



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

**Meeting Minutes
City Commission**

**Monday, April 24, 2023
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Hanley, Larson, Mayer, Ottaway, Smith, Stonehouse

Absent: Davis

Commissioner Jenna Smith moved to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis from tonight's meeting due to personal reasons, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Jermei Ottaway moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Mayer had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Kristine Shannon, Marquette Housing Commission, for an unexpired term ending 07-09-27

Andrew Tripp, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for an unexpired ending 01-29-26

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the appointments as listed, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

2. Reappointment(s)

Judy Berglund, Elections Board, for a term ending 04-11-27

Steven Schmunk, Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees, for a term ending 05-01-28

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the re-appointments as listed, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

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

Susan Estler read a letter from David Kronberg regarding the Fresh Coast Light Lab agreement on tonight's agenda.

Margaret Brumm praised the City fire department, especially the first responders that assisted during a recent gas leak in her neighborhood. She also thanked Commissioner Ottaway for speaking to a class that she is teaching at NMU.

Attorney Jacob Leys spoke on behalf of Jon Christianson about the possible impacts of the Land Development Code amendments being considered tonight.

Public Hearing(s)

3. Ordinance 720 - Land Development Code Amendments - Roll Call Vote

With no one looking to comment on this item, Mayor Mayer closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve Ordinance 720 as presented by the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

- 4.a.** Approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 regular Commission meeting
- 4.b.** Approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 Joint Work Session
- 4.c.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$834,090.93
- 4.d.** Biosolids Hauling Contract
- 4.e.** CDBG Certified Grant Administrator
- 4.f.** CDBG Development Agreement
- 4.g.** Carden Circus - Special Event Permit
- 4.h.** Commission Policy: Standards for City-appointed Boards, Committees and Authorities
- 4.i.** Fire Department SCBA Replacement
- 4.j.** Founders Landing Pile Reuse Design and Construction Oversight Change Order
- 4.k.** Fresh Coast Light Lab Use Agreement
- 4.l.** Street Improvements, Paving and Sanitary Sewer Line Replacements Project

New Business

5. Vault Development Agreement

Assistant City Manager Sean Hobbins offered a presentation about the planned project, which has been in the works for several years and which has received significant support from state sources. He shared schedules and site plan updates, as well as updated data related to the proposed public parking deck, including revenue and expense estimates.

Commissioner Jessica Hanley then moved to Approve the Public Parking Facility Development Agreement with Marquette Vault, LLC as presented, and authorize the execution of the document, seconded by Commissioner Jermei Ottaway.

Commissioners thanked staff for the presentation and the work done to this point and said this project has been in the works for a long time.

Commissioners Smith and Stonehouse asked about impacts on pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the project, as well as about the overall timeline. Architect Barry Polzin shared additional information and said there will be a passable pedestrian option available throughout the project, whether that is the bike path, or the opposite side of Washington or Main.

The Commission then voted on the motion, which carried unanimously.

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No public comment.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Larson talked about how transformative the Vault project will be for that portion of town and praised the recent pedestrian corridor cleanup.

Commissioner Ottaway said he is looking forward to seeing how the operating agreement related to the Vault project will be structured, and he thanked Margaret Brumm for inviting him to speak in her class.

Commissioner Smith reminded the public that there is an election coming up next week for a MARESA millage. She asked people to consider the proposal and to vote.

Commissioner Stonehouse said this was a short meeting but that it was huge when it comes to the impact of the projects approved.

Commissioner Hanley agreed with previous sentiments, and said that the City Clerk's birthday is Friday.

Mayor Mayer thanked everyone and praised the Commission-Board policy approved tonight. He's excited it was on the agenda.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs praised staff and said the projects on tonight's agenda are moving the City forward. She thanked Assistant City Manager Sean Hobbins for his work, and reminded residents that brush and leaf pickup is coming up in the next few

weeks.

Adjournment

Mayor Mayer adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Cody O. Mayer, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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