



City of Marquette, MI
300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855
Meeting Minutes
City Commission Meeting
August 28, 2017

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pro-tem Baldini moved amend the Consent Agenda to add an item involving the scheduling of a public hearing for a proposed condominium subdivision plan at 401 Lakeshore Blvd.

Mayor Campana said it would be made Consent Agenda Item #7 L.

It was then moved by Mayor Pro-tem Baldini, seconded by Commissioner Conley and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda as modified.

Announcements

Mayor Campana had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointments

Timothy Tebby, Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 05-30-20

J. Matthew Tuccini, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, for an unexpired term ending 02-01-20

Commissioner Mike Plourde moved to appoint the above listed applicants for the terms as written, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

Public Hearing(s)

2. Public Hearing Delft Project Community Development Block Grant - Close Out Process

Mayor Campana opened the public portion of the hearing and asked if there were any citizens wishing to speak on this item.

Mona Lang, DDA Executive Director said this project not only revitalized a landmark in our downtown area, it also added to job creation in the City. She

thanked the City Commission for allowing them to apply for the funding for this grant, which was so successful.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Baldini moved to Approve the close out of the Delft Project Community Development Block Grant, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

3. Public Hearing for DLP Marquette General Hospital Amended Brownfield Plan

Mayor Campana opened the public portion of the hearing and asked if there were any citizens wishing to speak on this item.

Frank Verito said the information on the cover sheet was very confusing. He said any unknown costs should have been given to the hospital as oversight as they were not unanticipated.

There being no one further to speak, Mayor Campana then closed the public portion of the hearing.

City Manager Angeli then asked Mac McClelland, Otwell Mawby Brownfield expert, to provide a short presentation on the background of the Brownfield plan, and the reason for the amendment request. Mr. McClelland reviewed the necessity of the amendment, detailing four factors which increased the budget for road improvements related to the DLP/MGH project:

Improvements to the McClelland Avenue – Baraga Avenue were required for regulatory approval (Estimated cost – \$770,000);

Whetstone Creek Monitoring and Maintenance was required for regulatory approval to monitor water levels (Estimated cost – \$190,000);

A contingency was recommended to be included to cover unforeseen circumstances (Estimated cost - \$800,000); and

Inflationary cost increases from the original budget (Estimated cost - \$682,650, approximately 7% over three years).

It was then moved by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Plourde and carried on a 6-1 roll-call vote (with Commissioner Cambensy voting Nay) to adopt the Resolution to approve the Amended Brownfield Plan for the DLP Marquette General Hospital Project.

4. Public Hearing for a Proposed Condominium Subdivision Plan

Mayor Campana opened the public portion of the hearing and asked if there were any citizens wishing to speak on this item. There being none, he closed the public portion of the hearing and asked for Commission comment.

Commissioner Mike Plourde moved to Approve the Condominium Subdivision Plan, seconded by Commissioner Sarah Reynolds and Carried Unanimously.

Presentation(s)

5. Michigan Farmers Market Association, by Michelle Gagliardi

Myra Zyburt, Manager of the Marquette Farmer's Market stepped to the lectern and provided background, purpose and accomplishments of the Market in the past year. She then introduced Michelle Gagliardi, MIFMA Special Projects Associate, who reviewed a 2016 market impacts study during a PowerPoint presentation. She shared details of data collected on the market and how it impacted the City. She said the busy market draws people to the area, who are then more than likely stay to shop and contribute to the economy of the City.

Mayor Campana thanked both Ms. Zyburt and Ms. Gagliardi for their information and said the Farmer's Market has been very successful in our City.

6. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, by Chair Walt Lindala

Walt Lindala, Chair of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee provided a PowerPoint update on the accomplishments of the past year. He said the purpose and mission of the Board is to "advise the City Commission in its effort to support, facilitate and grow an empowered and vital arts, cultural and creative community." Mr. Lindala said the Board has been involved in several events in the City during the past year, along with participating in planning and economic development of public art. He said the Board looks toward 2018 with several projects slated to be reviewed.

Mayor Campana thanked Mr. Lindala and the Committee and said this group does a lot for, and in, the City.

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

Mary Lou Blomquist said she would like to bring up a dangerous issue to the Commission regarding the bike path where it crosses Cleveland Avenue. She said a few years back, this street had construction done on it, and the crosswalk lines were never put back on the road to indicate to anyone coming down the street that there was a bike path crossing. She said that anyone on the bike path may not see the street coming up, and anyone driving would not know there was a bike path crossing here. She asked the Commission to please look into this situation and make changes before anything bad happens.

Mona Lang, DDA Executive Director said that at the inaugural Classic Cars on Third there were 167 vehicles and thanked the Commission for their help in this event. She said it was initiated by Bill and Tammy Dupras in memory of their daughter who was involved in a domestic violence assault. Ms. Lang said the event raised \$12,000 for the Women's Center, along with an additional \$4,000 for the Women's Center. She said she hopes to see this event continue. Ms. Lang also said that the DDA is heading up a fundraiser for the Phil Niemisto statue to be located in the downtown Pocket Park named in his honor. She said they are trying to raise the funds to get the statue completed by his 88th birthday in October, and currently have \$6,100 of the \$10,000 needed. She said the Delft Bistro is conducting a fundraiser in September, and there is a GoFundMe page also. She encouraged people to donate any way they can.

Jay Gage introduced himself as the new U.P. Regional Manager for Senator Debbie Stabinow. He said he recently moved to Marquette from Sault Ste. Marie, MI where he

was on the City Commission. He said he has talked with City Manager Angeli, and is enjoying becoming a member of this community.

Frank Verito provided his opinions on roundabouts, beach flag poles, garbage options, weather during meetings, Lighthouse Park, suicide, alcohol, the homeless, and inquired whether there would be a refund to those who purchased garbage bags.

7. Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Baldini moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended, adding the item regarding setting a public hearing for a Condominium Subdivision Plan for 401 Lakeshore Blvd., seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

7.a. Approve the minutes of the August 23, 2017 special budget meeting.

7.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$2,934,606.31

7.c. KBIC Funding for the U.P. Children's Museum

7.d. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Funding for the U.P. Children's Museum

7.e. Wastewater Plant Digester Gas Line Repair

7.f. Sale of Surplus Equipment - 1983 Oshkosh Plow Truck

7.g. Sale of Surplus Equipment - 1992 Mack Plow Truck

7.h. Memorandum of Understanding for Redevelopment Ready Communities Participation

7.i. Marquette Area Blues Fest - Special Event Permit

7.j. Marquette Marathon - Special Event Permit

7.k. Bond Authorizing Resolution-PWPL

Unfinished Business

8. Land Development Code Advisory Committee - Partial Appointments

Commissioner Mike Plourde moved to appoint Joy Cardillo, Wayne Premeau, Kenneth Czapski, Aaron Andres and two City Commissioners: Mayor Campana and Mayor Pro-tem Baldini to serve as full members of the Land Development Code Advisory Committee for a one year period starting September 5, 2017 and ending September 5, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

9. Superior Watershed Partnership - Lease

Commissioner Pete Frazier moved to Approve a five-year lease agreement with Superior Watershed Partnership for office space at Presque Isle Park per the terms of the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Sarah Reynolds and Carried Unanimously.

New Business

10. Delegate - Michigan Municipal League Convention

Mayor Campana added prior to the motion that he would like to go as the City Delegate and Commissioner Reynolds would be the alternate.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Baldini moved to appoint one City delegate, Mayor Campana, and one alternate, Commissioner Reynolds, to attend the 2017 Michigan Municipal League annual meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

11. U.S. 41 Water Main Extension

City Manager Angeli said that at this time, there is not really a market for this type of work, and the bid did not come out in our favor due to all the construction currently being done in the City. However, he said, this project is a definite benefit to the City, as it helps our fire protection in this area.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Baldini moved to Award a contract for the U.S. 41 Water Main Extension Project to Oberstar, Inc., in the amount of \$450,165.00 based on the quantities and unit prices bid, seconded by Commissioner Mike Plourde and Passed.

This motion passed 6-1, with Commissioner Cambensy being the lone Nay vote.

12. Father Marquette Park - Artist Selection

Mayor Campana said he would like to give a big thank you to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Recreation Authority for coming up with \$25,000 of the \$30,000 necessary for this project.

Commissioner Mike Plourde moved to Approve Ryan Brayak as the artist for seating and entrance way public art for the Father Marquette Park Accessibility and Improvement Project in the amount of \$30,000 and direct the City Attorney to prepare a contract, seconded by Commissioner Pete Frazier and Carried Unanimously.

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Frank Verito provided his opinions on the Fire Code discussion, cutting of trees at South Beach, committee board volunteers and the natural beauty of our City.

Comments from the Commission

REYNOLDS-Commissioner Reynolds said she emailed a comment from a resident who has a rental in the City to the Commission. She said it was regarding a tri-plex

behind Black Rocks and she has further questions that she would like checked into. She also said that as Mayor Campana was unavailable, she gave out the Mayor's Award to a 1950's truck at the Classic Cars on Third event. She said it was a lot of fun and a good new program.

PLOURDE-Commissioner Plourde thanked Mr. Verito for pointing out that the Commissioners do their due diligence when it comes to their agendas and materials prior to each meeting. He also said the Blues Fest is this weekend and Friday night is a free night, he urged everyone to attend.

CONLEY-Commissioner Conley said the Blues Fest caps the end of the summer in the City. He also asked City Manager Angeli to give them an update on the roundabout progress during his time to speak tonight.

CAMBENSY-Commissioner Cambensy wished everyone a safe Labor Day Holiday.

FRAZIER-Commissioner Frazier said he wondered where summer went. He said he had recently been out of town and visited another waterfront community and was amazed they did not have more life saving equipment like we do in the City.

BALDINI-Mayor Pro-tem Baldini said there's been a musical theme in Mattson Park lately, with the 4th of July, Harbor Fest and now the Blues Fest. He said the Phil Niemisto project is coming along, and encouraged donations. Mayor Pro-tem Baldini said that the Short Term Rentals are still considered a business, and he knows that there are not any rooms available in town for the Holiday weekend.

CAMPANA-Mayor Campana said the two events this weekend bring a lot of people into town. He also said the last budget meeting will be held Wednesday, August 30th at 5:15 p.m. in Chambers. He encouraged citizens to attend. Mayor Campana reminded people that the weekend of September 9th is Beerfest. He also said that there is a GoFundMe page for the Phil Niemisto project, and encouraged people to donate toward the statue. He also said that everyone should drive safely over the Holiday weekend, especially if they are traveling.

Comments from the City Manager

Angeli-City Manager Angeli said he apologized for the City's email system being down recently, but we have switched over to a new website and a new domain, so it took a while to get it coordinated. He then asked Community Development Director Dennis Stachewicz to provide an update on the roundabout construction in the City.

Stachewicz-He said that the roundabouts near the hospital lost a few days due to the poor weather, but they will be completed this year, along with the paving. He said the Wright Street projects are on track, and the closure of the Presque Isle at Fair Avenue area had to happen so they could play catch up. He said everything should be done by October 15th.

City Manager Angeli then asked Chief Rieboldt to speak about the Marquette Marathon this weekend, and the construction areas involved.

Rieboldt-Police Chief Reiboldt said that there will be additional signage marking a detour for traffic, and asked people to work with us as we move around construction.

Adjournment

Mayor Campana adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Kris M. Hazeres, City Clerk

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