



City of Marquette, MI

Meeting Minutes City Commission

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan
49855

Monday, May 11, 2026
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Jessica Hanley moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Cary Gottlieb for personal reasons, seconded by Jermey Ottaway. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Michael Larson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Cody Mayer. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Schloegel suggested residents consider applying to serve on one of the City's several boards and committees.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)
Charles Blaksmith to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 6-1-27
Carol Pitz to the Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees for a term ending 5-1-31

Sally Davis moved to approve the appointments as listed, seconded by Jermey Ottaway. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Reappointment(s)
Julie Benda to the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee for a term ending 5-30-29

Jessica Hanley moved to approve the reappointments as listed, seconded by Cody Mayer. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mike Stucko, president of the Marquette City Band and co-chair of the Peg Hirvonen Band Shell fundraising committee, said the committee has completed fundraising of the \$2.3 million for the new band shell. While he said the numbers are not yet finalized, he is tonight presenting a check to the City for \$1 million toward the project.

City Clerk Kyle Whitney read a written comment from Jim Bushey, which shared the history of Bushey's prior employment with the City, as well as his concerns related to medical issues, documentation, and insurance.

Presentation(s)

3. Marquette Area Sister Cities Partnership, by Tristan Luoma

Tristan Luoma presented an update on the Marquette Area Sister Cities Partnership, a nonprofit organization that supports Marquette's sister-city relationships with Higashiomi, Japan and Kajaani, Finland. He said regular delegation exchanges have now resumed, including a recent Marquette delegation to Higashiomi, an upcoming Higashiomi delegation visit to Marquette, a recent Kajaani delegation visit to Marquette, and a planned Marquette delegation to Kajaani. He also highlighted the ongoing NMU student exchange with Higashiomi, new organizational outreach and fundraising efforts.

Consent Agenda

4. **Consent Items**

Michael Larson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as listed, seconded by Sally Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Legal Services Contract and Fees
- b. Schedule Public Hearing: Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption
- c. Approve the minutes of the 04-27-26 regular City Commission meeting
- d. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$558,229.55
- e. Sale of Surplus Equipment
- f. Schedule Public Hearing - Single Lot Special Assessment Roll #593
- g. Upper Peninsula Community Rowing Club - Facility Lease
- h. Upper Peninsula Community Rowing Club - Storage Lease

- i. Marquette Mountain Resort, LLC - Paddle Sports Concessionaire Permit
- j. Marquette Figure Skating Club - Second Storage Lease Agreement
- k. Donation - Marquette Lion's Club
- l. Street Improvements and Maintenance Project - Contract Amendment

New Business

- 5. National Public Works Week

The City Clerk read the proclamation honoring National Public Works Week.

Jessica Hanley moved to accept the proclamation as read and designate the Mayor to sign it, seconded by Cody Mayer. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6. BLP Board Member Appointment

Michael Larson moved to appoint Christopher Dehlin to the vacant seat on the Board of Light and Power, seconded by Cody Mayer. The motion carried unanimously.

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City Clerk Kyle Whitney read the remainder of Jim Bushey's written comment.

Comments from the Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Jermey Ottaway and Commissioners Cody Mayer and Jessica Hanley had no comments.

Commissioner Sally Davis said she was excited about the check presented tonight and about the state of the band shell.

Commissioner Michael Larson thanked those who rode bikes tonight.

Mayor Paul Schloegel shared information about an upcoming volunteer effort to help clean up the winter off-leash dog park in Tourist Park.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs talked about Ride Your Bike to Work Day, and also praised the City's staff in advance of Public Works Week.

Adjournment

Mayor Schloegel adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Paul Schloegel, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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