



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Agenda City Commission

WORK SESSION

Monday, August 23, 2021

5:15 PM

Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Bonsall, Davis, Hanley, Hill, Mayer, Smith, Stonehouse

Announcements

Mayor Smith had no announcements.

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

There was no public comment at this point.

1. Budget Overview

City Manager Karen Kovacs, Assistant City Manager Sean Hobbins, City Finance Director Mary Schlicht and City Administrative Services Director Jen LePage presented a high-level budget overview to the Commission.

City Manager Kovacs said that, for several reasons, City expenditures exceed revenues and that the administration has been working to overcome a deficit in the budget for FY21-22. She said this is primarily a revenue issue. To this point, Finance Director Schlicht said City expenditures have increased in recent years at about 3 percent per year, while revenues have increased at a rate of just 0.5 percent per year.

Staff discussed several options for increasing revenue, and then asked Commissioners for some indication as to how much fund balance they would be comfortable operating with for the coming year, as that would set a baseline to build a budget plan from.

Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of various options for generating revenue, and expressed their thoughts on how much fund balance they would be comfortable moving forward with.

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Margaret Brumm spoke on the difficulties of keeping a board focused on a goal and she said she would be opposed to any impacts to Lakeview Arena.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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