



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, June 10, 2024
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Davis, Hanley, Larson, Ottaway, Schloegel, Smith
Absent: Mayer

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to excuse Commissioner Cody Mayer due to work-related reasons, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Davis spoke about the upcoming 175th anniversary of Marquette, and said that a City time capsule, buried 25 years ago, will be opened following the July 4 parade.

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

Margaret Brumm spoke about the importance of large animal rescue plans.
Dennis McCowen shared his opinions on the Master Plan draft, which contemplates extending Center Street and on eliminating dead-ends where possible.
Becky Lloyd talked about her business and said she just took over the Island Store and wanted to introduce herself.

Presentation(s)

1. Fiscal Year 2023 Audit by Mike Greutz, Anderson Tackman & Co.

Mike Greutz, from Anderson Tackman, presented a summary of the City's annual audit.

2. Cultural Trail Update, by Tiina Morin

Tiina Morin presented an overview of the plans for the City's Cultural Trail project.

Commissioners responded positively, with most stating how excited they were by

the proposal, which reflects positively on the community. There was some discussion about how the City may ultimately fund such a sweeping plan, and about whether it would be beneficial to include the plan in the City Master Plan.

3. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jermei Ottaway moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

3.a. Approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 regular Commission meeting

3.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$338,218.54

3.c. Lakeview Arena HVAC Condenser Replacement

3.d. Schedule Public Hearing - Land Development Code Amendments

3.e. State Highway Maintenance Agreement

3.f. State Right-of-Way Permits - Roll Call Vote

New Business

4. Architecture Services - Cultural Center and Trailhead

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley moved to Award the bid to Locus Architecture, LTD of Minneapolis, Minnesota, approve the contract and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign it, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

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Margaret Brumm spoke more about large-animal rescue.

Fred Stonehouse praised the Cultural Trail plan, which he said is brilliant and could be a benchmark for other communities. He asked for the plan to focus on the harbor with great sensitivity.

Dennis McCowen talked about how much pedestrian traffic there is near the Center Street corridor.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Schloegel warned people to be careful and to watch out for people in crosswalks. He said he was looking forward to Art Week later this month.

Commissioner Smith said that school is letting out tomorrow for the summer, and people should keep an eye out for children while traveling in town.

Commissioner Larson said that the audit presentation mentioned that the city was "living within our means". He said that is a testament to staff and financial planning. Regarding the Master Planning process, he advised people to go online and give comments. He also asked staff if it makes sense to incorporate the cultural trail plan, as discussed tonight.

Mayor Davis talked about the draft Master Plan, and said that she has heard concerns and is passing them on to staff, and she urged others to offer comments and opinions on the process. She spoke about the Mobile Secretary of State office that came to town recently. She also talked about the meaning of Flag Day, coming up on June 14. **Commissioners Ottaway and Hanley** had no comment.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs talked about various ways that the cultural trail plan could be integrated into the Master Plan, or into other various city planning documents.

Adjournment

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Sally Davis, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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