

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MARQUETTE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
April 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Marquette City Planning Commission was duly called and held at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission (PC) members present (7): M. Rayner, N. Vermaat, D. Fetter, J. Fitkin, S. Lawry, Vice-Chair A. Wilkinson, Chair Kevin Clegg

PC Members absent: J. Guter

Staff present: City Planner and Zoning Administrator D. Stensaas.

AGENDA

It was moved by S. Lawry, seconded by M. Rayner, and carried 7-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 4/07/2026 meeting were approved by consent with two corrections as annotated by S. Lawry.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nobody stated a conflict.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Nobody provided comments.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Nobody provided comments.

WORK SESSION ON REPORTS/PLANS/ORDINANCES

A. Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments

D. Stensaas presented the work session materials, as presented in the published agenda, on the monitors and addressed each of the items. The Planning Commission asked several questions and discussed these potential LDC changes for approximately thirty minutes.

There was a discussion about the coming changes to the City Code concerning grass, weeds, and planned natural landscapes, and the possibility of a companion policy for the use of right-of-way areas adjacent to private property. D. Stensaas said that he previously drafted a policy for right-of-way use, to clarify what is and isn't acceptable to be placed or planted in a right-of-way, and that the Community Development Department will be revisiting that and working on it so that both the property owners and City departments that deal with items in the right-of-way regularly will have clear direction and expectations.

S. Lawry said, regarding item 54.618, that the Public Works Department used to publish ads to notify the community to remove items from the right-of-way in the fall, and supervisors would often contact some homeowners to remove things, or they would mark them so that plows would go around them.

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He said that it would be good to state that certain items can encroach to within so many feet or a curb or from the sidewalk, and that coordinating notices with the winter parking ban announcement would probably be helpful for compliance. He also said that staff might review the wording used in the draft amendment to section 54.905(E), and possibly use a term other than "improved" for the right-of-way requirement, and that consideration of Act 51 status may be relevant to this standard. D. Stensaas said that he would speak with the City Engineer about it.

COMMISSION and STAFF COMMENTS

J. Fitkin said that she is still working on potential amendments to the tree list in Figure 59, and said that she was particularly concerned with *Columnar Norway Maple* and *Japanese Lilac* being in the list.

D. Stensaas said there will be a Site Plan Review at the first meeting in May, for a new site plan for the GMC dealership that is moving across the highway at McClellan Avenue. He explained that they want to change some aspects of the site plans, and since they had not submitted a site plan that met the conditions of approval for the first site plan that was reviewed by the Planning Commission, they had to either do that before they could submit an application for revisions or submit an application for a new site plan to be approved.

ADJOURNMENT

K. Clegg adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

David Stensaas

Prepared by D. Stensaas, Planning Commission Staff Liaison (transcription and editing).