



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Agenda City Commission

**Monday, May 9, 2022
4:30 PM
Commission Chambers**

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.

1. Consent Agenda

1.a. Approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Commission work session

1.b. Approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 regular Commission meeting

Presentation

2. Operating Millage Discussion

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Comments from the Commission

Comments from the City Manager

Adjournment

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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WORK SESSION

Monday, April 25, 2022

4:30 PM

**Municipal Service Center, 1100
Wright Street**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Announcements

Mayor Smith had no announcements.

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Margaret Brumm noted that the flags at the Municipal Service Center building look like they could be replaced and asked that City staff consider doing so prior to Flag Day.

1. Presentation by Motor Pool Staff and Tour of Motor Pool and Fire Equipment

Mayor Smith said she would appreciate it if Commissioners could wait until tonight's regular meeting for any substantive discussion on the upcoming presentation.

City Manager Karen Kovacs then introduced Eric Stemen, the City's Director of Facilities and Maintenance. He provided a brief overview of the City's Motor Pool, and then updated the Commission on the plans for purchasing a new fire truck. Mr. Stemen then led the Commission into the garage area, where they viewed the current truck and where he highlighted the budgeting issues that may arise this year related to rising prices, especially those related to steel.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, April 25, 2022

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer moved to relocate item 3.g and 3.f, both proclamations, to New Business and to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Smith reminded residents that spring leaf and brush pickup would be happening in the coming weeks and to check the schedule for their neighborhood.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment

Antonio Adan, Downtown Development Authority, for an unexpired term ending 01-01-24

Commissioner Jenn Hill moved to Approve the appointment of Antonio Adan to the Downtown Development Authority for an unexpired term ending Jan. 1, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

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Matt Luttenberger spoke about Lakeview Arena maintenance concerns.

David Kronberg, representing the Innovate Marquette SmartZone, spoke about the SmartZone's activities and read a letter from a client.

John Bennett, who said he is a local business owner and that he is working with the SmartZone on a new venture, praised the organization.

Henry Westlind, a project manager at InventNMU, said the SmartZone provides a great hands-on experience for students and staff.

Margaret Brumm asked the City Commission to raise the fees and fines for littering in the City.

Tony Boyle spoke about the possibility of organizing native plant and wildflower plantings in public spaces in the city. He said this is a small thing that could beautify the City, while

creating a sense of ownership for residents.

Presentation(s)

2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, by Chair Ellen Weingarten

City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board chair Ellen Weingarten presented on behalf of her board. She highlighted the board roster, the group's activities and accomplishments from the previous year and goals for the coming year. Following the presentation, Commission questions and discussion ensued.

The conversation touched on accessible mats on the beaches, safety of the public, dog park possibilities, the bandshell, grant opportunities, e-bikes, master planning issues and public involvement.

3. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

3.a. Approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 regular Commission meeting

3.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$512,319.92

3.c. Cisco Equipment Lease

3.d. Indigenous Food Summit - Special Event Permit

3.e. MERS Service Credit Purchase - Roll Call Vote

3.f. Schedule Public Hearing- Land Development Code Amendments

3.g. Schedule Public Hearing- Ordinances #707 and #708

3.h. Schedule Public Hearing- Rezoning of City-owned Properties

3.i. Schedule Public Hearing- UPPCO Limited Franchise Ordinance

3.j. Shrine Circus - Special Event Permit

3.k. SpinwayMQT, LLC – Lease Agreement

3.l. Tree Planting Services

3.m. Used Fork Truck Purchase

New Business

4. Proclamation- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Week

Commissioner Jenn Hill moved to acknowledge the proclamation recognizing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Week, seconded by Mayor

Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

5. Proclamation- 25th Anniversary of Marquette Symphony Orchestra

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to acknowledge the proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Marquette Symphony Orchestra, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

6. Fire Truck Purchase

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the purchase of a new Pierce Velocity PUC Pumper Truck from Red Power Diesel Service, Inc. of Fremont, Wisconsin in an amount not-to-exceed \$829,080.61, paid at the time of order, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall. Discussion Ensued.

Fire Chief Ian Davis responded to Commission questions about department responses to fire and medical calls, as well as about staffing levels and Fire Department vehicles. Commissioners discussed the annual repair costs associated with the current fire trucks, and about the challenge of keeping the current truck running during the 22-month lead time required to purchase the new truck.

Commissioner Stonehouse voiced concern that the City will likely be facing a budget deficit this year and said that the City needs to consider whether they can afford to purchase a new fire truck at this time.

Commissioners then voted on the motion, which carried 6-1, with Commissioner Stonehouse voting no.

7. Residential Curbside Recycling Cart Grants

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to accept the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy – Recycling Infrastructure grant and the Recycling Partnership – Residential Curbside Recycling Cart grant, and authorize the City Manager or her designee to sign the grant agreements, seconded by Commissioner Jenn Hill. Discussion Ensued.

Commissioners discussed the merit of recycling bins and how the rollout would be handled in cases where people don't have space for, or interest in, a recycling cart. The conversation touched on the role of government in this process, logistical issues regarding citizens with mobility issues, possible safety benefits, how this initiative would align with City strategic plan goals and the positive impact that increased recycling could have.

Commissioners then voted on the motion, which carried 4-3, with Mayor Pro Tem Mayer, Commissioner Bonsall and Commissioner Stonehouse voting no.

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Margaret Brumm said the decision to accept the grants for recycling carts was a mistake and that it lacked common sense. She said the rolling carts are not a panacea. She said the decision to purchase a new fire truck was correct and she talked about recycling issues.

Tony Boyle said he is excited about the recycling carts.

Matt Luttenberger said the recycling containers are large, and he talked about the need to reuse and reduce and then recycle.

Geraldine Nault asked how the monthly garbage fee is calculated and she asked about the upcoming date for a Commission public hearing.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Stonehouse spoke about a recent TV6 story, highlighting Marquette as one of the best cities in the nation for remote workers. He said Marquette ranked well nationally on several metrics, including on housing affordability and internet connectivity. He said there are always improvements to be made, but that the City is not in a bad place.

Commissioner Bonsall said it was important to recognize National Nurses' Week and Month, which are both beginning soon. He said nurses and medical professionals have played a truly vital role in our country, especially during the last few years.

Commissioner Davis said it's important to clarify that tonight the Commission voted to accept a grant for recycling carts, and nothing more. She said some people seem to think it was a vote for garbage carts, but it was not. She said there are issues to solve with our waste collection system.

Commissioner Hanley said change is uncomfortable, but that she stands behind her vote on the carts and urged anyone with concerns to contact her directly. She said she was recently a judge in the Tom Baldini Soapbox Challenge, where local high school students presented speeches on various topics. She said the Commission should find a way to become more aware of the issues that are important to the community's youth.

Mayor Pro Tem Mayer had no comments.

Commissioner Hill spoke about the need to reduce waste and reuse materials where possible. She said that construction season is beginning and thanked the Engineering Department for keeping the public informed. She also said the Board of Light Power will be having work sessions to discuss what happens with the South Beach property.

Mayor Smith said she recently conducted the first same-sex marriage at City Hall and she thanked Commissioners Bonsall and Hill for serving as witnesses to the event. She thanked staff for all the hard work, as we transition from winter to spring.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Kovacs said that if a resident needs special accommodations relative to garbage collection, they should contact the City's Department of Public Works. She said the goal of the cart system is to make recycling simpler, more accessible and as simple as possible for residents, and that the City will work with people on this front. She said there is also an education component coming as part of this program.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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