



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, June 30, 2025

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Hanley spoke about the upcoming 4th of July festivities in the City, including the fireworks and the parade, and said that seasonal property tax bills were mailed out recently.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Susan Tollefson to the Local Officers Compensation Commission for an unexpired term ending 8-1-30

Grant Combs to the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 5-30-27

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the appointments as listed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

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

Daisy Rae Nelson spoke about compassion and advocated for funding services related to mental health care and homelessness.

Margaret Brumm talked about challenges caused by the number of people in town for the 4th of July, and about e-bike and fireworks safety.

Presentation(s)

2. Certificate of Appreciation for Eric Paupore - Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair Coordinator,

by Dennis Stachewicz

Community Development Director Dennis Stachewicz presented a certificate of appreciation to city employee Eric Paupore, who spearheaded the organization of the recent bike rodeo. Stachewicz said the rodeo was a huge community success and thanked Paupore for the effort put into it.

3. Police-Fire Pension Board, by Chair Mike Archocosky

Police-Fire Pension Board Chair Mike Archocosky presented an update from his board, which manages the retirement funds for the city's police and fire employees.

Public Hearing(s)

4. Abatement of a Dangerous Structure - 308 S. Fifth Street

The mayor opened the public hearing and Margaret Brumm spoke, saying that she feels bad but that it is the responsibility of the city to protect the public. With no else wanting to speak, the mayor closed the hearing.

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to designate the outbuilding located at 308 S. Fifth Street as a public nuisance under Section 22-20(b) of the Marquette City Code and condemn the structure. Further, direct staff to notify the property owner that if the removal of the structure does not commence within 14 days and is not completed within 60 days, the City will carry out abatement of the structure, with the cost charged against the premises and the owner, seconded by Commissioner Jermy Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

5. Ordinance #25-07: Land Development Code Amendments - Roll Call Vote

Planning Commission Chair Sarah Mittlefehldt offered a presentation, summarizing the amendments being proposed tonight. Following the presentation, the mayor opened the public hearing. With no one wanting to speak, the mayor closed the hearing.

Commissioner Cary Gottlieb moved to Adopt Ordinance #25-07, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

6. 01-PUD-03-25 - W. Magnetic St. (Portion of PIN: 0410681)

The mayor opened the public hearing and Sarah Mittlefehldt spoke, indicating that the PUD process went well from her perspective. She said the room was full and neighbors raised concerns, the developer revised the project plans accordingly and the result was a community-informed project. With no else wanting to speak, the mayor closed the hearing.

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve 01-PUD-03-25 as recommended by the Planning Commission, and direct the City Attorney to draft the PUD Agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel and Carried

Unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried by Roll Call Vote .

- 7.a.** Approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 regular Commission meeting
- 7.b.** Approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 closed session
- 7.c.** Amendment to the minutes of the May 27, 2025 regular Commission meeting
- 7.d.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$2,510,177.23
- 7.e.** Application for License to Use a portion of the Grove Street Right-of-Way
- 7.f.** Application for License to Use City Property in the White Street Right-of-Way
- 7.g.** Application for License to Use City Property adjacent to 602 S. Third Street
- 7.h.** Becky's Roadside Refreshment, LLC - Mattson Park Concession Lease Agreement
- 7.i.** Becky's Roadside Refreshment, LLC - Presque Isle Park Concession Lease Agreement
- 7.j.** Mountain Tank LTE Agreement with Northern Michigan University
- 7.k.** Resolution Declaring July Older Adult Americans Month and Celebrating the Senior Center's 60th Anniversary - Roll Call Vote
- 7.l.** Resolution Designating the Upper Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance as a Qualified Regranting Partner - Roll Call Vote
- 7.m.** Sale of Surplus Equipment
- 7.n.** Shipwrecked Vending, LLC – Lease Agreement
- 7.o.** Tourist Park Playground - Professional Service Contract Change Order
- 7.p.** Water System Maintenance Agreement with Northern Michigan University

New Business

8. Proclamation - In Honor of Dr. David R. Boyd

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel moved to Accept the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

9. Used Plow Truck Purchase

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the purchase of a used 2014 Mack Granite GU713 from Eau Claire Mack Sales, Inc. of Eau Claire, Wisconsin at a price not-to-exceed \$80,000, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

10. E-bike and Multi-Use Path Network Task Force

Commissioner Cary Gottlieb moved to Establish a temporary task force charged with evaluating issues related to e-bike usage within the City of Marquette, as well as the varied uses of the City's multi-use path network. The task force should have seven total members, as detailed in the background for this item, and should report back to the City Commission no later than December 21, 2025, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

Following the vote, Mayor Hanley appointed Commissioner Gottlieb to the task force.

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Barb Owdziej spoke about e-bike concerns, many of which she has heard as a part of the City Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee, and she emphasized a focus on broader street safety.

Margaret Brumm spoke about possible e-bike certification and discussed parking issues over the 4th of July holiday.

Dave Stensaas spoke about possible ways to increase education around e-bike and transportation safety.

Eric Paupore spoke about bike safety, supporting the idea that if bike transportation were taken into account more directly, it could shift perspectives and priorities, leading to more bikes, fewer cars, and an overall improvement in safety.

Steve Lawry supported the idea of certification, comparing it to programs related to snowmobiles and boats.

Daisy Rae Nelson said she is a new driver and supported the idea of increased education for e-bike riders.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Gottlieb spoke about the e-bike task force, acknowledging strong opinions on both sides and he said he is looking forward to the meetings but that it will be tough to make everyone happy.

Commissioner Larson highlighted the new Cultural Trail markers, which he said are very well done and impressed him, and he asked staff to provide a reminder of allowable firework hours.

Mayor Pro Tem Schloegel spoke about e-bike training opportunities and highlighted the proclamation honoring David Boyd.

Commissioner Mayer had no comments.

Commissioner Ottaway talked about the upcoming parade.

Commissioner Davis discussed some of the issues related to the e-bike topic.

Mayor Hanley spoke about e-bikes, and said she is supportive of additional transportation options, adding that she would like the city to plan for fewer cars downtown.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs highlighted the upcoming 60th anniversary celebration of the Marquette Senior Center on July 18 and noted that center serves nearly half the senior population in Marquette County. She also highlighted the proactive enforcement of city staff, which helps to limit most possible property issues like the one on tonight's agenda.

Adjournment

Mayor Hanley adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Jessica Hanley, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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