



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, April 29, 2024

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Hanley, Larson, Mayer, Ottaway, Smith

Absent: Davis, Schloegel

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to excuse Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Mayor Sally Davis due to personal reasons, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Smith and Carried Unanimously

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the Agenda with a single amendment, moving Item 4.m. from the Consent Agenda to New Business, making it Item 10, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Joseph Meyskens to the Peter White Public Library Board, for a term ending 05-01-29

Joshua Bal to the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, for an unexpired term ending 02-01-27

Demetrios Kaltsas to the Planning Commission, for an unexpired term ending 02-15-27

Kristine Granger, to the Planning Commission, for an unexpired term ending 02-15-27

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the appointments as listed, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

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

Cary Gottlieb said he was speaking in support of the consent agenda item related to the Lake Street Fiber replacement, and that he was available if the Commission had questions on the topic.

Matt Luttenberger talked about future uses for Lakeview Arena, and said he would like to see the building prioritized.

Jane Fitkin asked the City Commission to prioritize bike infrastructure in the community, specifically asking for the bike lanes and sharrow markings to be repainted this year on Third Street.

Kevin Crupi echoed the previous comment, highlighting the benefits of biking and asking for the bike lanes and marking to be repainted.

Cameron Smith said there are many good programs being offered in the area. He encouraged people who would like career advancement, further education or training to continue to be involved.

Margaret Brumm spoke about the technical and cost proposal for Cliffs-Dow cleanup grant, sharing information about some of the newer technologies in the field.

Janet Simula said the Lake Street Association is ready to fund the burial of the power lines along Lake Street, and that the money will be distributed tomorrow if the Commission approves moving forward with their portion of the project tonight.

Presentation(s)

2. Guardian of the Quarter, Lana Tregear

On behalf of the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, Jim Edwards presented the UPCM's Guardian of the Quarter Award, Lana Tregear.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley then presented Lana with the award and a cupcake in recognition of her efforts.

3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, by Chair Amanda Gobert

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Amanda Gobert offered an update on the board's activities from the past year. She spoke about the scope of the city's parks and recreation facilities, which encompasses more than 2,800 acres of land. She gave updates on the state of current capital projects. She said that moving forward the committee would focus on external funding sources, the five-year master plan and bike safety, among other topics.

Following the presentation, Commissioners thanked Ms. Gobert for her presentation and praised the PRAB.

4. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Smith and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

4.a. Approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 regular Commission meeting

4.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,960.164.76

4.c. Ainsley's HALO Non-Profit Status - Roll Call Vote

4.d. Application to Use City Property Adjacent to 136 W. Baraga Ave. (Front)

4.e. Application to Use City Property Adjacent to 136 W. Baraga Ave. (Rear)

4.f. Biosolids Hauling Contract

- 4.g. FEMA Intergovernmental Agreement - Roll Call Vote
- 4.h. Ordinance 727 - Designation of Regulated Floodprone Hazard Areas
- 4.i. Lake Street Fiber Replacement and Burial Services
- 4.j. Ontario Avenue Right-of-Way and Utility Easement
- 4.k. Pride Festival - Special Event Permit
- 4.l. Release of Kids Cove Funds
- 4.m. Vango's, Inc. - Termination of Lease Agreement
- 4.n. Becky's Roadside Refreshments, LLC. - Concession Lease Agreement
- 4.o. Bike Month Proclamation

New Business

- 5. City Commission Policy 1999-01 - Revision

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the adoption of City Commission Policy 1999-01 as recommended, to include the changes advised by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Smith and Carried Unanimously.

- 6. Public Art Contract - Kids Cove Dragonfly

Commissioner Jermei Ottaway moved to Approve Artist Brian Wignall's Dragonfly design, as submitted, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

- 7. Professional Services Agreement - Cliffs-Dow EPA Cleanup Grant Project

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the Professional Services Agreement with TriMedia Environmental and Engineering, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

- 8. Proposed Charter Amendments - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve adoption of the five resolutions proposing city charter amendments, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Smith and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

- 9. MCSWMA Articles of Incorporation Amendment - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve adoption of the amended Articles

of Incorporation for the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

10. Sugarloaf Multiuse Path Extension Project - Contract Approval

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve a contract with Oberstar Inc. of Marquette, Michigan for the Sugarloaf Multiuse Pathway Extension project at a cost of \$285,892.80 based on quantities and unit prices in the proposal, allow the City Manager to use a 15 percent contingency for any unforeseen circumstances, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract, contingent upon obtaining the legal rights to use BLP land, seconded by Commissioner Jermei Ottaway and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

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Demetri Kaltsas talked about Strong Towns and about biking safety and infrastructure, and voiced support for the creation of a culture of walking and biking.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Smith thanked everyone for their comments, discussed bike sharrows and asked the City Manager to discuss the request to repaint the lines. She also discussed bike-to-work week, and challenged her fellow City Commissioners to ride their bikes to the next City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Larson talked about how surprisingly large the City's park footprint truly is, at over 2,800 acres.

Commissioners Mayer and Ottaway had no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanley congratulated the NMU graduates and noted that Mayor Davis would be back for the next meeting.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said that May 13-19 is bike-to-work week, and supported the idea of biking to the City Commission meeting on May 13. She said that the household rubbish and compost drop-off sites are now open for the season.

Regarding the questions about bike infrastructure, Assistant City Manager Sean Hobbins said the city is pursuing a grant to refurbish the entire bike network, which would include repainting Third Street and other locations, as well as implementing the rest of the components of the City's bike route plan.

He said the city is also a finalist for a state-level grant that would allow the city to plan for a more robust biking infrastructure, including protected infrastructure.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Hanley adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Jessica Hanley, Mayor Pro Tem

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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