



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, July 11, 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

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Smith had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointments

John Taylor, Marquette Housing Commission, for an unexpired term ending 07-09-27

Amanda Gobert, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for an unexpired term ending 01-29-25

Jodi Lanciani, Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 05-30-25

Barbara Owdziej, Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 05-30-25

Angela Rayhorn, Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 05-30-25

Orville Dishno, Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee, for an unexpired term ending 05-30-24

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

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

Barb Owdziej thanked the City Commission for approving her appointment to the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee. She talked about traffic and pedestrian safety in the City, and said she thinks we should focus on vehicular traffic, but also on pedestrian safety.

James Gallant thanked the mayor for clarifying the commission's rules during last

month's meeting. He then spoke about Robert's Rules of Order and about the process for handling points of order.

Presentation(s)

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

Marquette Police Detective Sergeant Mike Archocosky presented an annual update on the activity of the City's Police-Fire Pension Board.

He detailed the specifics of the retirement fund and of the membership. He highlighted recent investment returns, the "13th check" sent to members and the future of the fund.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Archocosky for his presentation and asked a handful of follow-up questions, including about the investment advisors' plans for the future.

3. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

3.a. Approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 regular Commission meeting

3.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$727,986.69

3.c. Art on the Rocks - Special Event Permit

3.d. Outback Art Fair - Special Event Permit

3.e. Kurt Lahtinen - Guts Frisbee Tournament - Special Event Permit

3.f. MERS Annual Meeting - Officer Delegate Appointment

3.g. Request for Use of Right of Way Adjacent to 901 W. Magnetic St.

3.h. Self-Funded Dental Contract

3.i. State Highway Maintenance Agreement - Roll Call Vote

New Business

4. Residential Curbside Recycling Cart Purchase

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve waiving the competitive bidding process and issue a purchase order for up to 6,200 64-gallon recycling carts from Cascade Cart Solutions of Grand Rapids, Michigan in an amount not to exceed \$344,000 for the acquisition, assembly, and distribution of the carts, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer.

Mayor Pro Tem Mayer and Commissioner Bonsall both said they originally voted against accepting this grant, but said this move is just the next step in a process already approved by the City Commission.

Commissioner Stonehouse raised concerns about the challenges of instituting a process to deliver a recycling cart to every resident, regardless of their interest in using the system. He talked about the environmental footprint of the process and about the benefit of instituting a fully voluntary process.

The Commission then voted and the motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Stonehouse voting no.

5. Resolution Authorizing 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the Resolution authorizing 2022 Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

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James Gallant asked the City Commission to schedule a special meeting and a public hearing to discuss the issues he has mentioned. He discussed commission rules of procedures, parliamentary procedure and ethics guidelines.

Michael Prah mentioned that there have been issues related to food trucks and electrical cords, and said he and other food truck owners would like to begin a conversation with the City in an attempt to find solutions.

Brian Miller spoke about concerns with municipal water fluoridation.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Stonehouse said the City Commission is following the rules, as laid out, and read a portion of the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

Commissioner Bonsall said this has been a good meeting, and spoke about some impacts that the City may see as a result of the recently adopted state budget. He thanked all the volunteers that were appointed to City boards tonight.

Commissioner Davis said she is excited to see so many people sign up for TPAC, and said she looks forward to seeing their discussions moving forward. She said the food truck issue mentioned tonight might be best addressed by the City Manager.

Commissioner Hanley said she isn't clear on the specifics of the food truck issue, but said she would like to see the City work with the vendors to find a solution.

Mayor Pro Tem Mayer discussed the specifics of parliamentary procedure and of the City Commission's adopted Rules of Procedure.

Commissioner Hill said she would like to see the City consider pedestrian and bicycle safety as a part of traffic and parking discussions, and mentioned increased concerns about ebikes. She said that the City bond issue this year was very limited. She said the City's hope for the future is to fund capital projects and ongoing maintenance without bonding. City Manager Karen Kovacs confirmed this and said it is a long-term plan to get to that point, but it is definitely the goal.

Mayor Smith thanked the groups involved with the local 4th of July activities. The Mayor commented on the City's Rules of Procedure and said she takes pride in the fact that she and previous mayors run a fair and efficient meeting. She said she also hopes that

the Commission can work with the food truck vendors.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said the food vending discussion began recently when there was an incident related to a power cord running across the City bike path, which is clearly a violation of the City Code. She said any changes to that policy would have to be very carefully considered. Mayor Smith said she has gotten the impression tonight that the Commission is interested in finding a solution to this issue. The City Manager noted that she has public office hours scheduled for Wednesday of this week, and she praised the recent 4th of July fireworks show.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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