



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission Meeting

**Monday, May 24, 2021
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Mayor Smith. Mayor Pro Tem Hill. Commissioners: Bonsall, Davis, Hanley, Mayer and Stonehouse.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Smith shared information about the glass recycling schedule.

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As the meetings are still being held without the public present, residents were given the opportunity to call in and speak, or to offer written public comments to be read during the meeting.

Dale Moilanen and Steve Mariucci called in to voice support for the Beacon House item.

Susan Holliday called on behalf of the UP Rainbow Pride board and stated that this year's Pride Fest will not happen due to Covid-19 concerns and restrictions. She asked people to join the group for this year's Ride with Pride, scheduled for 4 p.m. on June 26, and to plan to attend Pride Fest next year, on June 25, 2022.

Presentation(s)

1. Certificate of Appreciation – City Manager Mike Angeli

Mayor Smith presented City Manager Mike Angeli with a certificate of appreciation for his time at the City. Mr. Angeli began his 45-year career in the Police Department, where he ultimately served as the City's Police Chief. Finally, he has served as City Manager for the last six years.

Angeli thanked the current commission -- past commissions -- and also said thanks to his family and to city staff for supporting him during his time at the City. He said this has been an interesting, fun and rewarding job.

2. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, by Chair Walt Lindala

Arts and Culture Advisory Chair Walt Lindala gave a presentation about the current activities of the committee.

Public Hearing(s)

3. Public Hearing-Single Lot Special Assessment Roll #588 - Roll Call Vote

Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill moved to Confirm Single Lot Special Assessment Roll #588, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Warrant, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

4. Public Hearing for the Duke LifePoint Marquette General Replacement Hospital Brownfield Plan Amendment- Roll Call Vote

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked if there was any comment from the public.

The following individuals wrote in to support the proposed amendment:

Christian Palomaki, Cheryl Hosking, Carissa Hosking, Donna Ayotte, Patricia Case, Michael Fedrizzi, Sue LeGalley, Shawn Clement, Nichole Ayotte, Jack Bergman, Renee Prince, Dr. Ralph Archibald, J. Bryan Dixon MD, Ray Hosking, Kenn Hruska, Cynthia Parker, Nicole Christensen, Sharleen Christensen, Kristina Adams, Ron Aho, Cindy Aho, Joe Amundsen, Dianne Anderson, Kay Anderson, Jim Anderson, Melissa Anderson, Wendi Annala, Jennifer Argiros, Jamie Armstrong, Jessica Armstrong, Janice Bartle, Teresa Bell, Elise Berg, Jolynn Blackburn, Pamela K. Blondeau, Lisa Bonn, Natalie Bordson, Linda Boyle, Kelly Bronelle, Brianna Cadigan, Jessica Chaperon, Kaylee Childress, Christine Clifford, Ronda Cochran, Christianne Collins , Deirdre A. Collins , Joan Cowell, Heather Cromell, Isabella Dahlstrom, Zac Deforge, Linda Desormier, Diane F. Dodendorf-Rice, Anna Dreyer, Angela DuShane, Denise Elizondo, Christine Emmendorfer, Angela Evans, Beth Felt, Christina Ferrera, Kay Freeman, Polly Friend, Jodanna Fuess, Jaqueline J. Gallagher, Julie A. Giackino, Stephanie Gordon, Neil Greenleaf, James W. Gregorich, Jon Gumville, Adam Gurnae, Terry Gustafson, Annette Gustafson, Paul Haataja, Mary Haataja, Heidi Hastings, Catherine Herbert, Joyce Herman, Carol E. Hill, Marjorie Hockstad, Mollie Holsworth, Lori Howe, Mary Howko, Michael Huff, Barbara Hyde, Chelsee Hyry, Danielle Jaccbetti, Chrissy Janssen, Heather Ann Jarvis, Michelle Johnson, Lori Jokinen, Leah Kasten, Frannie Kelly, Marlin Kilpatrick, Olivia Koepp, Jody Kucharek, Kelly Kurin, Kimberly LaForais, Dan LaJoie, Jacalyn Lasich, Thomas LaTourneau, Cassandra LaTourneau, Zachory C. Leonard, MD, Debbie Leviska, Susan Lizak, Annette Loman, John Longhi, Bonnie Longhi, Tammy Luoma, Robin Mackie, Paul W. Makinos, Jeff Marceau, Natasha Marietti, Angelise M. Marinos, Tammy D. Marinos, Jeana Marinos, Linda M. Marshall, Renee B. Martin, Patricia Martin, Denise Mattson, Monika McLaughlin, Linell McLaughlin, Jacquelynn Menhennick, Irmgard Miller , Joan Miller Beauchamp, Jean Morrison, Alex Munson, Brandi Nease, Sheri Nottle, Sally Nystrom, Jennifer Ogea, Margie A. O'Keefe, Ann Parent, John Parent, Dr. Ashley Parent, Michael Parks, Shelby M. Parmenter, Kristin Parnish, Lauren Peterman, M. Clarence Peters, Crystal Phillips, Deana Place, Dave Poppe, Stacie Powers, Valier Prusi, Cherie Radabaugh, Brian Rasmussen, Peter Revello, Felix A. Richer, John Richer, Loretta Roncaglione, Carrie Sanderson, Judy Sandona, Nancy Saundie, Jennie Scott, Holly Sicotte, Jadyn Smith, Megan Snively, Paul Specker, Jessica Stagliano, Charlotte Stearns, Alyson Sundberg, James A. Surrell, MD, Sarah Sutter, Deanna Sved, Koehl Talbot, Catherine J. Tomei, Michele Toyras, Elizabeth Tuma, MD, Kim Uren, Robert S. VandeZande, Kathleen M. Vessels, Suellen Wakkin, Barbara Weinrick, Lindsey Wenger, Elizabeth Withey, Patricia Wolff, Patricia A. Zerbel, Lucia Harrington, Robert Dahlin, Karn Anderson, Casandra Angeli, Tony Beres, Emily Bray, LPN, Mary T Bullock, Mike Busick, John P. Case, Nicholas Degrand, Kevin Dowling, Jimme Lyn Gatz, Jason L. Gauthier, Jeff Goodney, Laura Goodney, Richard Goodney, Kathy Grisham, Don Grisham, Kimberly Hongisto, Jenna Johnson, Jim Johnson , Lois Kampe, David Kockler, Scot Koski, PA-C, Thomas D. LeGalley MD, Scott Letts, Sandy D. Orlando, Daniel Pelto, Elle Phillips, Nicole Phillips, John Prince, Vincent J. Rose, Burns Severson, Tim Strom, Mary Jo Stuart and Tom Wahlstrom.

Jerry Irby wrote in, opposing the proposed amendment.

Commissioner Cody Mayer moved to Authorize suspending the rules for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

The Commission discussed the proposed brownfield plan amendment. Many commissioners stated that although they supported the Beacon House, they found this particular request difficult to support; Commissioners cited concerns that the allocation of funding support may set a precedent.

Commissioner Bonsall said he is still undecided, but stated that this action could be considered a reallocation in a brownfield plan, rather than as a clear City expenditure.

Mayor Smith noted that this is the most public comment she has seen in her time with the City, but said that doesn't change the Commission's responsibility, which includes treating all groups equally unless a project is supported specifically in the City Master Plan or Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Authorize the adoption of the resolution approving the DLP Marquette General Replacement Hospital Brownfield Plan Second Amendment for the Beacon House, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the resolution. This motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Deny the resolution for the DLP Marquette General Replacement Hospital Brownfield Plan Second Amendment for the Beacon House, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried by Roll Call Vote.

This motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Bonsall voting against it.

5. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

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

- 5.a. Approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 regular Commission meeting.**
- 5.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$762,071.87**
- 5.c. Juneteenth - Special Event Permit**
- 5.d. Resolution of Support for Emergency Declaration and Exercise of Emergency Powers - Roll Call Vote**
- 5.e. Resolutions for Unpaid Stormwater and Unpaid Water and Wastewater - Roll Call Vote**
- 5.f. Shiras Drive and Newberry Street Reconstruction, Street Improvements and Maintenance, and Sanitary Laterals Replacement Projects**
- 5.g. Water Filtration Plant Roof Shingle Replacement**
- 5.h. W. Washington Street 100 Block Streetscape and Sidewalk Replacement and Repair Projects Cost Adjustment**

Unfinished Business

6. Discussion - Savings Bank/Brownfield Vault Project

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Authorize suspending the rules for discussion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously.

Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority consultant Mac McClelland provided an introduction of the project, and then turned the floor over to architect Barry Polzin as well as Braveworks co-owners Jon and Jen Julien, to offer an overview of the proposal for the Savings Bank/Vault brownfield project.

The presenters and Commissioners discussed parking, traffic and residential issues, as well as the density and requirements under the City's form-based code.

Near the end of the discussion, Mayor Smith commented on the scope of this project, and said she is getting the impression that the Commission will likely take a while before they are ready to make any decision on the project.

7. Founders Pile Reuse - Construction Contract

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the construction contract with JF Brennan Company, Inc. for construction of the piers at a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,670,000, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement once required state and federal permits have been issued, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

New Business

8. Appointment of Director- Financial Services

Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill moved to Confirm the City Manager's appointment of Mary Schlicht as Director-Financial Services effective July 1, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

9. Appointment of Interim City Manager

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the appointment of Sean Hobbins as Interim City Manager for the period of June 1 through June 6, 2021 and approve a salary increase for this period of time equal to 50% of the difference in current City Manager salary and Assistant City Manager salary, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

10. Appointment of New City Manager

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the appointment of Karen Kovacs as the Marquette City Manager effective June 7, 2021, approve the attached employment contract and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

11. Presque Isle Park - Food Truck Resolution - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve the resolution to identify appropriate times and locations for mobile food vendors, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign it, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried by Roll Call Vote.

The motion carried 4-3, with Mayor Pro Tem Hill and Commissioners Hanley and Stonehouse voting no.

12. Renaming - John "Jack" Reynolds Athletic Complex

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the request from the Reynolds family to rename the North Marquette Athletic Fields Complex as the John "Jack" Reynolds Athletic Complex, seconded by Commissioner Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

13. WE Energies Waiver and Property Transfer

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the City Manager to complete the property transfer and sign the waiver according to the authority granted in Sec. 10-65(b) of the City Code, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

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There were no public comments at this point.

Comments from the Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Hill praised outgoing City Manager Mike Angeli, as this is his final meeting, and thanked him for his 45 years of service to the City.

Commissioner Mayer thanked Mr. Angeli and said he was happy to have had the opportunity to work with him.

Commissioner Stonehouse said citizens should be forever grateful to Mr. Angeli, who has a stellar track record with the City and who he called "one of the finest men" he has ever worked with.

Commissioner Bonsall thanked Mr. Angeli and highlighted the impact of the outgoing manager's private contributions to the community, in addition to his 45 years of public service.

Commissioner Davis said it's nice to be able to have a meeting without plexiglass or masks. She then said that Mr. Angeli's departure is emotional and that the City is set up for a bright future. She praised Angeli's work as manager and thanked him for everything he has done for the city.

Commissioner Hanley thanked Mr. Angeli and praised his efforts. She also complimented the work done by the Beacon House and said she hopes that everyone who wrote in supporting the proposed amendment tonight will also consider donating to the Beacon House.

Mayor Smith congratulated City Manager Angeli and turned the floor over to him.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Mike Angeli thanked the Commission and said it has been a great joy to work for the City. He said he has very much appreciated the opportunity to fill several key City roles over the years. Mr. Angeli said he has always worked to bring the City Commission projects that they can support, and has always evaluated ideas with an eye toward what would be most likely to get unanimous support from the Commission. He said he has had a couple of long conversations with incoming City Manager Karen Kovacs, and he said he thinks the Commission has made a good choice.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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