



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Agenda City Commission

WORK SESSION

Monday, January 9, 2023

4:30 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Bonsall, Davis, Hanley, Mayer, Ottaway, Smith, Stonehouse

Announcements

Mayor Mayer had no announcements.

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

James Gallant welcomed Mayor Mayer to his new position. He discussed the importance of consistency and touched on Robert's Rules of Procedure and best practices for parliamentary procedure.

Margaret Brumm spoke about the history of the Cliffs-Dow site and voiced concerns about future use of this property, as well as nearby properties.

1. Cliffs-Dow Project Update by Project Team: Dennis Stachewicz, Community Development Director; Richard Baron, Foley, Baron, Metzger & Juip, PLLC, Special Counsel to City; Tom Anthos and Ryan Whaley, TriMedia Environmental & Engineering

The project team, represented by Rich Baron and Ryan Whaley, provided the City Commission with an update on the Cliffs-Dow property. This presentation included an operational history of the property and an overview of the previous and ongoing work done by the team, which includes TriMedia and the firm of Foley, Baron, Metzger and Juip. Baron and Whaley shared updates on environmental testing data.

Commissioners thanked the team for the update, and discussion ensued. The group talked about the desire to see this site put back into productive use, the chances of being able to utilize grant funding to assist in environmental remediation, best practices for environmental monitoring activity and long-term responsibility for the property.

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Margaret Brumm said she thought the Cliffs-Dow property was cursed and that Commissions have attempted to improve this situation for decades now.

James Gallant talked about Robert's Rules of Order and the City ethics ordinance, and shared his opinion on Commission actions.

Adjournment

Mayor Mayer adjourned the Work Session at 5:38 p.m.

Cody O. Mayer, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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