



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

**Meeting Minutes
City Commission**

Monday, July 29, 2024

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Davis reminded residents that Early Voting is currently happening in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library, and said the site will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Sunday, Aug. 4.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Charles Klecha to the Downtown Development Authority for an unexpired term ending 01-01-25.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the appointment as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

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

Linda Smith spoke on behalf of the Convention of States, sharing information about the group.

Margaret Brumm said the public would like more information on a handful of items, including updates on a recent car accident on Presque Isle, as well as the dredging operation near the upper harbor. she also said she would like to see announcements and distributed literature detailing the dangers of Lake Superior.

Jane Fitkin spoke about biking infrastructure. She said that she previously spoke in April and asked for the bike lanes to be repainted and that she is back to thank the City for repainting the sharrows and lane lines. She thanked the City for showing a commitment to bike infrastructure.

Matt Luttenberger said he is on the ballot and spoke and shared his opinions on property use in north Marquette, future plans for Lakeview Arena and TIF financing.

Presentation(s)

2. Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, by Chair Callie New

Callie New offered an annual update on the activity of the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. She provided an overview of state-supported brownfield mechanisms and TIF benefits, and shared updates on city brownfield projects.

Public Hearing(s)

3. Rezoning of 446 E. Crescent Street - Roll Call Vote

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing.

Matt Treado said he is representing the owner if there are questions from the City Commission.

With no further comments, Mayor Davis closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Jermei Ottaway moved to Concur with the Planning Commission recommendation and approve the rezoning, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Smith and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

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

4.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$3,944,074.87

4.c. Former MGH Brownfield Allocation

4.d. License to Use a Portion of the Magnetic Street Right-of-Way Adjacent to 305 W. Magnetic Street

4.e. License to Use a Portion of the Third Street Right-of-Way Adjacent to 600 N. Third Street

4.f. MERS Annual Meeting - Officer Delegate Appointment

4.g. MERS Authorized Official Resolution - Roll Call Vote

4.h. Proclamation - Downtown Marquette Farmers Market Week

4.i. Release of Kids Cove Funds

New Business

5. EGLE LSLR Grant - Professional Services Contract Approval

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the Professional Services Contract for Lead Service Line Identification Services with Smith Construction, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

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Linda Smith said that people interested in her group could go to conventionofstates.com for more information. She said she thinks it's critical that elected officials have real communication with their constituents.

Margaret Brumm identified the times and dates of future events that she will be holding in an attempt to gather signatures for a recall effort related to the Marquette Area Public Schools Board.

Matt Luttenberger spoke about Lakeview Arena, TIF funding, affordable housing and water usage.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Mayer highlighted some of the recent city improvements in north Marquette, and clarified how TIF functions, noting that it must be applied to private developments in order to generate the taxes needed to sustain a TIF district.

Commissioner Ottaway said it was a big weekend in Marquette and thanked the city staff for managing everything. He said the weekend events made driving on Lakeshore Boulevard very difficult during the weekend, and said the city may want to plan for those difficulties next year.

Commssioner Schloegel talked about how many people were in town and how to better handle the inflow of people and traffic. He said he was happy to see how well the City system sustained the recent heavy rain. He said that's why it is so important to invest in systems like that.

Commissioner Smith reminded people to get out and vote on Tuesday in the primary election.

Mayor Davis said the Sister Cities delegation from Higashiomi is in town through Aug. 6.

Commissioner Larson and **Mayor Pro Tim Hanley** had no comments.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said the upper harbor dredging project is about 60 percent complete and was paused in order to avoid disrupting fish spawning.

Deputy City Manager Sean Hobbins said the bike lines were re-stripped recently and said the city is awaiting a response on an MDOT grant that would help to refresh infrastructure and the bike route plan. Additionally, he said an MDARD grant has been approved and should allow for next-level planning for bike infrastructure.

Manager Kovacs spoke about special events, and praised both the volunteer efforts and staff time that goes into these events.

Adjournment

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Sally Davis, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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