



City of Marquette, MI
300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855
Meeting Minutes
City Commission Meeting
May 30, 2017

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Ayes: Baldini, Cambensy, Campana, Conley, Frazier, Plourde, Reynolds

It was moved by Mayor Pro-tem Baldini and supported by Commissioner Frazier to add an item regarding a Resolution of Necessity to the agenda. Mayor Campana said it would be made Agenda Item #10 under New Business.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Pete Frazier moved to Approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Mike Conley and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Campana said, three weeks ago, this community tragically lost State Representative John Kivela to his addiction disease. John was a friend and a dedicated public servant to many, many people here in his community, in his district and in Lansing. He served on the local Board of Zoning Appeals, and also was on the City Commission for six years, four of those years as Mayor, and served five years as a State Representative. He was a well-liked legislator who had many accomplishments in Lansing and still maintained his close ties to the City of Marquette. His loss leaves a huge void for his family and the Marquette community. Mayor Campana then asked everyone to join him in bowing their heads in a moment of silence for John Kivela.

Boards and Committees

1. Welcome New Member

Michael Larson, Planning Commission

Mayor Campana asked Michael Larson, new member of the Planning Commission to join him at the lectern, where he thanked him for his willingness to serve on this Commission and presented him with a City pin. Mr. Larson said he has always been interested in local government, so he thought the Planning Commission would be a good place to start.

2. Reappointments

Walt Anderson, Traffic/Parking Advisory Board, for a term expiring 05-30-20

Michael Reed, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, for a term expiring 06-01-20

Commissioner Sarah Reynolds moved to Approve both reappointments for the terms listed, seconded by Commissioner Sara Cambensy and Carried Unanimously.

Public Hearing(s)

3. Public Hearing - Single Lot Special Assessment Roll #584

Mayor Campana opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any citizens wishing to speak on this item.

There being no one to speak, Mayor Campana closed the public portion of the hearing and asked for Commission comments.

Commissioner Mike Conley moved to confirm Single Lot Special Assessment Roll #584 and authorize the Mayor to sign the warrant, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Baldini and Carried Unanimously.

Presentation(s)

4. Marquette Senior High School Figure Skating Team Champions

Mayor Campana asked the Skaters and their coach to join him at the lectern where he presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the City to:

Clare Belkowski
Jasmine Burke
Grace Charmley
Marianna Davis
Kelsey Freeman
Emily Helgren

Emily Johnson
Hailey Mankee
Faith Perala
Sydney Rehmann
Delaney Thunell
Janel Voss

Coach: Jamie Weigold

5. UP Health System Marquette Hospital Update, by Judy Watson-Olson, UP Health System - Marquette Board Chair

Judy Watson-Olson, UP Health System, Marquette Board Chair stepped to the lectern with additional members of the UPHP team and provided an update on the progress of the new hospital. She said it was almost a year ago today that they broke ground for the main hospital building. Ms. Watson-Olson said that the parking garage footings are in, and there are two additional buildings that will be added shortly. She said that because weather was a factor last winter, they expect a completion date of late 2018. She said the hospital has established a Patient/Family Advisory Board, which was assembled to help guide the hospital team with the planning of the new hospital. Ms. Watson-Olson said UPHP is currently the largest employer in the U.P. in the private sector, and today's employee count totals 2,127 people.

Ms. Watson-Olson thanked the Commission for their continued support, and said they will be back in a couple of months for a continued update.

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

Frank Verito provided his opinions on fixing the lectern camera so close-ups could be taken at the dais, due diligence on ordinances, roundabout construction, orderly meetings and appraisals that were done on properties in the City. Jorma Lankinen said he was at the Board of Light and Power recently and he got to touch the new Wartsila engines that were fired up. He said there is incredible technology in Marquette. Matt Luttenberger said thanks for getting the website videos up and running. He spoke about gig economy and a creative program for the website. He also asked to speak on Agenda Items; 6.i, 7 and 8 (this was later changed to item 9). He also said he thought any eminent domain recipient should be offered three times the market value for their property.

6. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Pete Frazier moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as provided, seconded by Commissioner Sarah Reynolds and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

- 6.a.** Approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Commission meeting.
- 6.b.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,772,962.87
- 6.c.** Schedule a Public Hearing for Ordinance #654 - Life Safety Code
- 6.d.** Schedule a Public Hearing for Ordinance #655 - Definitions
- 6.e.** Schedule a Public Hearing for Ordinance #656 - Open Burning
- 6.f.** Resolutions for Unpaid Stormwater and Unpaid Water and Wastewater
- 6.g.** Daybreak Charters - Lease Agreement
- 6.h.** Aerial Fire Engine Repair
- 6.i.** Used Four-Wheel Drive Plow Truck
- 6.j.** Kiwanis Chicken BBQ - Special Event Permit
- 6.k.** Spring Fermentation Celebration - Special Event Permit
- 6.l.** Fireworks Display Permit
- 6.m.** Brush Truck Skid Unit
- 6.n.** Resolution to Designate Sections of Wright Street as Right-of-Way

6.o. Resolution to Designate Sections of Presque Isle Avenue as Right-of-Way

6.p. Community Foundation of Marquette County Non-Profit Status

New Business

7. Fair Avenue Reconstruction and Wilson Street Upgrade

Matt Luttenberger spoke about gig economy, said he was flabbergasted that there was no plan on how the company that was awarded the bid is going to do the work.

Commissioner Mike Plourde moved to award a contract for the package reconstruction project of Fair Avenue and Wilson Street to Smith Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,357,500.33, based on the quantities and unit prices bid. Also, allow the City Manager to use a five-percent contingency for any unknown circumstances, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Baldini and Carried Unanimously.

8. Professional Services for City of Marquette Land Development Code Project

City Manager Angeli said that as part of the planning process for this project, he would like to see the City Commission appoint an ad-hoc committee and hold a public forum on or about June 20th to invite local developers and other viewpoints into this process. Director of Community Development, Dennis Stachewicz confirmed that this is going to be an 18 month process, and the reason they factored McKenna Associates so highly is that they have an understanding of Michigan Zoning law, have a local contact, and they were impressed with the staff and level of expertise they demonstrated.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Baldini moved to Approve the selection of McKenna Associates of Northville, MI for Professional Services for the City of Marquette Land Development Code Project, seconded by Commissioner Sarah Reynolds and Carried Unanimously.

9. Notice of Intent Resolution - FY 2017 Capital Improvement Bonds

Mayor Campana asked CFO Gary Simpson to provide a background on the reason for the large amount of this bond. Mr. Simpson reviewed the projects that are involved, and also said a current bond will be retired, thereby lowering the interest the City currently pays.

Matt Luttenberger suggested that roads need to be fixed, but there is no indication provided for which ones will be done. He also said that solar panels instead of window panels should have been installed at the new Municipal Service Center for a better plan for electricity.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Baldini moved to Approve a Notice of Intent Resolution to issue and sell General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for Capital Improvements, and authorize the Clerk to sign the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

10. Resolution of Necessity – 1318 Presque Isle Avenue

Commissioner Reynolds said she will be voting no on this item because she is uncomfortable as it was added at the last minute and she was not sure the owners were notified that the item would be on the agenda tonight.

City Attorney Keefe said the City had been working diligently with counsel for the sellers, and every indication was that they had a workable solution, but no further response has been received. He said this is just a first-step in the process, and that negotiations are still possible.

Commissioner Mike Conley moved to Approve the Resolution of Necessity for acquisition of a portion of property at 1318 Presque Isle Avenue from Valokuva, LLC, and authorize the City Clerk to sign the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried by Roll Call Vote .

The roll-call vote was as follows:

AYES: Mayor Campana, Mayor Pro-tem Baldini. Commissioners: Conley, Frazier, Plourde.

NAYS: Commissioners: Cambensy, Reynolds.

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Matt Luttenberger said thank you to all who serve and said the City staff did a fantastic job with the Memorial Day around the City and he said he wanted to speak on Consent Agenda Item 6.i because with the purchase of a four-wheel drive plow truck, the City should look for a seasonal employee who will help residents out with snow-filled driveways. Frank Verito provided his opinions on Commissioner comments, rushed items, lighthouse park, the ore dock and bottomlands. Jorma Lankinen said the Board of Light and Power deserves "atta boys" as they have done their due diligence in appropriating monies on the new project. He also said he appreciates Marquette as a community.

Comments from the Commission

CONLEY-Commissioner Conley said he recently read an article in the newspaper about the Marine Corps rebuilding an old helicopter and people who worked together to make this happen. He said we emphasize our recreational activities to attract manufacturing, we need to keep an eye on making this a livable community. He also said he drove south on Front Street, off of Baraga Avenue, and wondered if this section of road was on the list to be improved.

PLOURDE-Commissioner Plourde thanked an audience member for providing a distinction between dawdling and rushing too fast. He also said he was glad to enjoy the five hours of summer we have had so far, and he holds out hope for summer-he said even with the recent weather, people were out and about in our City. Commissioner Plourde said honoring those who have fallen is very important to those of us in the U.P.

REYNOLDS-Commissioner Reynolds wanted to make note that on the Consent Agenda a special events contract was approved for the Spring Fermentation Celebration at the Lower Harbor this year, and said she is a volunteer coordinator of this event. She said if any of her fellow Commissioners wanted to volunteer to help this

Saturday, they would be welcome. She also said "happy birthday" to Commissioner Cambensy.

BALDINI-Mayor Pro-tem Baldini commended City Staff for their research in purchasing a snow plow and saving the City money. He also said we have upcoming budget sessions, and there is a bill coming out of Washington regarding infrastructure, so we will have to wait and see what that may bring. He said there has been news lately about the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Calendar now online. He said we all have to participate in this Calendar in order to make it work.

FRAZIER-Commissioner Frazier said he is glad we are fixing the streets. He also said it was summer for a few days, and the beaches are open. He said in regard to previous comments from a citizen, they should probably speak directly to the entity involved, as they are the experts.

CAMBENSY-Commissioner Cambensy said she also wanted to thank the soldiers who served our country and did not make it back. She said she had gone to the Park Cemetery Service and it was just lovely. Commissioner Cambensy said the late e-mail they received regarding eminent domain was disheartening, and said that public perception is that we are not listening to the community. Commissioner Cambensy also spoke about a pin she received from the U.P. Diabetes Outreach, and with the passing of John Kivela, said she can identify with the feelings that he had.

CAMPANA-Mayor Campana said Memorial Day is a special time to thank those who have served. He also said Mayor Pro-tem Baldini mentioned the Community Calendar developed by the Chamber of Commerce and it should be very popular, especially for events that are planned. He said the Chamber recently was awarded almost a quarter-million dollar grant to retain and attract talent in Michigan.

Comments from the City Manager

ANGELI-City Manager Angeli said in response to the question of Charter Cable cutting the City off--Charter left the City long ago, and we broadcast our own meetings locally. He also said he attended a meeting today regarding the progress of the new Municipal Service Center building, and said the building is very much complete. However, he said, a move-in date will probably not be until July. He reviewed additional stages of the project that are upcoming, and said he hopes that around the first part of August the City will host an open-house or a ribbon cutting. City Manager Angeli said that regarding eminent domain; the City Attorney has been working hard to resolve property issues, along with the Assistant City Manager. He said eminent domain is the last effort after everything else is exhausted. He extended his thanks to City Attorney Ron Keefe for all his work in these cases.

Adjournment

Mayor Campana adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Kris M. Hazeres, City Clerk

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