



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

**Monday, August 12, 2024
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Absent: Schloegel

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Paul Schloegel for personal reasons, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

The Mayor announced applications have opened for the City's Citizens Academy and encouraged community members to apply.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Patrick Pecor to the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for an unexpired term ending 2-1-26

Courtney Rajt to the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 5-30-27

Travis Norman to the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 5-30-27

Thomas Adolphs to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 6-1-27

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley moved to appoint Patrick Pecor to the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for an unexpired term ending 2-1-26;

Courtney Rajt to the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 5-30-27; Travis Norman to the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 5-30-27; and Thomas Adolphs to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 6-1-27, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

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

state your name and physical address when making public comments.

Cindy Hanson thanked City staff for their efforts with handling parking on South Lake Street.

Presentation(s)

2. Guardian of the Quarter, Samantha Fuller

Mr. Jim with the U.P. Children's Museum honored Samantha Fuller for her youth leadership role in the community. Samantha was awarded the Guardian of the Quarter certificate.

3. Higashiomi Sister City Gift Presentation, by Associate Planners for Delegate Visits Paulette Lindberg and Bill Brazier

Associate Planners for delegate visits, Paulette Lindberg and Bill Brazier presented the City with a wood carving artwork gifted by Higashiomi, sister city - representing the 45th Anniversary of the sister city relationship.

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

4.a. Approve the minutes of the July 29, 2024 Commission work session

4.b. Approve the minutes of the July 29, 2024 regular Commission meeting

4.c. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$2,914,444.74

4.d. Application for Waiver - MERS Defined Benefit Pension Plan

4.e. Fire Department Turnout Gear

4.f. Marquette Area Blues Fest - Special Event Permit

4.g. Rotary Club of Marquette West - Special Event Permit

4.h. Sale of Surplus Equipment

New Business

5. Board and Committee Review: IAB

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to eliminate the City's Investment Advisory Board, seconded by Commissioner Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

6. Board and Committee Review: PRAB

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to eliminate the existing Harbor Advisory Committee, Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and create a new Parks and Recreation Advisory Board effective September 1; also appoint the members as listed in the attachment for the terms

indicated, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley and Carried Unanimously.

7. Board and Committee Review: Policies

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to repeal City Commission Policies 1973-01 and 2002-01 and adopt the proposed amendments to City Commission Policy 2023-01, seconded by Commissioner Jenna Smith and Carried Unanimously.

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Barb Owzdiej asked if consideration was given during the board and committee review process to change the name of the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Mayer had no comment.

Commissioner Ottaway highlighted the voter turnout for the August State Primary Election.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanley thanked the Police Department for all their efforts during the busy weekend downtown and reminded the public to keep their eye out for pedestrians during all the upcoming downtown events.

Commissioner Smith had no comment.

Commissioner Larson echoed Commissioner Ottaway's comment regarding voter turnout. He indicated excitement about the multiple construction projects happening around town emphasizing the progress of the Kids Cove Playground.

Mayor Davis recognized the participation in all of our local events happening this summer, including Ore to Shore and thanked volunteers and the Police Department for their efforts in making these events run smoothly and safely.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Kovacs addressed public comment stating an update about the Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee's name change will be provided at the next committee meeting. She then stated folks will begin to see construction happening for the Lakeshore Boulevard restoration project.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Sally Davis, Mayor

Rachel Quayle, Deputy City Clerk

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