



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Agenda City Commission

WORK SESSION

Monday, January 26, 2026

5:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Announcements

Mayor Schloegel had no comments.

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There was no one looking to make public comment.

1. E-bike Task Force Presentation and Discussion

City Manager Karen Kovacs provided a bit of background about the E-Bike and Multi-Use Path Task Force, highlighted possible next steps, and then gave the floor to Commissioner Cary Gottlieb.

Gottlieb, who chaired the EBTF, offered a presentation on behalf of the group. The presentation provided an overview of the EBTF's activities and findings, focusing on how state and local regulations interact and what options were available to the City, as well as on the feedback received from public forums, direct outreach from residents, and from a public survey that had been made available. The presentation highlighted a number of actions that the group felt may help to address concerns and issues with the multi-use path or with e-bike usage in the City.

The list of recommendations, which Manager Kovacs said would be ultimately reviewed by City staff prior to being brought to the Commission for any possible action, included: improved and increased signage; visual traffic indicators, such as lines, painted directly on the path; increased width of the path in high-congestion areas; less restriction on the types of devices allowed on the path; regulations against reckless riding on the path; restrictions on devices being utilized on public sidewalks; and increased educational outreach, including via public school partnerships and through local businesses.

Following the presentation, Commission discussion ensued, with Commissioners sharing gratitude for the work done by the group, and sharing opinions about the various recommendations.

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Barb Owdziej, who served as a member of the EBTF, praised Commissioner Gottlieb for his efforts in chairing the task force.

Marquette DDA Executive Director Tara Laase-McKinney thanked the task force and discussed the topic of bikes on sidewalks. She said the existing city regulations that limit biking in the downtown business areas are confusing and difficult to understand or enforce, and she said the DDA would support changes to these regulations in order to promote pedestrian safety on the sidewalks.

Zack Youngs said he was in attendance in order to support the one-wheel community in Marquette. He said the task force did a good job and said he supports many of the recommendations.

Adjournment

Mayor Schloegel adjourned the work session at 5:54 p.m.

Paul Schloegel, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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