



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Agenda City Commission

WORK SESSION

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

5:00 PM

**Municipal Service Center, 1100
Wright Street**

Joint Work Session - Marquette City Commission and Planning Commission

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Absent: Hanley

Announcements

The Mayor had no announcements.

Public Comments - Comments may not exceed three minutes per person.

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There was no public comment.

1. Draft Land Development Code Amendments

City Planner Dave Stensaas and the Planning Commission presented possible amendments to the Land Development Code (LDC). The goal of these amendments are to address community needs across four topic areas - housing, daycare, energy systems, and light manufacturing.

Following the presentation the City Commission had the opportunity to discuss each topic area and ask any clarifying questions to the Planning Commission.

Discussion began with housing. Amendments in the LDC would increase the number of dwelling units in Low Density Residential and Medium Density Residential zoning districts by allowing duplexes and triplexes into these zoning districts. Additionally, it would increase the number of unrelated people from 4 to 5 in a single dwelling unit.

Following housing, discussion turned to energy. Zoning Official Andrea Landers provided a high-level overview of LDC amendments relating to both solar and wind energy. Concerns surrounded the impact these energy systems may have on

neighboring dwellings such as noise and appearance. Landers explained there are number of standards in place that would have to be met which alleviate a number of concerns. Although these systems require a permit there would be an exception for smaller systems that have a single specific use, such as electrical vehicle charging.

Staff then explained proposed changes to childcare facilities. The standards created will address common concerns that have been brought to the Planning Commission such as parking during drop off and pick up times. Clarification was given regarding the permitting process of childcare facilities. Staff explained the permitting process will move away from the Planning Commission to an internal staff review, which will not only decrease application costs but will also reduce the processing time.

The meeting continued with the topic of light manufacturing. Rather than addressing light manufacturing by the product that is being manufactured the LDC divides light manufacturing into two categories based on impact- low and high.

Concluding the meeting Commissioners had the opportunity to provide final thoughts. There was a general sense of gratitude towards staff and the Planning Commission for the amount of time and effort that went into reviewing and amending the LDC in a way that will benefit the community.

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Margaret Brumm gave a personal testimony regarding housing. She encouraged officials to consider living space requirements when increasing the allowable number of non-related persons in a single dwelling, to ensure each individual has an equal amount of living space.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Sally Davis, Mayor

Rachel Quayle, Deputy City Clerk

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