



City of Marquette, MI

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, June 29, 2026
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan
49855

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Mayor Schloegel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m..

Present: Sally Davis, Paul Schloegel, Michael Larson, Cody Mayer, Cary Gottlieb, Jessica Hanley, Jermey Ottaway

Absent: None

Approval of the Agenda

Jermey Ottaway moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Cody Mayer. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Schloegel had no announcements.

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

Margaret Brumm spoke about the impact of City employee Mark O'Neill, whose retirement is being recognized tonight.

Jenna Smith spoke about her candidacy for Marquette County Commission District 1, sharing her background and what her goals would be as an elected official.

Steve Nystrom said he would like to apply to be on the City's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and then spoke about the local housing market.

Bailey Quinn spoke about the issues she is having with her landlord, a local company. She spoke about specific concerns with her property and her efforts to find relevant regulations related to rentals.

Presentation(s)

1. Recognition of City Retiree- Mark O'Neill

City Manager Karen Kovacs spoke about retiring City employee Mark O'Neill, who has spent more than 30 years with the City, including the last few as the director of Municipal Utilities. She talked about his work ethic, as well as his interest in keeping the public informed.

Mark O'Neill then thanked City Manager Kovacs for her kind words and thanked the City staff and City Commission for their support. He said he and his wife are looking forward to enjoying a retirement that will include a lot of camping and international travel. The City Commission then wished Mark a happy retirement.

2. Lifesaving Efforts, by Fire Chief Ian Davis

Ian Davis presented the Fire Department's Cardiac Lifesaving Award to Brandon Morey and Jake Phillips, and told the story of an event that Morey and Phillips were called to, where a reported fall turned out to be a cardiac event. Davis said the pair made a series of key decisions that led to a positive outcome for the victim.

3. Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, by Callie New

Callie New shared an annual update on behalf of the City's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which she chairs. She provided an overview of the brownfield process, discussing the benefits of the tax-increment financing mechanism, and highlighted the existing and completed MBRA projects

MBRA Chair Callie New presented the Authority's annual update, reviewing its use of tax increment financing to support redevelopment of eligible brownfield and housing properties. She provided an overview of the brownfield process, discussing the benefits of the tax-increment financing mechanism, and she summarized completed and active projects, including Founders Landing, Liberty Way, the former hospital site, the Vault, the Chipp housing development, and the mixed-use project at the former Northern Hydroponics site.

Consent Agenda

4. Consent Items

Jermy Ottaway moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Michael Larson. The motion carried unanimously.

4.a Approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026 special City Commission meeting

4.b Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$2,955,749.12

4.c Cardiac Monitor Contract

4.d Freedom Monument — Donation Acceptance

4.e Marquette Cultural Trailhead - Construction Contract Change Order

4.f Marquette Cultural Trailhead - Grant Award

4.g Marquette Cultural Trailhead - Rotary Donation

New Business

5 AARP Age Friendly Communities Application — Resolution of Support - Roll Call Vote

Sally Davis moved to Approve the resolution of support for the City's AARP Age-Friendly Communities Application, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign it and the corresponding letter of support, seconded by Cody Mayer. The motion carried unanimously.

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Margaret Brumm talked about local efforts to recycle cigarette butts.

Bailey Quinn continued to talk about her issues with local landlords and her desire for increased local renter protections.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Sally Davis discussed the grants received on tonight's Consent Agenda, as well as her recent trip to Kajaani, Finland as part of the Sister Cities trip.

Commissioner Cary Gottlieb thanked Margaret Brumm for her praise of Mark O'Neill.

Commissioner Jessica Hanley discussed Emily Barker, who died recently during a wilderness firefighting trip out west.

Mayor Pro Tem Jerney Ottaway said the temperatures are going to be very high over the next few days and asked people to make sure they stay hydrated and that they protect themselves from the heat.

Commissioners Michael Larson and **Cody Mayer** had no comments.

Mayor Paul Schloegel talked about the Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking on the new development near McClellan Avenue.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said there will be several street closures during the coming 4th of July festivities, and asked everyone to follow the rules.

Adjournment

Mayor Schloegel adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Paul Schloegel, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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