



## City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

### Meeting Agenda City Commission

#### WORK SESSION

Friday, July 11, 2025

9:00 AM

Presque Isle Pavilion, 3 Peter  
White Drive (Presque Isle Park)

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#### Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Davis, Gottlieb, Larson, Mayer, Ottaway, Schloegel

Absent: Hanley

#### Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Schloegel had no announcements.

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

There were no public comments.

#### 1. Strategic Plan Discussion

Community Development Director Dennis Stachewicz opened the discussion with a presentation on the history of the strategic planning process. He emphasized the City's vision statement and offered context from the FY 2021-2023 Strategic Plan and the planning process, explaining that this short-term framework plays a key role in shaping the annual budget. The strategic priorities stem from the broader Community Master Plan, which integrates input from residents the commission, and staff.

For the FY 2026–2028 Strategic Plan, six strategic priorities have been identified: governmental excellence; economic development and prosperity; community engagement; health, recreation, and environment; mobility management; and public safety. These priorities aim to address current needs and move the city toward its long-term goals as identified in the Community Master Plan.

Following Stachewicz's introduction, City Manager Kovacs guided the commission through an interactive brainstorming exercise. Each commissioner was invited to write down specific goals and organized them under each of the six strategic priority areas. Throughout the exercise, staff members from various departments were

present to offer insight and answer questions relevant to their areas of expertise.

After the activity Kovacs facilitated a group discussion to review the ideas that were gathered from the exercise. The conversation covered a wide range of topics including infrastructure improvements, how to better manage tourism, reimagining underutilized streets, increasing transparency and communication with the community, and improving public services. Commissioners also touched on expanding and supporting micro-mobility and effective public transit, and strengthening relationships with state agencies and legislators, among other things.

The discussion concluded with Kovacs outlining the next steps in the strategic planning process. She stated the objectives compiled during the work session will be brought back to staff and reconciled with the objectives identified by staff, resulting in a single document that will then be presented to the commission for final review and approval prior to the adoption of the 2025-2026 budget.

Commissioners provided positive feedback about the collaborative nature of the work session.

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### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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**Jessica Hanley, Mayor**

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**Kyle Whitney, City Clerk**

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