



**Meeting Minutes  
City Commission**

**Monday, July 25, 2022  
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 Sally Davis moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer 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.**

Mary Lou Blomquist spoke on behalf of the Marquette Area Sister Cities Partnership. She said there will be a reception at the Peter White Public Library on August 6, and the group will be hosting the Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit, who will be in town. She shared the history of the sister cities partnership, focusing on the relationship with Higashiomi, Japan.

**Presentation(s)**

**1. Recognition of Appreciation - Donald Fassbender**

Mayor Smith presented a certificate of appreciation to Don Fassbender - Diver Don - and thanked him for his volunteer efforts to clean up the harbor in recent years.

The Commission echoed this praise with Commissioner Stonehouse talking about the global importance of Lake Superior and of keeping it clean. He said that there are many state and federal agencies working to maintain the lake, but that there are several non-profits making huge contributions.

Commissioner Davis said she loves unintentional heroes, and said Mr. Fassbender has combined his talents and interests to make a major impact locally.

**2. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote**

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve approve the Consent Agenda as

presented, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

- 2.a. Approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular Commission meeting
- 2.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,664,404.25
- 2.c. Application for License to Use City Property Adjacent to 616 Mesnard Street
- 2.d. Festival of Sail - Special Event Permit
- 2.e. Great Lakes Scuba Diving and Lake Preservation Non-Profit Status - Roll Call Vote
- 2.f. Letter of Sympathy – Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe
- 2.g. United Way Non-Profit Status - Roll Call Vote
- 2.h. Wastewater Plant Fire Alarm Contract/Change Order #1

### **New Business**

#### **3. City Manager and City Attorney Performance Evaluation Process**

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Authorize the Mayor's appointment of three Commissioners to serve on a committee to review and compile the City Manager's and City Attorney's performance evaluations and to make a recommendation regarding future terms of employment and compensation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Smith appointed Commissioners Bonsall, Davis and Stonehouse to sit on this committee.

#### **4. YMCA Facility Use Agreement**

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the YMCA Facility Use Agreement, and direct the Mayor and Clerk to sign, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

#### **5. Marquette Township PA 425 Agreement**

Commissioner Jenn Hill moved to Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a PA 425 agreement with Marquette Township for the Longyear housing development on Forestville Road, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse. Discussion ensued, with Commissioners and staff discussing the semantics of a 425 agreement, as well as the details of this particular development.

The Commission then voted on the motion, which Carried Unanimously.

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There were no public comments at this point.

**Comments from the Commission**

**Commissioner Bonsall** had no comments.

**Commissioner Davis** had no comments.

**Commissioner Hanley** said everyone should go to Blueberry Fest on Friday and Art on the Rocks this weekend.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mayer** congratulated Community Development Director Dennis Stachewicz on receiving the Planning Champion Award from the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association.

**Commissioner Hill** praised the recent Hiawatha Music Festival and reminded people that the Primary Election is coming up on Tuesday, August 2.

**Commissioner Stonehouse** praised local author Sonny Longtine on his recent book, Marquette - A Waterfront Renaissance. He said this history is key, and that in order to understand where you are, you need to understand where you were.

**Mayor Smith** said Hiawatha was fantastic. She urged residents to be extra kind to service industry workers who are working throughout the summer. She said she and two commissioners met recently with representatives from the NMU Board of Trustees. She said this meeting represented positive collaboration with NMU and bodes well for the future.

**Comments from the City Manager**

**City Manager Karen Kovacs** congratulated Dennis Stachewicz on receiving the Planning Champion Award and read a quote praising his work from Jim Tischler, of Michigan's Land Bank Authority. She complimented Dennis' work ethic and achievements with the City.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

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Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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