



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, July 14, 2025

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Absent: Gottlieb

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to excuse Commissioner Cary Gottlieb due to personal reasons, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve the agenda with the addition of a proclamation recognizing the NASA-Kall Morris, Inc. partnership and honoring astronaut Sunita L. Williams, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Hanley had no announcements.

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

Matthew Luttenberger discussed plans and funding for Lakeview Arena.

Cathy Ruprecht thanked the city for repairing the stairs on Presque Isle and highlighted an upcoming training focused on crafting animal-related disaster preparedness.

Presentation(s)

1. Marquette Public Art Commission, by Brianna Hobbins

Brianna Hobbins, Chair of the Marquette Public Art Commission, presented the Commission with the annual update from the board. She highlighted milestones that included the installation of Phase 1 of the Seven Grandfather Teachings Monument by Jason Quigno, the "Oscillation" public art installation, the Cultural Trail story markers, and educational outreach. She also detailed upcoming projects such as Phase 2 of the monument, continued work on the Cultural Trail, and plans for public art maintenance and future installations. Commissioners expressed appreciation for the group's work and the impact on the community.

2. Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

2.a. Approve the minutes of the June 30, 2025 regular Commission meeting

2.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$958,652.62

2.c. Art on the Rocks - Special Event Permit

2.d. National Opioid Settlements

2.e. Ore to Shore - Special Event Permit

2.f. Schedule Public Hearing - Downtown Development Authority TIF Plan

2.g. Shipwrecked Vending, LLC – Lease Agreement

2.h. Proclamation recognizing the NASA-Kall Morris, Inc. partnership and honoring astronaut Sunita L. Williams

New Business

3. Former Hospital Redevelopment Site - Traffic Study Contract Approval

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve a contract with DLZ Michigan, Inc at a cost not to exceed \$42,000 for the work shown in the attached proposal, authorize the City Manager to waive competitive bidding requirements and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

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Matt Luttenberger spoke about transportation planning concerns.

Caleb Gordon introduced himself and said he will be covering local events for the Radio Results Network.

Comments from the Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Schloegel reminded residents to stay alert during the busy tourism season due to increased foot and bike traffic, praised the Cultural Trail and the Public Art Commission's work, and noted the upcoming celebration of life for David Boyd at the Peter White Public Library.

Commissioner Ottaway thanked the police department and volunteers for a safe and successful Fourth of July, praised the increased use of bike patrols, and criticized unconstructive online complaints directed at volunteer-run events like the fireworks.

Commissioner Davis supported the earlier public comment advocating for more skating opportunities at Lakeview Arena.

Mayor Hanley promoted upcoming events including the Hiawatha Music Festival and Blueberry Fest and encouraged public attendance and safe participation.

Commissioners Larson and Mayer had no comments.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs thanked city staff who worked over the Fourth of July holiday, including the police, fire, public works, and utility employees. She also acknowledged the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for providing funding to support the newly approved traffic study, emphasizing its importance for guiding future redevelopment in the former hospital area.

Adjournment

Mayor Hanley adjourned the meeting at 6: 45 p.m.

Jessica Hanley, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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