

Meeting Agenda City Commission

Monday, December 8, 2025 6:00 PM Commission Chambers 300 West Baraga Ave Marquette, Michigan 49855

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Approval of the Agenda

Announcements

Boards and Committees

1. Reappointment(s)

Recommend Barb Owdziej for reappointment to the Marquette County Transit Authority as a city of Marquette representative for a term ending 12-31-2028

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

Presentation(s)

- 2. Downtown Development Authority, by Executive Director Tara Laase-McKinney
- 3. Local Development Finance Authority, by Chair Leslie Hartman
- 4. Consent Agenda Roll Call Vote
 - **4.a.** Approve the minutes of the November 24, 2025 work session
 - **4.b.** Approve the minutes of the November 24, 2025 regular Commission meeting
 - **4.c.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,889,261.25
 - **4.d.** 2026 City Commission Meeting Schedule
 - 4.e. Publication and Communication Ordinance Review
 - 4.f. Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance Review
 - 4.g. State Right-of-Way Permits Roll Call Vote

Unfinished Business

City Facilities

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Comments from the Commission

Comments from the City Manager Adjournment Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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300 West Baraga Avenue Marquette, MI 49855

Agenda Date: 12/8/2025

<u>Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote</u> Approve the minutes of the November 24, 2025 work session

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

11-24-25 WS Minutes



300 West Baraga Ave Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Agenda
City Commission

WORK SESSION

Monday, November 24, 2025 4:30 PM Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Announcements

Mayor Schloegel had no announcements.

1. Use of City Facilities

City staff presented an overview of Room at the Inn's recent request to temporarily house up to ten overflow shelter guests in a City facility during December, noting a current shortage of available beds and that the Salvation Army can host beginning in January. Staff reviewed two potential locations, the Baraga Gym and the Presque Isle Pavilion, and outlined operational, safety, liability, and scheduling concerns associated with each.

Room at the Inn described their staffing model, setup and cleanup procedures, transportation considerations, and their preference for proximity to existing operations. Commissioners asked about safety protocols, supervision, background checks, cleaning expectations, guest selection, accessibility, and the potential impact on existing facility users. Staff provided input on response times, fire-safety requirements, and concerns about smoking and supervision.

Following discussion, commissioners generally agreed that the Baraga Gym would likely not be a viable option, and indicated support for directing staff to explore development of an operational plan and contract for potential temporary use of the Presque Isle Pavilion, while continuing to evaluate other alternatives.

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

Public comment expressed both opposition and support, with concerns raised about safety, facility preservation, and alternative sites.

Adjournment

Mayor Schloegel adjourned the m	looting at 0.40 p.m.	
Paul Schloegel, Mayor	Kyle Whitney, City Clerk	

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Agenda Date: 12/8/2025

<u>Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote</u> Approve the minutes of the November 24, 2025 regular Commission meeting

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

11-24-25 Minutes

300 West Baraga Ave Marquette, Michigan 49855



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, November 24, 2025 6:00 PM Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Absent: Mayer

Mayor Pro Tem Jermey Ottaway moved to excuse Commissioner Mayer for personal reasons, supported by Commissioner Cary Gottlieb and carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an item to direct city staff to proceed with a contract to use the Presque Isle Pavilion, seconded by Commissioner Cary Gottlieb and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Schloegel said that the city's winter dog park will be opening this week, after construction had delayed access to the park. He also advocated for residents to apply to serve on city boards and committees.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Kendal Mentink, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 06-01-28

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to appoint the applicant as listed, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

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Margaret Brumm spoke about local cigarette recycling programs.

Presentation(s)

2. Kajaani, Finland Gift Presentation, by Marquette Area Sister City Chair Maureen Jensen and Liaison Randy Jensen

Maureen and Randy Jensen discussed their recent hosting of a Sister City

delegation from Kajaani, Finland.

3. Election Board, by City Clerk Kyle Whitney

City Clerk Kyle Whitney provided a summary of the Election Board's activities from the prior year, as well as a summary of the November election in the City of Marquette.

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jermey Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

- 4.a. Approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025 regular Commission meeting
- **4.b.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$670,224.64
- 4.c. Cisco Switch Lease
- 4.d. Peg Hirvonen Bandshell Construction Contract Change Order
- **4.e.** Proclamation 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence
- **4.f.** Public Art Freedom Monument Installation
- **4.g.** Utilization of State Bid for Wastewater Vehicle Purchase
- **4.h.** Direct staff to proceed with a contract to use Presque Isle Pavilion

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to direct staff to proceed with a contract to use Presque Isle Pavilion for overfill use. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gottlieb, and discussion ensued.

Commissioners discussed directing staff to prepare a contract allowing Room at the Inn to temporarily use the Presque Isle Pavilion as an overnight overflow shelter for up to ten individuals during December.

Several operational and safety expectations were identified for inclusion in the draft agreement, including a firm start and end date with no extensions; a strict occupancy limit; no loitering and use limited to overnight sleeping. Commissioners also emphasized the need to protect the City to the fullest extent possible, required on-site staffing by Room at the Inn, and clear consequences if required staffing is not present.

Liability, protection of City facilities, staff safety, and emergency response time were major concerns, though commissioners acknowledged the seriousness of the community need and expressed a desire to make the arrangement workable. Several commissioners stressed that this should be treated as a one-time emergency measure, not a recurring annual practice. Commissioners also requested that Room at the Inn continue exploring alternative locations.

The motion to proceed with developing a contract for use of Presque Isle Pavilion passed 6–0.

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Chelsie Wilkinson, Executive Director for Room at the Inn, thanked the Commission for its difficult discussion and decision, stating that the organization shares the City's priority of community safety and is committed to addressing concerns as the temporary shelter arrangement develops.

Abigail Andrews, Room at the Inn employee, expressed gratitude for the Commission's willingness to take action despite discomfort and emphasized the organization's intent to seek longer-term solutions to the ongoing housing crisis.

Will Sullivan, Room at the Inn Board Chair, thanked the Commission. He highlighted the diverse population the shelter serves and affirmed the organization's commitment to meeting contractual expectations and addressing City concerns.

Mike Watts supported the Commission's decision but cautioned that addressing the needs of one group should not negatively impact others. He encouraged ensuring that temporary measures do not become permanent.

Tracy Hruska said she operates programs in the city gym ad thanked the Commission for exploring alternate locations.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Hanley thanked city staff and the representatives from Room at the Inn. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and urged safe travels.

Mayor Pro Tem Ottaway said this was a great discussion tonight and he said the local issue with homelessness is not much different from other communities. He said he wants to help, wants to serve as an example, and wants to protect city interests.

Commissioner Larson and Davis had no comments.

Commissioner Gottlieb said the issues discussed tonight are another example of a topic where it is impossible to please everyone, and said he wants the City to help where possible.

Mayor Schloegel said he echoed many prior comments and discussed the difficulty in providing services to a growing population at Room at the Inn. He said Happy Thanksgiving and asked everyone to be careful when traveling.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Kovacs thanked City staff for their dedication and discussed street cleaning, plowing, emergency responders, and emergency utility repairs.

Adjournment

Paul Schloegel, Mayor	Kyle Whitney, City Clerk	
Mayor Schloegel adjourned the	meeting at 6:43 p.m.	

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300 West Baraga Avenue Marquette, MI 49855

Agenda Date: 12/8/2025

<u>Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote</u> 2026 City Commission Meeting Schedule

BACKGROUND:

Per the requirements of the Marquette City Charter, "the city commission shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least two regular meetings each month."

The proposed 2026 City Commission regular meeting calendar is attached. As usual, meetings are proposed to be held at 6 p.m. on the second and last Monday of each month, with a few exceptions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the 2026 City Commission Meeting Schedule.

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Proposed 26 calendar



MARQUETTE CITY COMMISSION 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Marquette City Commission will hold the following regular meetings during 2026. Most regular meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, at 300 West Baraga Ave., and shall commence at 6:00 p.m. on the second and last Monday of each month. Meetings that don't fit within this schedule are indicated with an asterisk:

January 12 January 26
February 9 February 23
March 9 March 30
April 13 April 27

May 11 *May 26 (Tuesday)

June 8
June 29
July 13
August 10
September 14
*October 13 (Tuesday)
*November 16 (Third Monday)

June 29
July 27
August 31
September 28
October 26
November 30

December 14 *December 21 (Third Monday)

Additional meetings may be called, and changes may be made in accordance with the City Charter. Notices will be posted for such changes in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976.

Proposed minutes of meetings will be available for public inspection within eight business days after the meeting. Approved minutes will be available for public inspection within five business days after the meeting at which minutes are approved. Minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI 49855.

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Kyle Whitney, City Clerk	

300 West Baraga Avenue Marquette, MI 49855

Agenda Date: 12/8/2025

Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote Publication and Communication Ordinance Review

BACKGROUND:

Section 13-8 of the City Charter requires that the City Commission adopt and regularly review a publication and communication ordinance, which is intended to provide a framework for official City communications.

In compliance with the Charter, Ordinance #609 was adopted on Dec. 9, 2013, and was later codified into City Code Sec. 2-79. The Charter also states that the City Commission shall review the current system every three years.

Staff reviewed the City's Publication and Communication Ordinance, and has no suggestions for changes or alterations.

FISCAL EFFECT:

None by this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the City's Publication and Communication Ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

City Code Sec. 2-79

Sec. 2-79. - City manager.

The city manager shall see that all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations adopted by the commission and the provisions of this Code are properly enforced. He shall attend all meetings of the commission, regular and special. During the absence or disability of the manager, the commission shall designate a qualified person to temporarily perform the duties of the manager.

- (1) *Publications and communications.* The City Charter, adopted by the citizens of the City of Marquette at the November 2012, general election, requires that the city commission adopt a publication and communication ordinance.
- (2) *City manager actions.* The city manager will develop and promulgate administrative policies and regulations necessary to ensure:
 - a. Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act; the Open Meetings Act; and all federal and state rules and regulations associated with information and records management;
 - b. The best use of technology to distribute information about government via the Internet and other methods readily available to the public;
 - c. Appropriate methods for the solicitation of public feedback to identify information of greatest utility for government deliberation;
 - d. Opportunities to participate in policymaking and to provide government with the benefits of collective expertise and information;
 - e. Any other action necessary to be taken that direct specific actions implementing the intent set forth in this section.
- (3) *Commission requirement.* As required by City Charter, the Marquette City Commission will, every three years, review the established system and make suggestions for change.

(Code 1999, § 2.02; Ord. No. 609, §§ 1—3, 12-9-2013)

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Agenda Date: 12/8/2025

<u>Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote</u> Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance Review

BACKGROUND:

City Code, Chapter 2, regarding purchases, requires that every five years beginning in 2015, dollar thresholds are reviewed, and that the city manager shall make a recommendation to the city commission on whether or not the dollar amount threshold should be changed.

The last time this was reviewed was December 2020. At that time the city commission adopted Ordinance #693, which amended Sec. 2-501 - Purchases or contracts \$25,0000 or less. This amendment increased the minimum threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000, while keeping the maximum threshold at \$25,000.

Staff and the city manager conducted the required review, and have no suggestions for changes or alterations at this time.

FISCAL EFFECT:

None by this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review City Code section 2-501 and section 2-502.

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

City Code Section 2-501 and Section 2-502

Sec. 2-501. - Purchases or contracts \$25,000.00 or less.

Any expenditure for supplies, materials or equipment, the cost of which is \$10,000.00 or more but not greater than \$25,000.00 may be made in the open market but such purchases shall, where practicable, be based on at least three quotes and shall be awarded to the best value supplier. A record shall be kept and be available for public inspection through the next audit cycle. In 2015, and every five years thereafter, the city manager shall make a recommendation to the city commission whether or not the above dollar thresholds should be changed.

(Code 1999, § 3.02; Ord. No. 603, § 2, 6-10-2013; Ord. No. 693, § 2, 12-14-2020)

Editor's note— Ord. No. 603, § 2, adopted June 10, 2013, changed the title of § 2-501 from "Purchases or contracts \$3,000.00 or less" to read as herein set out.

Sec. 2-502. - Purchases or contracts over \$25,000.00.

Any expenditure for supplies, materials, equipment, construction project or contract obligating the city, where the amount of the city's obligation is in excess of \$25,000.00, shall be governed by the provisions of this section. In 2015, and every five years thereafter, the city manager shall make a recommendation to the city commission whether or not the above dollar thresholds should be changed.

- (1) Such expenditure shall be made the subject of a written contract. A purchase order shall be a sufficient written contract only in cases where the expenditure is in the usual and ordinary course of the city's affairs and in no case shall it be sufficient for the construction of public works projects or the contracting for supplies or services over any period of time or where the quality of the goods or materials or the scope of the services bargained for is not wholly standardized.
- (2) Notice inviting sealed competitive bids shall be published at least five days before the final date for submitting bids thereon. The notice shall state the time limit, the place of filing and the time of opening bids and shall also state that the right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Any other conditions of award of the contract shall also be stated in general terms.
- (3) The purchasing agent shall also solicit bids from a reasonable number of such qualified prospective bidders as are known to him by sending a copy of the notice requesting bids and such notice shall also be posted on the city's website.
- (4) Unless prescribed by the city commission, the city manager shall prescribe the amount of any security to be deposited with any bid which shall be in the form of cash, certified or cashier's check or bond written by a surety company authorized to do business in the state. The amount of such security shall be expressed in terms of percentage of the bid submitted.

Unless fixed by the city commission, the city manager shall fix the amount of the performance bond, and in the case of construction contracts, the amount of the labor material bond to be required of the successful bidders.

- (5) Bids shall be opened in public at the time and place designated in the notice requesting bids in the presence of the purchasing agent or his designee, and the respective department head or his designee. The bids shall thereupon be carefully examined and tabulated and reported to the commission with the recommendation of the city manager at the next regular commission meeting. After tabulation all bids may be inspected by the competing bidders.
- (6) When such bids are submitted to the commission, the contract to be executed in a form approved by the city attorney shall also be submitted, and if the commission shall find any of the bids to be satisfactory, it shall award the contract to the lowest and/or best bidder and shall authorize execution of the contract. Upon execution of the contract by the successful bidder and the filing of any bonds which may have been required, such bonds shall first be approved by the city attorney as to form. The commission shall have the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding and to accept bids which do not conform in every respect to the bidding requirements.
- (7) For contracts requiring a bond, at the time the contract is executed, the contractor shall file a bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the state, to the city, conditioned upon the performance of said contract and saving the city harmless from all losses or damage caused to any person or property by reason of any carelessness or negligence by the contractor and from all expense of inspection, engineering or otherwise, caused by the delay in the completion of any improvement and further conditioned to pay all laborers, mechanics, subcontractors and material suppliers as well as all just debts, dues and demands incurred in the performance of such work.
- (8) All bids, deposits of cash or certified or cashier's check may be retained until the contract is awarded and signed. If any successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into the contract awarded to him within five days after the same has been awarded, or file any bond required within the same time, the deposit accompanying his bid shall be forfeited to the city, and the commission may, in its discretion, award the contract to the next lower and best bidder or said contract may be re-advertised.

(Code 1999, § 3.03; Ord. No. 603, § 2, 6-10-2013; Ord. No. 693, § 2, 12-14-2020)

Editor's note— Ord. No. 603, § 2, adopted June 10, 2013, changed the title of § 2-502 from "Purchases or contracts over \$3,000.00" to read as herein set out.

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Agenda Date: 12/8/2025

<u>Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote</u> State Right-of-Way Permits - Roll Call Vote

BACKGROUND:

Annually, the City obtains a permit from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) allowing its forces to perform routine maintenance of City-owned infrastructure located within the State highway rights-of-way. These facilities include water and sewer lines and appurtenances, drainage facilities, electrical distribution lines and street lighting, trees, sidewalks, and signs. One of MDOT's requirements for issuance of this permit is a "Performance Resolution for Government Agencies" from the local unit of government. Approval by the City Commission is required. The resolution language is the same to those approved by the Commission in the past.

FISCAL EFFECT:

The City is not exposed to additional liability from owning and maintaining facilities on highway right-of-way by virtue of this resolution. Failure to indemnify the State for City work on these facilities is however, grounds for the State to require their removal from its right-of-way.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Performance Resolution authorizing maintenance of City facilities in the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way, and authorize the City Clerk to sign the resolution.

ALTERNATIVES:

None; complete removal of all City facilities from State right-of-way is not feasible.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Performance Resolution

PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

This Performance Resolution (Resolution) is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a Municipality an "Individual Permit for Use of State Highway Right of Way", and/or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Highway Right of Way".

RESOLVED WHEREAS, the											
					(County, City, Vill	age, Towns	hip, (etc.)			
hereinafter	referred	to	as	the	"MUNICIPALITY," periodically	/ applies	to	the	Michigan	Department	of

Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the "MUNICIPALITY," periodically applies to the Michigan Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT," for permits, referred to as "PERMIT," to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utilities or other facilities, or to conduct other activities, on, over, and under State Highway Right of Way at various locations within and adjacent to its corporate limits;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the DEPARTMENT granting such PERMIT, the MUNICIPALITY agrees that:

- Each party to this Resolution shall remain responsible for any claims arising out of their own acts and/or
 omissions during the performance of this Resolution, as provided by law. This Resolution is not
 intended to increase either party's liability for, or immunity from, tort claims, nor shall it be interpreted,
 as giving either party hereto a right of indemnification, either by Agreement or at law, for claims arising
 out of the performance of this Agreement.
- 2. If any of the work performed for the MUNICIPALITY is performed by a contractor, the MUNICIPALITY shall require its contractor to hold harmless, indemnify and defend in litigation, the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT and their agents and employee's, against any claims for damages to public or private property and for injuries to person arising out of the performance of the work, except for claims that result from the sole negligence or willful acts of the DEPARTMENT, until the contractor achieves final acceptance of the MUNICIPALITY Failure of the MUNICIPALITY to require its contractor to indemnify the DEPARTMENT, as set forth above, shall be considered a breach of its duties to the DEPARTMENT.
- 3. Any work performed for the MUNICIPALITY by a contractor or subcontractor will be solely as a contractor for the MUNICIPALITY and not as a contractor or agent of the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities by vendors and contractors of the MUNICIPALITY, or their subcontractors or any other person not a party to the PERMIT without the DEPARTMENT'S specific prior written consent and notwithstanding the issuance of the PERMIT. Any claims by any contractor or subcontractor will be the sole responsibility of the MUNICIPALITY.
- 4. The MUNICIPALITY shall take no unlawful action or conduct, which arises either directly or indirectly out of its obligations, responsibilities, and duties under the PERMIT which results in claims being asserted against or judgment being imposed against the State of Michigan, the Michigan Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents and employees thereof and those contracting governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract. In the event that the same occurs, for the purposes of the PERMIT, it will be considered as a breach of the PERMIT thereby giving the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT, and/or the Michigan Transportation Commission a right to seek and obtain any necessary relief or remedy, including, but not by way of limitation, a judgment for money damages.
- 5. The MUNICIPALITY will, by its own volition and/or request by the DEPARTMENT, promptly restore and/or correct physical or operating damages to any State Highway Right of Way resulting from the installation construction, operation and/or maintenance of the MUNICIPALITY'S facilities according to a PERMIT issued by the DEPARTMENT.

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6. With respect to any activities authorized by a PERMIT, when the MUNICIPALITY requires insurance on its own or its contractor's behalf it shall also require that such policy include as named insured the State of Michigan, the Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents, and employees thereof and those governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract.

- 7. The incorporation by the DEPARTMENT of this *Resolution* as part of a PERMIT does not prevent the DEPARTMENT from requiring additional performance security or insurance before issuance of a PERMIT.
- 8. This *Resolution* shall continue in force from this date until cancelled by the MUNICIPALITY or the DEPARTMENT with no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice provided to the other party. It will not be cancelled or otherwise terminated by the MUNICIPALITY with regard to any PERMIT which has already been issued or activity which has already been undertaken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following position(s) are authorized to apply to the DEPARTMENT for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY.

	Title and/or Name:					
I HER	REBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy	of a resolution adopted by				
the						
	(Name o	of Board, etc.)				
of the		of				
	(Name of MUNICIPALITY)	(County)				
at a_		meeting held on the	day			
of	A.D					
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	Signed	_				
	Title	_				
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	Print Signed Name					

300 West Baraga Avenue Marquette, MI 49855

Agenda Date: 12/8/2025

<u>Unfinished Business</u> City Facilities

BACKGROUND:

At the November 17 City Commission meeting, Chelsie Wilkinson, Executive Director of Room at the Inn (RATI), requested permission to use the Baraga Gym for the month of December as a temporary overnight shelter to accommodate an increase in individuals seeking shelter. The Commission expressed interest in using the gym as an overflow space for unhoused community members receiving services from RATI.

City staff reviewed operational needs, staffing requirements, facility readiness, and potential impacts on city programs and services. During this assessment, staff identified an alternative location, Presque Isle Pavilion.

Following a work session on November 24, the City Commission voted to direct the City Manager to proceed with a contract for overflow use of Presque Isle Pavilion. However, during contract drafting, City staff and RATI mutually agreed that Presque Isle Pavilion is no longer a feasible option for the current need. Alternative temporary solutions that do not involve city facilities have since been identified.

FISCAL EFFECT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct the City Manager to discontinue working toward a contract to use the Presque Isle Pavilion for overnight overflow shelter use.

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

No Attachments Available