

City of Marquette, MI



Meeting Agenda City Commission

Tuesday, June 16, 2026
5:00 PM
Commission Chambers

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan
49855

Special Meeting

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Approval of the Agenda

Announcements

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

Consent Agenda

1. Consent Items

1.a Approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 regular City Commission meeting

Public Hearing

2. Ordinance 26-05: Use of Multi-Use Paths - Roll Call Vote

Comments from the Commission

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Comments from the City Manager

Adjournment

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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Consent Agenda

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BACKGROUND:

FISCAL EFFECT:

RECOMMENDATION:

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 06-08-26.cc.minutes



City of Marquette, MI

Meeting Minutes City Commission

300 West Baraga Ave
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Monday, June 8, 2026
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Cody Mayer moved to excuse Commissioner Michael Larson for personal reasons, seconded by Jessica Hanley. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Cody Mayer moved to approve the agenda, with the addition of a new Item 7: Local Renter Protections Review, seconded by Jermey Ottaway. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Schloegel had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)
Jaclyn Stark to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority as the city's representative, for a term ending 7/1/29

Sally Davis moved to approve the appointment as listed, seconded by Cary Gottlieb. The motion carried unanimously.

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Barb Owdziej spoke about the history of the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee, the E-bike and Multi-Use Path Task Force, and the discussions about the topic.

Margaret Brumm talked her efforts to collect and recycle cigarette butts, and shared concerns related to smoking and the disposal of cigarette butts.

Presentation(s)

2. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit by Mike Grentz, Anderson Tackman & Co.

Mike Grentz of Anderson Tackman & Co. presented the City of Marquette's Fiscal Year 2025 Audit, reporting that the City received an unmodified opinion and complied with generally accepted accounting principles. He highlighted the City's total net position, and also discussed pension liabilities, utility funds, project- and timing-related construction issues, and major street funds.

Grentz noted that General Fund cash and fund equity remain above benchmark levels, revenues and expenditures have generally remained stable, and property taxes continue to be the largest General Fund revenue source. He also discussed transfers out of the General Fund, which decreased from the prior year and are largely related to street funds, debt payments, and capital projects. Commissioners thanked Grentz and noted the audit reflected positive financial progress, improved planning, and staff efforts to stabilize the City's financial position.

3. Board of Zoning Appeals, by Heather Dombrowski

Mayor Schloegel announced that the BZA presentation should be postponed, due to a scheduling issue.

Jessica Hanley moved to postpone the BZA presentation to a later date, seconded by Cody Mayer. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

4. Consent Items

Jessica Hanley moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Sally Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4.a Approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026 City Commission work session
- 4.b Approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026 regular City Commission meeting
- 4.c Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$870,604.56
- 4.d BS&A Cloud Platform Transition and Intergrated Payments Addendum
- 4.e License to Use Municipal Property at 100 Hawley Street
- 4.f MERS Health Care Savings Plan

4.g Schedule Public Hearing: Land Development Code Amendments Ordinance

4.h Winter Maintenance

New Business

5. Schedule Public Hearing: Multi-Use Path Ordinance

Cary Gottlieb moved to schedule a public hearing to be held during a special meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, to consider adoption of the proposed ordinance, seconded by Sally Davis. Commission discussion ensued.

City Manager Karen Kovacs presented a brief overview of the proposed ordinance, which would amend the City Code to clarify where certain electric mobility devices may be used. The ordinance would apply to human-powered wheeled devices, Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes, and other electric personal mobility devices such as scooters and one-wheels, provided they are powered by motors of 750 watts or less.

The proposed ordinance would also establish standards for safe and prudent operation, prohibit careless or reckless riding regardless of device type, and revise sidewalk rules by restricting use of mobility devices on sidewalks in much of the downtown development district.

Commissioners asked follow-up questions about a couple of the provisions in the draft ordinance. Following discussion, the Commission voted on the motion to schedule the public hearing for a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 16.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti Site Use Resolution- Roll Call Vote

Jermey Ottaway moved to approve the Resolution directing the City Manager to pursue residential use of the Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti site in Marquette, seconded by Jessica Hanley. The motion Passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Yes: Sally Davis, Paul Schloegel, Cody Mayer, Cary Gottlieb, Jessica Hanley, Jermey Ottaway

No: None

7. Local Renter Protections Review

Cody Mayer moved to to direct City staff to prepare an analysis of current renter protections and related ordinances, and provide a list of options if any, to the City Commission for consideration for protecting the health and safety

of renters in the City of Marquette, seconded by Cary Gottlieb. Commission discussion ensued.

Commissioner Mayer said his motion was prompted by recent concerns raised by renters regarding landlord issues and housing conditions, and noted that a significant portion of the community rents housing and that residents were looking for the City to address the issue in some way.

Commissioners and staff discussed concerns attendant with becoming involved in landlord-tenant disputes, which are generally private civil matters handled by the courts. City Attorney Suzanne Larsen said the City's current role is primarily guided by the rental safety regulations, under which rental units are inspected every three years for specific life-safety items such as guardrails, smoke detectors, egress windows, and obvious hazards.

Staff indicated that a high-level memo or brief presentation could be prepared, summarizing existing City rental inspection requirements, the City's legal role, possible roles of other entities, and general options available to the Commission. Commissioners expressed support for an educational overview rather than an extensive analysis at this stage. Following discussion, the Commission voted on the original motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Margaret Brumm talked about renter concerns and discussed cigarette recycling. Barb Owdziej discussed the e-bike ordinance, and she said she thinks no e-bikes should be allowed on city sidewalks.

Bailey Quinn discussed recent issues with her landlord and with the house she rents.

Comments from the Commission

Comments from the City Manager

Adjournment

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Public Hearing

Ordinance 26-05: Use of Multi-Use Paths - Roll Call Vote

BACKGROUND:

At the May 26 regular meeting, the City Commission directed the City Manager to draft an ordinance permitting the operation of electric mobility devices under 750 watts within the City, including but not limited to Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 electric mobility devices on the City's multi-use path; and further, that the proposed ordinance include provisions establishing safe and prudent speed requirements, as well as clear standards and penalties addressing careless and reckless riding to ensure public safety.

That recommendation followed significant discussion and debate on the topic. In late 2025, in response to the exponential increase in the popularity and local adoption of various electric mobility devices, the City Commission directed the creation of the E-Bike and Multi-Use Path Taskforce, composed of local citizens, to research the topic, source community input, and provide recommendations for adjustments to City Code and policy. After the task force presented their recommendations to the City Commission earlier this year, staff evaluated the efficacy and feasibility of implementation, and the City Commission discussed possible paths forward in a work session prior to the May 26 meeting.

At a state level, legislation in 2018 provided limited regulation of most low-powered electric mobility devices, as well as a framework for local governing authority regarding certain devices, and the law now includes working definitions for most electric mobility devices.

The ordinance being proposed tonight attempts to address the concerns raised by the Commission during that May 26 meeting and work session. The ordinance, as written, amends City Code Chapter 46, and would allow for users to utilize the following devices on the multi-use path:

- Wheeled devices designed to transport one or more persons and propelled solely by human power.
- Electric bicycles, as defined by state law. This includes Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes.
- Electric skateboards and electric personal mobility devices, as defined by state law. This includes electric scooters and one-wheels, among other similar devices.
- All other wheeled devices powered solely by human power and an electric motor not greater than 750 watts.

The ordinance also includes a new section aimed at prohibiting reckless riding, regardless of what device is being used, and also eliminates now-redundant sections related to skateboard regulations and to penalties for violation.

Finally, the ordinance amends the regulations related to mobility device usage on sidewalks, fully prohibiting users from riding devices on sidewalks throughout much of the Downtown Development District.

The ordinance was introduced and this public hearing was scheduled during the Commission's June

8 meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of City Charter Sec. 3-1(a)(4), this Ordinance is deemed necessary for the preservation of the public safety of the residents of the City of Marquette and will take immediate effect.

FISCAL EFFECT:

None by this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Ordinance 26-05.

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ord 26-05 Multi-use Paths Draft
2. Ord 26-05 Redline

ORDINANCE #26-05
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND MARQUETTE CITY CODE
CHAPTER 46 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

INTENT:

To clarify which types of vehicles may be used on the multi-use path and City sidewalks and to provide a law enforcement framework under which reckless riding, including excessive speed, can be prohibited.

The City of Marquette Ordains:

**SECTION 1. That the title of Chapter 46, Article IV is hereby amended to read:
*Article IV. – Designated Paths and Related Traffic***

SECTION 2. That a new Section 46-92 is hereby created and added to read as follows:

Sec. 46-92. – Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the term mobility device shall refer to a vehicle in one of the following categories:

- (a) Human-powered mobility device: A wheeled device designed to transport one or more persons and propelled solely by human power.
- (b) Electric mobility device:
 - (1) An electric bicycle, as defined by MCL 257.13e.
 - (2) An electric skateboard, as defined by MCL 257.13f.
 - (3) An electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined by MCL 257.13c.
 - (4) Any other wheeled device powered solely by human power and an electric motor not greater than 750 watts.

SECTION 3. That Section 46-93 is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 46-93. – Multi-use paths.

- (a) The city may designate, at the discretion of the chief of police and the director of the community services department, and by the erection of appropriate signs, certain areas as multi-use paths.
- (b) Persons traveling on a designated multi-use path may utilize mobility devices, as defined in Section 46-92.
- (c) All motorized vehicles not meeting the definition of a mobility device are prohibited from traveling on such designated multi-use paths.

SECTION 4. That a new Section 46-93.5 is hereby created and added to read as follows:

Sec. 46-93.5. – Reckless activity prohibited.

- (a) No person shall travel on the multi-use path at a speed greater than what is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard for actual and potential hazards. In every event, speed shall be controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with others who are complying with the law and using reasonable care.
- (b) No person shall fail to exercise full control over the mobility device they are using on any street, parking lot, sidewalk, or designated multi-use path.
- (c) Every person using the multi-use path shall stay as near to the right side of the path as is safe. When traveling on a designated multi-use path, no individual or group of users, including their animals and mobility devices, shall occupy more than one-half of the path as measured from the right side, and shall in no way impede the normal and reasonable movement of other users.
- (d) When traveling on a designated multi-use path, any person overtaking another person proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left of such overtaken user at a safe distance and shall stay to the left until safely clear of the overtaken user.
- (e) Any person entering or crossing a designated multi-use path at an uncontrolled point shall yield to traffic on the path.
- (f) Every person operating a mobility device shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto unless otherwise directed by a designated city official.
- (g) No device shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

SECTION 5. That Section 46-94 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-94. – Mobility device use on sidewalks.

No person shall ride a mobility device on a sidewalk in the following locations: Washington Street between Lakeshore Boulevard and Seventh Street; Third Street between Fair Avenue and Baraga Avenue; and Front Street between Ridge Street and Baraga Avenue.

SECTION 6. That a new Section 46-94.5 is hereby created and added to read as follows:

Sec. 46-94.5. – Temporary restrictions on mobility devices.

The Chief of Police or City Manager may temporarily designate locations and times at and during which mobility devices may not be operated. These restrictions shall be posted on signs within the designated area.

SECTION 7. That Section 46-97 and 46-98 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 8. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Paul Schloegel, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

Date Adopted: _____

Date Published: _____

ARTICLE IV. ~~BICYCLES AND OTHER NONMOTORIZED TRAFFIC DESIGNATED PATHS~~
AND RELATED TRAFFIC

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 - (3) An electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined by MCL 257.13c.
 - (4) Any other wheeled device powered solely by human power and an electric motor not greater than 750 watts.

Sec. 46-93. ~~Designation of bicycle paths~~Multi-use paths.

- (a) The city may designate, at the discretion of the chief of police and the director of the community services department, and by the erection of appropriate signs, certain areas as bicycle-multi-use paths. ~~All motorized vehicles, including, but not limited to, motorcycles, motor scooters, go-carts, automobiles and all other vehicles powered by other than muscular power, are prohibited from traveling on such designated non-motorized paths.~~
- (b) Persons traveling on a designated multi-use path may utilize mobility devices, as defined in Section 46-92.
- (c) All motorized vehicles not meeting the definition of a mobility device are prohibited from traveling on such designated multi-use paths.
- ~~(b) Class 1 electric bicycles, defined as "equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour", as specified by MCL 257.13e(b)(i), are not considered motorized vehicles for the purpose of this article.~~
- ~~(c) All bicycles operated on designated bicycle paths shall comply with all regulations governing the operation of bicycles in the city as set forth in sections 46-21 and 46-94.~~

Sec. 46-93.5 Reckless activity prohibited.

- (a) No person shall travel on the multi-use path at a speed greater than what is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard for actual and potential hazards. In every event, speed shall be controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with others who are complying with the law and using reasonable care.
- (b) No person shall fail to exercise full control over the mobility device they are using on any street, parking lot, sidewalk, or designated multi-use path.
- (c) Every person using the multi-use path shall stay as near to the right side of the path as is safe. When traveling on a designated multi-use path, no individual or group of users, including their animals and mobility devices, shall occupy more than one-half of the path as measured from the right side, and shall in no way impede the normal and reasonable movement of other users.

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- (d) When traveling on a designated multi-use path, any person overtaking another person proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left of such overtaken user at a safe distance and shall stay to the left until safely clear of the overtaken user.
 - (e) Any person entering or crossing a designated multi-use path at an uncontrolled point shall yield to traffic on the path.
 - (f) Every person operating a mobility device shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto unless otherwise directed by a designated city official.
 - (g) No device shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped..

Sec. 46-94. Mobility device use on sidewalks~~Designating times when bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, coasters, and similar devices can be used on sidewalks in certain business districts.~~

No person shall ride a mobility device ~~bicycle, skateboard, roller skates, coaster, or similar device~~ on a sidewalk in the following locations: in the city in the following business districts, except between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sundays: Washington Street between Lake Shore Boulevard and Seventh Street; Third Street between Fair Avenue and Baraga Avenue; and Front Street between Ridge Street and Baraga Avenue.

Sec. 46-94.5 Temporary restrictions on mobility devices.

The Chief of Police or City Manager may temporarily designate locations and times at and during which mobility devices may not be operated. These restrictions shall be posted on signs within the designated area.

Sec. 46-95. Designation of paths for foot traffic.

The city may designate, at the discretion of the chief of police and the director of the community services department, certain areas as inappropriate for wheeled vehicular traffic. Such paths will be clearly marked by signs, and a current list of such paths shall be available for public inspection in the offices of the community services department. All vehicles, including, but not limited to, bicycles, scooters, unicycles, carts, motorcycles, motor scooters, go-carts and automobiles, are prohibited from traveling on such designated foot paths.

Sec. 46-96. Motorcycles; moped; operator—Protective helmet required.

A person operating or riding on a motorcycle, and any person operating a moped on a public thoroughfare shall wear on his or her head a protective helmet of a type approved by the department of state police.

Sec. 46-97. Skateboarding and in-line skating.

- (a) ~~The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:~~

~~*Business district* means Third Street from Fair Avenue, south to Baraga Avenue; Front Street from Ridge Street south to Rock Street; Washington Street from Lake Shore Boulevard west to Seventh Street; all of Main Street; Spring Street from Lake Shore Boulevard west to Fourth Street; and Baraga Avenue from Lakeshore Boulevard west to Fourth Street.~~

~~*Designated park areas* means all of Harlow Park, and the immediate vicinity of the Fireman's Bell Tower in Ellwood A. Mattson Lower Harbor Park.~~

~~*In-line skates* means skates propelled solely by human power by means of wheels which are attached in a straight line to the bottom of the boots of the skates.~~

~~*Parking structure* means any public structure designed for the parking of motor vehicles.~~

~~*Pedestrian* means a person on foot, or on skates, or on a skateboard excluding a person on foot walking a bicycle or moped.~~

~~*Roadway elevation* means the line, grade, slope and specifications established by the city engineer for the construction or repair of any roadway.~~

~~*Sidewalk* means that portion of a roadway designed or ordinarily used for pedestrian travel.~~

~~*Sidewalk elevation* means the line, grade, slope and specifications established by the city engineer for the construction or repair of any sidewalk.~~

~~*Skateboard* means a single platform mounted on wheels, which is propelled solely by human power and which has no mechanism or other device with which to steer or to control the movement or direction of the platform.~~

- ~~(b) Skateboarding and in-line skating shall be prohibited upon any sidewalk, wall, handrail, or bench in the business district and designated park areas. Skateboarding and in-line skating shall be permitted on sidewalks in the business district between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Skateboarding and in-line skating shall be permitted on all other sidewalks and bike paths within the city.~~
- ~~(c) Notwithstanding their status as pedestrians, skateboard operators and in-line skaters on sidewalks shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicular and to all other pedestrian (non-skateboarder or in-line skater) traffic upon the sidewalk.~~
- ~~(d) No more than one person shall operate or ride on a skateboard at one time.~~
- ~~(e) A person who violates this section is subject to the penalties prescribed for civil infractions in this Code. In addition to any penalty prescribed in this Code, a police officer or other law enforcement agent may confiscate the skateboard and obtain the person's name, address, telephone number and age. A skateboard confiscated under this subsection shall be returned to persons 17 years of age or older not earlier than 24 hours after the violation upon their appearance at the city police department and the execution of a declaration of ownership. Skateboards confiscated from those persons under the age of 17 years shall be returned not earlier than 24 hours after the violation, to the person's parent or guardian upon their appearance at the city police department and the execution of a declaration of ownership. If a skateboard is confiscated under this subsection from a person other than the owner of the skateboard, the skateboard shall be returned, not earlier than 24 hours after the violation, to the owner or the parent or guardian of the owner, if the owner is under 17 years of age, upon the appearance of the owner or the parent or guardian of the owner at the city police department and the execution of a declaration of ownership.~~
- ~~(f) No person shall operate a skateboard or in-line skates on the sidewalks or in public parks or other public places where such operation is prohibited by sign. Pursuant to section 14-24, the city manager and city commission may designate additional areas where such operations are prohibited.~~
- ~~(g) Any person skateboarding or in-line skating on any sidewalk, street or other place open to the general public, including any area designated for the parking of vehicles, in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property shall be in violation of this section.~~
- ~~(h) Skateboarding and in-line skating shall be prohibited on any surface that deviates from the adjacent sidewalk elevation or roadway elevation, including, but not limited to, ramps, steps, retention walls, handrails, planters, curb or gutter edges, barriers and barricades, benches and picnic tables, monument or sculpture surfaces located on all property owned or operated by the city, except within designated skate parks.~~

~~(i) Skateboarding and in-line skating shall be prohibited in all parking structures, and inside all buildings owned or operated by city, county, state, or federal governments, except at times specifically posted or events organized for such purposes.~~

~~(j) Skateboarding or in-line skating on private property without the permission of the owner is prohibited.~~

~~Sec. 46-98. Penalty.~~

~~Any person who violates any portion of this article is responsible for a municipal civil infraction.~~