

City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855



Meeting Minutes City Commission

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Commissioner Schloegel moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Ottaway due to his career taking him to hurricane struck areas, seconded by Commissioner Mayer 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

The Mayor announced that early voting will begin October 26 and run through November 3; stating city residents can vote early at the Peter White Public Library between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

She also mentioned Tourist Park will be opening as a dog park and individuals looking to use the park should be sure to have their dog licensed and to purchase a park pass.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Julie Benda to the Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 05-30-26.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the appointment of Julie Benda to the Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 05-30-26, 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.

Valarie Olsen, Lynn Barbieri, Gayle Marjineimi, Gwynn Storm, and William Rusnack all

shared their opinion on the fluoridation of the City's water supply. Geraldine Nault thanked the City Commission for the opportunity to participate in the Citizens Academy and encouraged others to participate in the future. Sarah Mittlefeldt and Cary Gottlieb representing the Planning Commission showed support of the Community Master Plan and made themselves available to answer any questions.

Presentation(s)

2. Certificate of Appreciation - Detective Captain Greg Kinonen

Police Chief Ryan Grim presented Detective Captain Greg Kinonen with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 27 years of service to the City.

3. Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board, by Deputy City Manager Sean Hobbins

Deputy City Manager Sean Hobbins provided an annual update to the Commission regarding the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board, highlighting the ongoing work of the solids handling improvement project and recent facility updates.

4. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

4.a. Approve the minutes of the September 30, 2024 regular Commission meeting

4.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$2,306,984.60

4.c. Application for License to Use City Property Adjacent to 700 S. Lakeshore Boulevard

4.d. Co-Generation Maintenance Services

4.e. EV Charging Station Lease

4.f. Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation - Concession Lease Agreement

4.g. Professional Services Contract - Water Plant Improvement

4.h. Schedule Public Hearing- The Chipp Workforce Housing Brownfield Plan- Roll Call Vote

4.i. Superior Hills Association of Parents and Educators Non-Profit Status - Roll Call Vote

4.j. Upper Peninsula Community Rowing Club - Facility Lease

New Business

5. Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Community Master Plan - Roll Call Vote

Planning Commission Chair Sarah Mittlefeldt was given privilege comment to speak on the public process and the Planning Commission's role in drafting the Community Master Plan.

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to adopt the Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Community Master Plan, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer.

Commissioners shared a general sense of enthusiasm over the Community Master Plan and appreciation toward the Planning Commission and staff for their efforts. Thanks was given to the public for their participation in the process.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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There was no public comment.

Comments from the Commission

Mayor ProTem Hanley thanked Kinonen for his service to Marquette. She highlighted the productive day between the work session and regular meeting.

Commissioner Schloegel acknowledged the recent celebrations of the grand opening of the all-inclusive park and Indigenous People's Day. He also encouraged people to get their passes to the off-leash dog park as means to better track the usage of the park.

Commissioner Smith recognized those who came and spoke at public comment on the fluoridation of city water. She stated this topic has been discussed and the city has no intention of changing their water treatment process unless there is a change with the state or the federal government. She thanked Geraldine Nault for her positive comments regarding the Citizens Academy. Lastly, she thanked members of the Planning Commission who were in attendance for their work with the Community Master Plan.

Commissioner Larson stated he had the pleasure to attend the 27th annual art awards and thanked the Planning Commission on their work on the Community Master Plan

Commissioner Mayer had no comment.

Mayor Davis thanked the Planning Commission and staff for their work and dedication putting together the Community Mater Plan. She also commented on the many events that had taken place in the community over the past several days, recognizing how wonderful it is for so many people to gather safely and enjoy these events without incidents.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Kovacs pointed out pet licenses and off-leash park pass will be unable to be purchase at the City Clerk's office between October 28 and November 5 due to office staff dedicating their resources to the upcoming election. She also provided dates

and guidelines for fall brush and leaf collection.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Sally Davis, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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