



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, September 25, 2023
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis moved to Approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Mayer shared information about the upcoming kick-off parade for Fire Prevention Week.

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

Jeanne Bauman said she is representing an organization called Days For Girls. She thanked the City Arts and Culture Division, which has supported them.

Janis Peterson thanked the Arts and Culture Division, and said the beauty of the area and the strength of the arts scene make her love living in Marquette.

Diane Kordich praised the City's focus on Arts and Culture, and said it is the key to good economic development.

Presentation(s)

1. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, by Chair Jamie Weeder

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee chair Jamie Weeder provided a presentation about the board's makeup, history and goals and she focused on the integral role that arts and culture plays in the city.

Commissioners praised the work of the board, as well as city staff.

Public Hearing(s)

2. Budget and General Appropriations Act - FY 2024 - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and General Appropriations Act, seconded by Commissioner Jermey Ottaway and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

3. Cliffs Dow Brownfield Plan Amendment - Roll Call Vote

Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis moved to Approve the Cliffs Dow Brownfield Plan Amendment, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

4. Founders Landing Brownfield Plan Amendment - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jermey Ottaway moved to Approve the Founders Landing Brownfield Plan Amendment, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

5. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Jermey Ottaway moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Smith and Carried Unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

5.a. Approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 regular Commission meeting

5.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$ 3,567,254.67

5.c. 2023 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

5.d. Aggregate Material Purchase

5.e. Application for License to Use City Property Adjacent to 209 N. Fifth Street

5.f. Cogeneration Engine Replacement

5.g. Downtown Development Authority Operating and Maintenance Agreement

5.h. Fresh Coast Film Festival - Special Event Permit

5.i. Graveraet Parent Association Non-Profit Status - Roll Call Vote

5.j. Lease for Temporary Public Art Sound Light Installation

5.k. Marquette Figure Skating Club - Ice Contract

5.l. Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation - Concession Lease Agreement

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5.n. Request for License to Use City Property in Sands Township for Access

5.o. Solids Handling Project Change Order #2

5.p. Termination of Utility Easement - 420 N. Third Street

5.q. Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals BP23-10

New Business

6. Budget Adjustment - Fiscal Year End 2023

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2023 and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make the necessary adjustments to balance the budgets, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

7. City Attorney Evaluation

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the City Attorney's annual performance evaluation and extend the term of the Attorney's contract to Sept. 30, 2026 at the existing compensation level, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

8. City Manager Evaluation

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the City Manager's evaluation, amend her contract to increase the length of severance term to six months if terminated without cause, and extend the term of the Manager's contract to Sept. 30, 2026 at the existing compensation level, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

9. City Hall Labor Agreement

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the City Hall Employees' Labor Agreement extension effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse and Carried Unanimously.

10. Police Labor Agreement

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the Marquette Professional Police Association Labor Agreement effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sally Davis and Carried Unanimously.

11. Supervisors' Labor Agreement

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the Supervisory Employees

Labor Agreement effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

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There was no public comment.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Smith had no comments.

Commissioner Stonehouse thanked the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for the presentation, and said he was happy to see the union contracts be approved tonight. He also praised the work being done by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Commissioner Hanley thanked everyone and praised the work that had been done on the budget this year.

Commissioner Larson had no comment.

Commissioner Ottaway talked about the importance of arts and culture. Said the city is very lucky to have both the Manager and Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis praised the manager and attorney, and also reminded people that the local League of Women Voters is planning a candidate forum on Oct. 12 at the Kaufman Auditorium.

Mayor Mayer had no comments.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs thanked the City Commission for the support.

Adjournment

Mayor Mayer adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Cody O. Mayer, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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