



**Meeting Minutes
City Commission**

**Monday, June 27, 2022
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Smith spoke on the coming Fourth of July weekend festivities.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment

Madeline Arquette, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 06-01-25

Amy Manning, Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, for a term ending 07-01-25

Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer moved to Approve the appointment of Madeline Arquette, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 06-01-25 and Amy Manning, Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, for a term ending 07-01-25, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

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Logan Stauber, Camp Cannabis event organizer, thanked the Commission for their consideration of his event, and said he is in the audience if the Commission has any questions on that specific item.

Jay Clancey, owner of Cognition Brewery also said he would be available to address any questions regarding the new brewery on Third Street.

Jacob Soter, Dhruv Patel, Brad Groves, Brian Kaulbieda spoke on their experiences being involved with Innovate Marquette SmartZone and their support of the organization. Valerie Olson and Brian Miller voiced concerns over municipal water fluoridation.

Presentation(s)

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

Joe Thiel with Innovate Marquette gave the Commission an update on the organization and its progress over the past year. He highlighted funding sources, such as grants and angel investments, and detailed specific client success stories, naming a number of businesses which Innovate Marquette has assisted in their start up. He continued by highlighting projects the organization is currently involved with, and provided a review of the financials of the organization.

Commission discussion ensued, with a focus on funding sources, including tax dollars and grants. Commissioners indicated that they would like to see a full year of financial reports from the organization and also emphasized housing and childcare as critical to maintaining businesses in the area and attracting and retaining workers to our community.

Public Hearing(s)

3. Conditional Rezoning of Parcel 0510156 on Forestville Basin Trail - Roll Call Vote

The public hearing was opened by Mayor Smith and the public had the opportunity speak on the proposed rezoning of the parcel.

Adrienne Wolfe, attorney for the applicant, said the conditional rezoning agreement limits the parcel to single family residential homes and the intention is for 8 single-family homes to be located on the 27+ acres.

Bruce Pesola identified himself as the applicant of the project, on behalf of Cedar Point Family Trust.

Mayor Smith then closed public comment.

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to adopt Ordinance 711, rezoning parcel 0510156 from Conservation and Recreation to Low-Density Residential with Conditional Rezoning, approve the Conditional Rezoning Agreement and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign both. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis.

The Mayor invited City Planning Commission Chair Joy Cardillo to the podium to explain the rezoning process. The Commission then discussed the proposal.

Discussion included a list of reasons for support of the rezoning - it meets the requirements established by the Planning Commission, the development will add a number of single family homes, and the development will increase the City's tax roll

immediately without the use of Brownfield or infrastructure funding.

Staff answered questions about the road leading to the parcel, about accessory dwelling units and about fire and wetland concerns.

Mayor Smith stated her biggest concern was taking land out of Conservation easement when the trade off is a small number of homes. Mr. Pesola then stated he would be putting 40 acres into conservation while only building 8 homes. He voiced support for the trail network which runs through the area and said he will have continual conversations with the NTN throughout the development.

Following discussion, the Commission voted on the motion, to adopt Ordinance 711 and approve the conditional rezoning request. The motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote, with Mayor Smith voting no.

4. Rezoning of Property at 595 Forestville Basin Trail - Roll Call Vote

The public hearing was opened by Mayor Smith and the public had the opportunity speak on the proposed rezoning of the parcel.

There was no public comment, and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Jenn Hill moved to adopt Ordinance 712, rezoning parcel 1170101 from Conservation and Recreation to Low Density Residential as recommended by the Planning Commission, and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the ordinance, seconded by Commission Fred Stonehouse. Discussion ensued.

Staff clarified the connection between the two Forestville Basin Trail parcels being discussed tonight, and Mayor Smith acknowledged her support of this rezoning, as it was expressly recommended by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Hill asked for clarification on the number of houses being built on this specific parcel. Mr. Pesola, the developer, said there will be one house built.

Adrienne Wolfe stated that this parcel is already part of the Blue Heron Bluff Condominium Association which has restrictive covenants in place requiring the property to be used for single family use.

Following discussion, the Commission voted to adopt ordinance 712. This motion carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

5. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

5.a. Approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022 special Commission meeting

5.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,489,656.23

- 5.c. Hiawatha Music Non-Profit Corporation - Special Event Permit
- 5.d. International Food Fest - Special Event Permit
- 5.e. Microsoft 365 Annual Renewal
- 5.f. New Liquor License Application - Roll Call Vote
- 5.g. Ore to Shore - Special Event Permit
- 5.h. Iron Ore Heritage Trail License Request for Use of Municipal Property at 301 S. Lakeshore Blvd.
- 5.i. License Request for Use of Municipal Property at 1095 S. Lake Street for Little Free Library
- 5.j. Presque Isle Marina - Professional Services
- 5.k. Schedule Public Hearing - Land Development Code Amendments
- 5.l. Wastewater Plant Fire Alarm System

New Business

6. Camp Cannabis - Special Event Permit

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to approve the Special Event Permit for City Parks, Streets, Buildings and Grounds with TFS Events, LLC, contingent upon the applicant submitting proof of adequate insurance no later than September 7, 2022, and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement following receipt of proof of adequate insurance. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mayer.

Commissioner Hanley and Mayor Pro Tem Mayer both indicated excitement for this event as it's the first of its kind.

Mayor Pro Tem Mayer also said that when the Temporary Marijuana Event Policy was initially created, the Commission asked for it to be reviewed in November of 2022. Because Camp Cannabis is being held in October, it will give City staff and the Commission the ability to review the policy and evaluate the event.

Mayor Smith requested an explanation of the insurance issue, and staff said the insurance standard for this event is similar to the requirements for liquor liability insurance, and that the goal is to protect attendees, the applicant, and the City. Staff indicated they are working directly with TFS Events, LLC and the insurance company.

Logan Stauber, owner and event organizer, stated that the insurance request was sent out to different brokerages and noted that nothing in the Cannabis industry is simple. He said quotes for insurance will be provided to TFS Events, LLC 90 days from the event.

Commissioner Bonsall asked about the safety measures being put into place for the event, and Mr. Stauber explained they have contracted with a security company that has worked at many musical festivals. He said the company will provide more than 30 trained security guards on site, along with security vehicles located at all entrances and exits. He explained they will be doing routine checks along the perimeter and he detailed other aspects of the security and medical preparations.

Commissioner Hill thanked TFS Events for all the care and concern they were showing in planning this event.

Mayor Smith thanked Assistant City Manager Sean Hobbins for the work that went into creating the Temporary Marijuana Event Policy as it is groundbreaking. She said she hopes this is a success for the City, the community, and TFS Events.

Following discussion the Commission took a vote on the original motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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7. Purchase of Used Fire Truck

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to approve the purchase of used 1999 Pierce Sabre from Pittsville Fire Department, Inc. of Pittsville, Wisconsin in an amount not to exceed \$39,000 and to officially name the truck in honor as Mayor Smith. Seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall.

Commissioner Stonehouse opened the discussion by saying, it has been a tradition of the Fire Department that a fire truck acquired during a mayor's tenure be named in honor of that Mayor.

Commissioner Bonsall recognized the financial deal the City was getting by purchasing a used fire truck in comparison to a new one. He acknowledged the City's recent purchase of a new fire truck using ARPA funding. He also stated by purchasing a used truck with low mileage this will get the fire trucks out of the same purchasing/useful life cycle. This will help alleviate the financial burden of needing to purchase two very expensive vehicles at the same time in the future.

Commissioner Hanley spoke on future fire truck purchases, questioning whether it is beneficial to purchase trucks used rather than brand new, as they are typically significantly cheaper. Staff said used trucks are always considered but that technological changes, safety standards and other modifications must be taken into account.

Commissioner Hill shared the same sentiment as Commissioner Hanley and commented on the increased use of electric vehicles.

Mayor Pro Tem Mayer asked about the reuse of parts from the old vehicle. Staff confirmed parts will be salvaged where possible, explained modifications that need

to be made and highlighted the rarity of finding a used vehicle in such good condition.

At the close of discussion the Commission took a vote on the original motion, which carried unanimously.

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Barb Owdziej wanted the public to know the League of Women Voters would be hosting a Community Forum for the 109th House district.

Jacob Soter spoke on the national life guard shortage and his business's beach safety systems.

Dave Campana expressed support of the use of fluoride in the public water system.

Silas Talley gave his personal testimony of Innovate Marquette SmartZone.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Hill addressed the lack of financial reporting by Innovate Marquette and requested to see a more detail report.

Commissioner Stonehouse spoke on the origin of the SmartZone, which is aimed at providing high-tech jobs in our community and echoed Commissioner Hill. He also reminded the public of the City's fireworks ordinance with the upcoming holiday.

Commissioner Bonsall reiterated the desire to receive full financial reports from Innovate Marquette. He praised the positive work the organization is doing by bringing jobs and investments to the community and highlighted the importance of not only bringing people to the community, but also addressing how to retain those people.

Commissioner Davis congratulated Arts and Culture for another successful Art Week. She acknowledged the personal stories that were brought forth to the Commission regarding Innovate Marquette. Lastly, she thanked those volunteers who clean up the beaches after the Fourth of July holiday.

Commissioner Hanley had no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Mayer thanked Innovate Marquette for their presentation and those who gave personal testimonials. He also indicated his excitement for the Camp Cannabis event.

Mayor Smith acknowledged the public comments regarding fluoride and expressed her confidence in the City continuing to use fluoride in the community water system.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs applauded Assistant City Manager, Sean Hobbins for his efforts that went into creating the Temporary Marijuana Event policy.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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