



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, May 13, 2024

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Davis, Hanley, Larson, Mayer, Ottaway, Schloegel, Smith

Approval of the Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Davis thanked Commissioner Smith for challenging the Commission to bike to tonight's meeting in recognition of bike-to-work week.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Nicole Bates, Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 5-30-26.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the appointment as listed, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

2. Reappointment(s)

Brooke Tharp, Marquette Housing Commission for a term ending 6-9-29.

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the reappointment as listed, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

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Megan Hornbogen spoke on behalf of Marquette County Habitat for Humanity, and said she was available if the City Commission had any questions about tonight's public hearing.

Presentation(s)

3. Recognition - Marquette Kiwanis Club Employees of the Year

City Manager Karen Kovacs recognized those from the city that have been recognized as Marquette Kiwanis Club Employees of the Year. City Police Officer Derek Griffin, who received recognition as the officer of the year. Firefighter Garrett Fuller and Public Works Employee Lyle Michaels were not present but were also recognized by the Kiwanis.

4. Marquette Area Sister Cities Partnership, by Tristan Luoma

Tristan Luoma presented an update on behalf of the Marquette Area Sister Cities Partnership. He provided highlights from the recent trip to Japan, and talked about future plans for trips between Marquette; Higashiomi, Japan; and Kajaani, Finland.

Public Hearing(s)

5. Rezoning of 600 W. Spring Street - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve the adoption of Ordinance 730, rezoning the land at 600 W. Spring Street from Municipal to Medium Density Residential, conditioned upon the sale to Habitat for Humanity by the City, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Smith and Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing.

Orville Dishno said he supported this rezoning, as it could lead to additional tax base for the City.

With no one else looking to speak, Mayor Davis closed the public hearing.

6. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

6.a. Approve the minutes of the April 29, 2024 regular Commission meeting

6.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,346,325.32

6.c. 2024 Fireworks Display Permit

6.d. Advisory Board Review Process

6.e. Becky's Roadside Refreshments, LLC - Concession Lease Agreement

6.f. EGLE TMF LSLR Grant Agreement Approval

6.g. Ordinance 727 - Designation of Regulated Flood Prone Hazard Areas - Roll Call Vote

6.h. Ordinance 729 - Downtown Development Authority TIF - Roll Call Vote

6.i. Public Art Conservation Contract

6.j. Schedule Public Hearing - Single Lot Special Assessment Roll #591

6.k. Senior Millage Renewal Ballot Language - Roll Call Vote

New Business

7. Proclamation - National Public Works Week

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the proclamation as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

8. Proclamation - Arbor Day 2024

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve the proclamation as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

9. Draft Community Master Plan - Circulate for Public Comment Period - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the distribution of the draft Community Master Plan for a 63-day public comment period and approve the Resolution for the Right to Approve or Reject adoption of an amended Community Master Plan, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

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There was no public comment.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Larson said his bike ride in was great, and he appreciates the challenge.

Commissioner Mayer said his ride was also good.

Commissioner Ottaway said it was a cold, but quick, ride for him. Commented on watching the northern lights this week, and said he was pleasantly surprised to see the streets packed at midnight.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanley said she only rode her bike one block downhill, and wished a Happy Birthday to Commissioner Larson.

Commissioner Schloegel said he gave his bike to his daughter recently and so didn't bike today. He commented on the impressive tour the commission recently took of the wastewater treatment plant.

Commissioner Smith thanked the Commissioners for riding to the meeting tonight.

Mayor Davis said she had to dust off her bike but enjoyed the bike ride tonight.

Marquette was named a gold-level Michigan Green Community and she thanked staff for doing everything that it takes to make us a green city.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said she rode five miles on her way to the meeting, and

said it was great to see the community through a different lens. She highlighted Public Works Week, and praised the staff.

Adjournment

Sally Davis, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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