



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, January 13, 2025
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Davis, Gottlieb, Hanley, Larson, Mayer, Schloegel

Absent: Ottaway

Commissioner Cary Gottlieb moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Jerney Ottaway for personal reasons, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Hanley had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Recommend the appointment of Jamie Glenn as the City of Marquette representative on the Marquette County Transit Authority, for a term ending 12-31-27

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to recommend the appointment as listed, seconded by Commissioner Cary Gottlieb and Carried Unanimously.

2. Reappointment(s)

Dallas Fetter, Planning Commission, for a term ending 02-15-2028

Margaret Rayner, Planning Commission, for a term ending 02-15-2028

Robert Kulisheck, Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, for a term ending 02-01-2028

Charles Klecha, Downtown Development Authority, for a term ending 01-01-2029

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the reappointments as listed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

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

Barb Owdziej asked questions about the proposed Waste Management contract, specifically about container sizes and parking issues related to daytime collection. Orville Dishno said that after the garbage truck comes by on collection night, he sometimes sees a trail of something on the street, and he hopes someone can bring this up to the hauler.

Presentation(s)

3. Upper Peninsula Children's Museum Guardian Recognition - Natalie Potter and Lincoln Veres

Jim Edwards, on behalf of the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum, introduced Natalie Potter and Lincoln Veres, who volunteer at the museum. Mr. Edwards said the pair have become very involved in the day-to-day activities of the museum and he said they are more than worthy of recognition for their efforts.

4. Recognition of City Retirees - Mike Parsons and Mike Koval

City Public Works Director Scott Cambensy spoke about Mike Parsons and Mike Koval, who are both retiring, following long careers with the City.

5. Board of Review, by Chair Justin Vasseau

City Board of Review chair Justin Vasseau offered a summary of the board's activities from the previous year.

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

6.a. Approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 regular Commission meeting

6.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,482,850.34

6.c. Biogas Conditioning Skid Media and Testing

6.d. Senior Services - Master Agreement to Purchase Services

New Business

7. Contract Extension and Amendment for BP17-11 Solid Waste Collection Services - Curbside Residential

Commissioner Cary Gottlieb moved to approve the Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Waste Management for solid waste collection, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel. Commission discussion ensued, with Commissioner Gottlieb voiced concerns about the changes, which he thinks could place an uneven burden on the residents that produce the least trash and on those that are not year-round residents.

Commission and staff discussion focused on costs related to collection and disposal, and on the benefits of moving to a full cart-based system. There were discussions related to city fee structures and about advertising and outreach related to a shift from overnight pickup to daytime collection.

Commissioner Mayer said he also had concerns about the changes being proposed, which seem one-sided.

Staff provided a roadmap for moving forward, indicating that the plan is to put this service out for bids at the end of this amendment.

Mayor Hanley said she understands the concerns being voiced related to costs, options and changes, but said she is convinced that this amendment is the best current option for the city.

Following discussion, Commissioner Gottlieb moved to amend the motion to also direct the Mayor and Clerk to sign the amendment. Commissioner Larson seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

The Commission then voted on the amended motion, which passed 5-1, with Commissioner Mayer opposing.

8. Purchase of Leak Detection Equipment

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve waiving the competitive bidding requirement and approve the purchase of a LeakFinder-ST and Fisher FP-ID 2100 Ferro-Magnetic Locator from Batco, Inc. of Parma, Michigan for \$27,503.15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

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Barb Owdziej asked about garbage container size, indicating that she has a smaller bin that what is being offered in the new contract.

Comments from the Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Schloegel wished everyone a happy new year.

Commissioner Davis thanked City employee Taylor Hedmark for fixing an issue that occurred with the video system earlier in the meeting.

Commissioners Mayer, Gottlieb and Larson and Mayor Hanley had no comments.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs discussed garbage cart sizes, touching on the issues and limitations.

Adjournment

Mayor Hanley adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Jessica Hanley, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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