



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, March 10, 2025
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Absent: Mayer

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel moved to excuse Commissioner Cody Mayer due to personal reasons, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Hanley said that the Planning Commission will be conducting a public hearing at 6 p.m. on March 18 to discuss a PUD plan for the development of townhomes and multi-unit residential structures along West Magnetic between Lee and 4th streets.

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

Margaret Brumm asked the City to adopt a resolution reminding the public that this week marks the 5-year anniversary of the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. She spoke about impacts of the pandemic and said she will be hosting a public gathering this week, acknowledging the date.

Presentation(s)

1. Recognition of City Retiree - Cynthia Acocks

Police Chief Ryan Grim spoke about Officer Cynthia Acocks, who is retiring this week after 25 years with the city. He said she was a professional and dedicated officer who made a huge impact and who was the best forensic investigator in the area.

2. Recognition of City Retiree - Lyle Michaels

Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Neil Traye talked about Lyle Michaels, who he was worked with his entire career. He said Michaels has worked for the city for 32

years and has always been a well-rounded, talented and dependable employee. He said Michaels should be recognized for everything he has done for the city and for all the knowledge he has passed on to coworkers over the years.

Following the brief presentations, commissioners commented on the rare and impressive nature of the dedication required to spend decades with the same organization. They said it was inspiring to hear coworkers speak so highly of the departing employees.

3. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Cary Gottlieb and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

- 3.a.** Approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025 regular Commission meeting
- 3.b.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,097,995.50
- 3.c.** Application for License to Use City Property at 101 S. Front Street
- 3.d.** Fire Department Fee Schedule Amendment
- 3.e.** KBIC Funding for the U.P. Children's Museum
- 3.f.** Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Funding for the U.P. Children's Museum
- 3.g.** KBIC Funding for the City of Marquette Department of Community Services
- 3.h.** Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Funding for the City of Marquette Department of Community Services
- 3.i.** KBIC Funding for the City of Marquette Police Department
- 3.j.** Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Funding for the City of Marquette Police Department
- 3.k.** KBIC Funding for the YMCA
- 3.l.** Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Funding for the YMCA
- 3.m.** MQT Bike Rentals Lease Agreement
- 3.n.** New Liquor License Application - Roll Call Vote
- 3.o.** Human Resources Software Solution
- 3.p.** Schedule Public Hearing – Able Medical Devices Industrial Development District

New Business

4. Waterfront Safety Warning Tower

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Waive the competitive bid process and approve the purchase of one safety warning tower from SwimSmart Technology, LLC, in the amount of \$35,560, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

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There were no public comments.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Gottlieb thanked Margaret Brumm for acknowledging the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, which impacted everyone in one way or another.

Commissioner Larson said the City crews handled last week's significant snow storm very well. He urged everyone to be careful now, as more people are drawn outside by the warm weather, while visibility is impacted due to the higher banks.

Mayor Pro Tem Schloegel commented on safety issues related to the weather.

Commissioner Ottaway also thanked Brumm for mentioning the beginning of the pandemic. He said this is also Restaurant Week and noted that restaurants were impacted very heavily by the pandemic.

Commissioner Davis thanked Brumm, as well, and then reminded people that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is currently available for review and that comments and input about the plan can be submitted on the City's website.

Mayor Hanley talked about the large amount of work done to clear snow. She said she is also excited about Marquette Restaurant Week and she urged people to support local businesses.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs talked about the work and time to clear the streets of snow last week and she thanked residents for their understanding. She said the storm also disrupted the schedule for garbage and recycling collection. She said she will be focusing on upcoming changes to garbage and recycling collections in the city during this week's Community Office Hours at the Peter White Public Library.

Adjournment

Mayor Hanley adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Jessica Hanley, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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