



City of Marquette, MI

Meeting Minutes City Commission

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan
49855

Monday, March 30, 2026
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Mayor Schloegel. Commissioners Davis, Gottlieb, Hanley, Larson and Mayer

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Ottaway.

Commissioner Gottlieb moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Ottaway, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Hanley moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried unanimously.

Announcements

The mayor had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)
Hannah Snow to the Public Art Commission for an unexpired term ending 02-26-29

Commissioner Larson moved to appoint Hannah Snow to the Public Art Commission for a term ending 02-26-29, seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried unanimously.

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

Angela Palomaki discussed her dental practice located in the Savings Bank building and shared her perspective on how the Vault Marquette project has affected her business.

Presentation(s)

2. City of Marquette Climate Action Plan, by Northern Michigan University Fellow Anna Tousley

Anna Tousley, a student fellow from Northern Michigan University, provided an overview of the Climate Action Plan, outlining how city staff will develop the plan using seven focus areas and a projected matrix. She also described opportunities for public involvement throughout the planning process. Following her presentation, the City Commission expressed its support for the project and thanked her for her contributions.

3. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, by Johanna Worley

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee member Johanna Worley provided the annual presentation to the Commission explaining the work and goals of the committee.

Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hanley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Consent Items

- 4.a Approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026 regular City Commission meeting
- 4.b Approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026 work session
- 4.c Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,168,572.40 which excludes \$1,618.60 in City Commission travel reimbursement, this reimbursement will be New Business items 5-6
- 4.d Senior Center Donation
- 4.e Update to City of Marquette FOIA Procedures and Guidelines
- 4.f Schedule Public Hearing - Vault Brownfield Plan Amendment

New Business

5. Commissioner Larson and Commissioner Hanley Travel Reimbursement

Commissioner Gottlieb moved to approve travel reimbursement for Commissioner Larson in the amount of \$727.30 and Commissioner Hanley in the amount of \$156.00 for the Michigan Municipal League Conference, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The vote passed 4-0-2 with Commissioner Larson and Hanley abstaining.

6. Mayor Schloegel Travel Reimbursement

Commissioner Hanley moved to approve travel reimbursement for May Paul Schloegel in the amount of \$735.30 for the Michigan Municipal League Conference, seconded by Commissioner Mayer. The vote passed 5-0-1 with Mayor Schloegel abstaining.

7. Cinder Pond Marina - MDNR Waterways Grant Application

Commissioner Gottlieb moved to approve the recommended fiscal policy and the submission of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Park and Recreation Division Waterways Grant Program Application for Pier Replacement at Cinder Pond Marina, and authorize the City Manager or her designee to sign the application, seconded by Commissioner Larson.

Discussion ensued following the motion surrounding the necessity of the project and costs associated with the project. Staff provided clarification of possible funding sources, the logistics of the project and future pier maintenance. City staff emphasized that the marina's infrastructure was already beyond its expected lifespan, stating that because of the efforts of the department of public works, the city was able to extend its useful life by 10 years, but recent blizzard damage has accentuated the need for replacement.

When discussion concluded, the Commission voted on the motion. The motion passed 4-2 with Commissioners Hanley and Mayer voting no.

8. Procedure to Fill BLP Vacancy

Commissioner Hanley moved to direct the City Clerk to make Marquette Board of Light and Power application forms available online and in the Clerk's Office, and to accept applications from interested parties until 4 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026; to then forward all applications to the Board of Light and Power for review; and to then proceed with the appointment of a new board member to the Board of Light and Power at the May 11, 2026 City Commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried unanimously.

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Angela Palomaki followed up on her first public comment regarding her dental practice at the Savings Bank building.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Hanley addressed public comment regarding the Vault project. Commissioner Larson had no comment.

Commissioner Mayer expressed his appreciation to Ms. Palomaki for sharing her perspective on the Vault project. He then clarified his rationale for voting against the

Cinder Pond Marina Waterways Grant application, noting that the City is currently facing several large and costly capital needs. He stated that, in his view, the marina project would primarily benefit a relatively small group of people, and he believes it is important to prioritize projects that serve the needs of the broader community.

Commissioner Davis thanked Ms. Palomaki for her feedback.

Commissioner Gottlieb had no comment.

Mayor Scholegel noted the significant volume of public feedback he has received regarding the city's response to the recent storm event. He emphasized the extent of the damage sustained from the storm in the forested area within the Tourist Park Dog Park and indicated that the park's operating season may need to be adjusted to allow sufficient time for cleanup and restoration.

Comments from the City Manager

The City Manager provided an update on the Tourist Park Dog Park, noting that due to the extensive storm damage, the park will close at the end of April to allow adequate time for cleanup in preparation for the upcoming camping season. An official closing date will be communicated to the public. She also announced that the Winter Parking Ban has been extended through April 15 to support continued snowbank removal by city staff.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Paul Schloegel, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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