8.e. Hope Starts Here Challenge - Special Event**
- 8.f. Marquette Area Women's Roller Derby League - Lease Agreement**
- 8.g. Marquette Area Women's Roller Derby League - Use Agreement**
- 8.h. Shrine Circus - Special Event Permit**
- 8.i. Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) Paint Purchase**
- 8.j. Special Assessment Interest Rate**
- 8.k. Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Demolition of Buildings Ordinance #678**
- 8.l. Professional Laboratory Services**
- 8.m. Purchase Belt Filter Press Polymer**

## **Unfinished Business**

### **9. Purchase Request for City-Owned Property: Portion of Parcel 0240010 - Roll Call Vote**

Commissioner Dave Campana moved to Approve the sale of the property per the terms of the Purchase and Sales Agreement, adopt the attached Resolution of Sale and direct the City Manager to complete the sale, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

## **New Business**

### **10. Presentation/Support of Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority Recycling Efforts**

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority Director of Operations Brad Austin and Finance and Benefits Director Chris Magnuson presented an overview of the Authority's plan to move toward a single-stream recycling system in Marquette County and to become a regional recycling hub in the Upper Peninsula. Mr. Austin said the State of Michigan has set a long-term goal of increasing recycling levels to 45 percent, though at present, the statewide rate is only 15 percent; Marquette County, he said, is currently recycling at a rate of about 8 percent.

Mr. Magnuson presented various funding options for the switch, which could include an increase in tipping fees.

The Commission thanked the representatives for the presentation.

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Authorize the City Manager to sign the attached letter of support for the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority recycling efforts, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

### **11. Video System RFP**

Commissioner Pete Frazier moved to Approve the purchase from AVI Systems and authorize the City Manager or his designee, and following review by the City Attorney, to sign a contract with AVI Systems for the installation of a new Video Recording System for a total cost not to exceed \$99,710.00, seconded by Commissioner Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously.

### **12. Cliffs-Dow Property Sale and Development City Commission Subcommittee**

Having reserved time to speak on this item, Margaret Brumm told the Commission that she grew up in Marquette and remembers the operations on the Cliffs-Dow site. She said she has professional history with the property and offered her services to the Commission "as a technical and legal consultant on this matter".

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the appointment of the Mayor and two additional

Commissioners appointed by the Mayor to work with City staff to recommend a proposal for the sale and development of the former Cliffs-Dow property, with the intent of bringing the recommendation back to the City Commission for its consideration no later than Oct. 29, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Hill said this process will lead to development on a site that has not had a building on it in a long time and she hopes the City can communicate clearly throughout the process so that the public is informed and involved.

### **13. Resolution of Intent to Sell Municipal Property: Parcel 0480010 - Roll Call Vote**

Commissioner Pete Frazier moved to Approve adoption of the Resolution of Intent to Sell, and direct the City Manager to direct the sale of the parcel in accordance with the City Code, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

### **14. Development Agreement with HRS Founders Landing, LLC and Marquette Opportunity, LLC for Parcel 2 of Founders Landing**

The following residents requested time to speak during this item:

Frank Verito said he wanted better depictions and plans provided in Commission agenda packets.

Risa Bernard said she has been disappointed in the recent loss of views from South Marquette, and she wants this proposed project to be strictly limited to three stories. Several people, she said, will have views impacted.

John Archambeault said he always knew this parcel would be developed, but he wants it limited to three stories, and he wants the density limited. He said he believes the architect and developer aren't tied to the community and questioned the needs for additional hotels.

Shelley Russell said she loves the area, as well as the limited view she currently has of the lake. She wants to be sure the developers are held to strict standards when it comes to limiting the size of the development.

Lynn Barry said she grew up in South Marquette and that the view of the Lake as you enter the City from the south is part of what makes Marquette what it is. She said she wants to maintain the beauty for the public.

Commissioner Campana asked architect Barry Polzin to share information about the plan for this parcel. Mr. Polzin explained the history of the project, and stated that the buildings were planned to be three stories, with some taller elements.

Commissioner Schloegel asked staff for additional information, and Community Development Director Dennis Stachewicz stated that the zoning regulations in that area were established years ago through a public process. City Manager Angeli gave an update on the process and said this action would essentially represent the final step.

Commissioner Hill said that this process has obviously been handled correctly and nothing inappropriate had taken place. However, she said these processes are lengthy and extremely complicated and that the City needs to do a better job of explaining how these processes work, from a holistic standpoint.

Commissioner Pete Frazier moved to Approve the Development Agreement as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dave Campana and Carried Unanimously.

### **15. Kaye, Front, and Park Street Reconstruction Projects**

Commissioner Dave Campana moved to Award a contract for the package reconstruction project of Kaye Avenue, Front Street, and Park Street to Smith Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,299,726.95, based on the quantities and unit prices bid. Allow the City Manager to use a 10 percent contingency for any unknown circumstances, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

### **16. License to Use City Right-of-Way at 603 N. Third Street**

Commissioner Pete Frazier moved to Approve the application and direct the license to include language requiring the property owner to be responsible for maintenance and any replacement of the structure, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

## 17. License to Use City Right-of-Way at 1209 N. Third Street

Commissioner Dave Campana moved to Approve the application as the improvements are being made to an existing encroachment and direct the license to include language that requires the owner to be responsible for maintenance and replacement of the structure, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

## 18. Lighthouse Park Project Upgrades

Having reserved time to speak on this item, Frank Verito said he doesn't believe the public supports this plan.

Commissioner Pete Frazier moved to Approve waiving the normal bidding process and approve the multi-use pathway, additional work and funding for the Lighthouse Park project upgrades in the amount of \$686,331.75 to Oberstar, Inc. based on the quantities and unit prices. Allow the City Manager to use a 20% contingency for any unknown circumstances., seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

### **Public Comments - Comments may not exceed three minutes per person. Please state your name and physical address when making public comments.**

Colleen Roberts spoke about unanimous votes by the City Commission. Matt Luttenberger discussed conflicts of interest and inherent bias.

Dick Hennessy agreed with Commissioner comments stating that public outreach needs to be better and said that putting something on the internet doesn't necessarily make it easily accessible for everyone.

Lynn Barry also voiced support for improved outreach and said she would like additional information on the plans for recycling changes.

Frank Verito spoke about Peter White and the interactions with Commissioners.

### **Comments from the Commission**

**CAMPANA**-Commissioner Campana said he supports the MCSWMA's recycling plans and said that it has been indicated that if the switch to single-stream recycling winds up being funded by a tipping fee increase, that increase may be temporary, and could be eliminated once the program is off the ground.

**FRAZIER**-Commissioner Frazier talked about the history of the Founder's Landing area and noted the pending changes. He said the Lighthouse Park will be a benefit to the entire City.

**HILL**-Commissioner Hill noted that April 28 was Worker Remembrance Day and that it is important to remember those who lost their lives in the course of their work. She said it was obviously not possible for this year, but that she hoped we could recognize this day next year. She reminded everyone that there is a May 6 Commission Work Session regarding recreational marijuana establishments in the City and a May 7 Special Meeting about Lakeshore Boulevard. She said she voted yes on the Founders Landing item because the development meets all the criteria laid out by the previous planning process - that said, she still thinks we need to do a better job of communicating the full process to the public.

**SCHLOEGEL**-Commissioner Schloegel said this has been a full agenda, but added that it was great to set aside time to honor the youth hockey team at the beginning of the meeting. He said he supports the recycling plan and is happy to see a glass re-use option included. He said he also thinks the concept of becoming a regional recycling hub could be very important to the City.

**STONEHOUSE**-Mayor Stonehouse said, in response to a previous comment, that items often receive unanimous votes from the Commission because the recommendations that come from staff are well-explained. He said Marquette is not Traverse City and will not become Traverse City, and he said the City has little control over how many hotels are built in the City by private developers. He noted that it would be difficult to build a commercial structure if the demand isn't there.

### **Comments from the City Manager**

**ANGELI**-City Manager Mike Angeli told the Commission, in response to a previous question, that the trees that have recently been cut down by Semco belong to the City. He reminded Commissioners of the Special Meeting and Work Session scheduled for next week, and said he has office hours at the Peter White Public Library on May 8.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Stonehouse adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

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**Frederick Stonehouse, Mayor**

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**Kris M. Hazeres, City Clerk**

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