



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission Meeting

Monday, July 26, 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 and Stonehouse.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the agenda, with the removal of Item 3, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board presentation, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Smith had no announcements.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointments

Jerry Irby, MBRA, for an unexpired term ending 2-1-24
Lori Nelson, PWPL Board, for an unexpired term ending 5-1-26
Ryan Stern, DDA, for an unexpired term ending 1-1-23
Jon Teichman, ACAC, for an unexpired term ending 6-1-24
Carl Gordon, LOCC, for an unexpired term ending 8-1-27

Commissioner Sally Davis moved to Approve all appointments as listed, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

2. Reappointments

Alan Sherbinow, TPAC, for a term expiring 5-30-24
Todd Leigh, HAC, for a term expiring 6-1-24
Claire Ellis, ACAC, for a term expiring 6-1-24

Commissioner Evan Bonsall moved to Approve all reappointments as listed, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

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

your name and physical address when making public comments.

Steve Grugin spoke about the Marquette City Band and the City bandshell. He said the bandshell is in clear need of repairs and he hopes the Commission can prioritize the work.

Muriel Kangas wrote in to express frustration with garbage that has been left outside in her neighborhood.

Presentation(s)

3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, by Leah Nygard

This item was removed from the agenda and the presentation will be held at a later date.

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill and Carried Unanimously.

- 4.a. Approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 regular Commission meeting**
- 4.b. Approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Commission work session**
- 4.c. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$3,291,495.27**
- 4.d. Application for Waiver-MERS Defined Benefit Pension Plan**
- 4.e. College Avenue Reconstruction - SHPO Section 106 Application Assistance and Cultural Resources Review**
- 4.f. DS Tech Telephone System Lease Agreement Extension**
- 4.g. MERS Officer Delegate Appointment**
- 4.h. Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation**
- 4.i. Storm Water System Catch Basin Rehabilitation**
- 4.j. Upper Peninsula Community Rowing Club - Facility Lease**

New Business

5. City of Marquette Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-23

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve suspending the rules for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

Commissioners discussed the proposed Strategic Plan, commenting on the content and form of the document. Commissioners talked about whether to include Ad Hoc Housing Committee recommendations, how to best represent the City's economic development goals and how to most appropriately organize the document.

Commissioner Sally Davis made a motion to Approve the City of Marquette Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-23 and adopt the Strategic Plan Resolution as presented. There was no second and the motion died for lack of support.

Commissioners continued to discuss changes that they would like to see in an updated draft of the Strategic Plan, focusing on the topics of housing and economic development, and touching on ideas for organizing the presented information.

6. Port Infrastructure Development Grant

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Authorize the City Manager to direct the application for the Port

Infrastructure Development Grant, seconded by Commissioner Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

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There was no public comment at this point in the meeting.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Hanley urged residents to get involved in City government by applying to be a member of an advisory board or committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill praised the work of City staff and said she is looking forward to seeing an updated draft of the strategic plan. She complimented the City Band and then reminded residents of next week's glass recycling.

Commissioner Mayer had no comments.

Commissioner Stonehouse asked City Manager Kovacs to look into the garbage- related issue mentioned during tonight's public comment period. He commented on the aims of the strategic plan.

Commissioner Bonsall reiterated the glass recycling schedule and commented on the work that has gone into the strategic plan to this point. He said he is familiar with the amount of work needed on the bandshell, and he hopes it can be done sooner, rather than later.

Commissioner Davis said the bandshell is important and the city should be sure it is a safe place for the public. She also said she has heard other garbage complaints recently and she stated that a tourism plan would not necessarily be a bad thing.

Mayor Smith had no comments.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs said the City is looking into the bandshell issue and is being very cautious. She also noted that the City has received a designation as a Redevelopment Ready Community; this is a statewide program that she said could prove incredibly valuable.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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