



**City of Marquette, MI**

300 West Baraga Ave  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

**Meeting Minutes  
City Commission**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 9, 2022**

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**Special Meeting**

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

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

Absent: Bonsall

**Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously.

**Announcements**

Mayor Smith had no announcements.

**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.

**1. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

**1.a.** Approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Commission work session

**1.b.** Approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 regular Commission meeting

**Presentation**

**2. Operating Millage Discussion**

City Manager Karen Kovacs, Assistant City Manager Sean Hobbins and CFO Mary Schlicht offered a budget overview, as well as an explanation of the City's financial landscape as annual budget planning begins. They said staff will likely be asking the Commission to increase the operating millage this year, for the first time in 16 years. This possible rate change would likely take effect for the summer billing cycle in July.

Staff then led a discussion about expenditures and revenues, city budget history, local millage rates and average property values.

Commissioners then offered feedback and asked questions, with the conversation touching on outreach and education components, the ability to maintain a fund balance, ongoing brownfield projects, the impact of Michigan Tax Tribunal cases and the value of maintaining existing City services.

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There were no public comments.

**Comments from the Commission**

There were no additional comments from the City Commission.

**Comments from the City Manager**

Manager Karen Kovacs had no comments.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Smith adjourned the special meeting at 5:46 p.m.

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**Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor**

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**Kyle Whitney, City Clerk**

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