



## City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

### Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, June 28, 2021

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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

Present: Bonsall, Davis, Hanley, Hill, Mayer, Smith, Stonehouse

#### Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Evan Bonsall removed Item 4.j from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Smith indicated it would become Item 5 under New Business, with all other items being pushed down the agenda.

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously.

#### Announcements

Mayor Smith reminded the public that glass recycling is taking place during the first week of the month, from July 5 to 9.

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

There were no public comments.

#### Presentation(s)

**1. Police/Fire Beach Update**

Cpl. John Rink of the Marquette Police Department shared an update on local law enforcement's preparations for the upcoming Independence Day celebrations.

**2. Lake Superior Community Partnership, by Chief Executive Officer Sarah Lucas**

Lake Superior Community Partnership CEO Sarah Lucas introduced herself to the City Commission and offered a summary of her background, as well as an overview of LSCP activities. Ms. Lucas said the LSCP is focusing on data collection and marketing, and is embarking on a strategic planning process. She discussed messaging and metrics and highlighted the group's work in collaboration with local governments.

**3. Innovation Marquette SmartZone's Digital Economy Initiative Update, by Leslie Hartman and Chief Executive Officer Joe Thiel**

SmartZone CEO Joe Thiel offered an update on SmartZone activities and plans for the future. He shared an overview of the SmartZone, as well as metrics, including data on client and business interactions since January of 2020. Mr. Thiel said the SmartZone was working to strengthen local collaboration.

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

**4.a.** Approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular Commission meeting.

**4.b.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,637,924.95

**4.c.** 44 North Master Administrative Agreement

**4.d.** Annual Wetland Mitigation Monitoring and Maintenance Services

**4.e.** Contract Modification for BP 17-11 Solid Waste Collection Services – Curbside Residential

**4.f.** NTN EGLE Permit Authorization

**4.g.** Ordinance #695 - Street Performers (First Read)

**4.h.** Ordinance #696 - Presque Isle Open Burning Regulation (First Read)

**4.i.** Purchase of Bullet Proof Vests

**4.k.** Superior Kayaking Company - Lease Agreement

**4.l.** Tree Planting Services

#### **New Business**

#### **5. Schedule a Public Hearing for Vault Marquette Brownfield Plan - Roll Call Vote**

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve scheduling a public hearing for the Vault Marquette Brownfield Plan for the July 12, 2021 City Commission meeting, approve the resolution establishing the public hearing, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

#### **6. Ad-Hoc Housing Committee Report**

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the acceptance of the final report of findings from the Ad-Hoc Housing Committee, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

7. Ordinance #697 - FY 21 CWSRF Bonds (First Read)

Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill moved to Move Ordinance #697 to the next regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

8. Resolution Authorizing 2021 Capital Improvement and Refunding Bonds- Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve a Resolution authorizing 2021 Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

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Margaret Brumm said City Commission work sessions are very important, and supported the idea of televising and recording the sessions.

**Comments from the Commission**

**Commissioner Davis** said she represented the City at the recent US Coast Guard changing of the guard ceremony, which she enjoyed. She voiced appreciation for the organization, which has been officially operating on Lake Superior since the late 1800s.

**Commissioner Hanley** wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July holiday.

**Mayor Pro Tem Hill** spoke on the possible negative impacts that would result from the adoption of the short-term rental bills currently awaiting action in the state legislature. She also said she was curious if broadcasting work sessions would be feasible.

**Commissioner Mayer** thanked tonight's presenters, as well as the members of the Ad Hoc Housing Committee for the work that went in to the report that was accepted this evening. He also said it was good to see the public in Commission Chambers.

**Commissioner Stonehouse** agreed about the short-term rental bills, and he urged people to voice opposition to their state representatives, as well as to the Governor's office.

**Commissioner Bonsall** said Art Week was a great success and thanked the Commission for their comments on the Ad Hoc Housing Committee, which he chaired. He also voiced support for UPHS hospital techs, a group that voted this week to join the Michigan Nurses Association.

**Mayor Smith** agreed with previous commissioners on the importance of opposing the short-term rental bills. She also highlighted the fact that the current real estate market may ultimately influence local tax revenues.

**Comments from the City Manager**

**City Manager Karen Kovacs** noted that, in honor of the Independence Day holiday, most City offices would be closing at noon on Friday and would remain closed through Monday, re-opening for business on Tuesday, July 6.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Smith adjourned the work session at 7:18 p.m.

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**Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor**

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**Kyle Whitney, City Clerk**

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