



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, August 26, 2024
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hanley moved to excuse the absences of Commissioners Mayer and Ottaway for personal reasons, seconded by Commissioner Smith 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 said that there is a Planning commission meeting this week to discuss the Community Master Plan. Additionally, she said that Wednesday is the kick-off session of the City's new Citizens Academy, while September 6 is the unveiling of the Seven Grandfathers sculpture.

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Colleen Roberts spoke about Presque Isle. She said going around the island is very special, and she noted concerns with the ice cream store on the island.

Geraldine Nault said she was not aware in advance that the budget meeting was happening last week.

Tyler LaPlaunt thanked the City for officially inviting the Sault Ste. Marie tribe to the unveiling of the Seven Grandfathers statue next week.

Presentation(s)

1. Board of Zoning Appeals, by Chair Heather Dombrowski

Board of Zoning Appeals Chair Heather Dombrowski shared an annual update on the activities of the BZA. She spoke about the legal responsibilities of the board, and she shared some information about the previous year's caseload.

Commissioners thanked her and praised the BZA for focusing on such an

important role. They said the new Land Development Code changes appear to be helping, as evidenced by the somewhat reduced BZA workload.

2. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

2.a. Approve the minutes of the August 22, 2024 special Commission meeting

2.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$3,494,335.65

2.c. KBIC Funding for the City of Marquette Employee Engagement Committee

2.d. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Funding for the City of Marquette Employee Engagement Committee

2.e. KBIC Funding for the City of Marquette Police Department

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2.g. Kids Cove Playground Budget Amendment

2.h. UPSET Lease Agreement

New Business

3. Schedule a Public Hearing for the FY 2025 Budget

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley moved to Approve scheduling a Public Hearing for September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to review and adopt the FY 2025 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

4. MDARD Grant Agreement

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and authorize the City Manager or her designee to sign, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Smith and Carried Unanimously.

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Bruce Heikkila said there is new research on fluoride and he provided a document to the clerk.

Comments from the Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Hanley talked about recent city events, and she said people should be cautious around buses next week, as school begins across the county.

Commissioner Paul Schloegel talked about next week's unveiling of the Seven Grandfathers sculpture, and said last weekend's festivals were great.

Commissioner Smith thanked the police for all their work during the late-summer events, which take a lot of effort to staff and organize.

Commissioner Larson said he served on the BZA for years and it is a lot of work. He said he would support looking at a stipend for the BZA.

Mayor Davis highlighted the importance of Labor Day. She said it's also great that the community hosts so many events and can do so safely, and she welcomed the NMU students back.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said the budget public hearing will be held on September 9, and said some additional information will be made available in advance of the meeting. She thanked the Commission and staff for all of the dedication and hard work that has gone into turning the budget around over the last few years.

Adjournment

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Sally Davis, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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