



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, September 30, 2024
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to excuse Commissioner Cody Mayer and Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Hanley for personal reasons, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Davis stated that absentee ballots are now available for the November 5 Presidential Election, and she spoke about the proposed City Charter amendments that are on the ballot. She said voters can learn more about these proposals by visiting www.marquettemi.gov/charter2024. She also talked about the static display by the City Fire Department.

Boards and Committees

1. Appointment(s)

Paul Schumacher, to the Marquette Housing Commission for an unexpired term ending 06-9-2029;
Kent Wilkinson, to the Planning Commission for an unexpired term ending 02-15-2027;
Mateo McNeely, as a Student/Ex-officio member of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for a term ending with the end of the Marquette Area Public Schools' year.

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve approve the appointments as listed, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

2. Reappointment(s)

Bruce Heikkila, to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term ending 08-01-28

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve approve the reappointment as listed, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

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

Presentation(s)

3. Certificate of Appreciation - Battalion Chief Brian Phillips

Marquette Fire Chief Ian Davis spoke about retiring Battalion Chief Brian Phillips, who was present to receive a certificate honoring his time with the city.

4. Certificate of Appreciation - Hydrology Engineer Jim Compton

Community Development Director Dennis Stachewicz spoke about Hydrology Engineer Jim Compton, who is retiring after 25 years of service with the city. Jim Compton said it has been an honor and a privilege to work for the city.

5. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, by Walker Derby

ACAC Member Walker Derby offered an update on the board's activities from the prior year. He presented a list of the partnerships that the Arts and Culture division is focused on, highlighting the cultural trail, as well as the proposed trailhead building.

Schloegel and Smith praised the work of the group and thanked them for their efforts. Ottaway said people routinely ask where the city gets money to do a lot of the big arts and culture things they do, and he said the grant funding is an example of government in action.

6. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Michael Larson and Carried Unanimously.

6.a. Approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024 regular Commission meeting

6.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$14,194,248.49 which excludes \$924.74 in City Commission travel reimbursement, this reimbursement will be New Business items 10-13.

6.c. 2024 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

6.d. Co-Generation Maintenance Services

6.e. Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Turnout Gear Grant

6.f. ESRI Contract Renewal

6.g. EV Charging Station Lease

- 6.h.** ITRON Software as a Service/Managed Services Agreement - Amendment #2
- 6.i.** Kids Cove Inclusive Playground - Professional Services Contract Change Order
- 6.j.** Marquette Figure Skating Club - Ice Contract
- 6.k.** Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation - Concession Lease Agreement
- 6.l.** Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation - Ice Contract
- 6.m.** Purchase of Belt Press Polymer
- 6.n.** Sale of Surplus Equipment
- 6.o.** Superior Watershed Partnership Improvement Projects
- 6.p.** Upper Peninsula Community Rowing Club - Facility Lease
- 6.q.** Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals BP24-09

New Business

7. Budget Adjustment - Fiscal Year End 2024

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2024, and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make the necessary adjustments to balance the budgets, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

8. Resolution Accepting LWCF Tourist Park Day-Use Road Grant Agreement - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the resolution of acceptance for the Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund grant agreement, LW26-01888, authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign the resolution, and authorize the City Manager or her designee to sign the Grant Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

9. City Attorney Evaluation

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve the City Attorney's annual performance evaluation and amend the contract to reflect a 3% salary increase and term extension to September 30, 2027, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Carried Unanimously.

10. City Manager Evaluation

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve the City Manager's annual performance evaluation and amend the contract to reflect a 3% salary increase,

term extension to September 30, 2027, and a tuition reimbursement clause, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

11. Mayor Davis and Mayor Pro-tem Hanley Travel Reimbursement

Commissioner Paul Schloegel moved to Approve travel reimbursement for Mayor Davis in the amount of \$14.10 and Mayor Pro-tem Hanley in the amount of \$26.00 for the Michigan Municipal League Convention, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Passed.

12. Commissioner Larson Travel Reimbursement

Commissioner Jerney Ottaway moved to Approve travel reimbursement for Commissioner Larson in the amount of \$229.44 for the Michigan Municipal League Convention, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Passed.

13. Commissioner Ottaway Travel Reimbursement

Commissioner Jennifer Smith moved to Approve travel reimbursement for Commissioner Ottaway in the amount of \$328.10 for the Michigan Municipal League Convention, seconded by Commissioner Paul Schloegel and Passed.

14. Commissioner Schloegel Travel Reimbursement

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve travel reimbursement for Commissioner Schloegel in the amount of \$327.10 for the Michigan Municipal League Convention, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Passed.

15. Naming - Kids Cove II, A Playground For ALL

Commissioner Michael Larson moved to Approve the request from the Marquette Playgrounds For All to name the new playground at Mattson Park "Kids Cove II, A Playground For ALL" in accordance with Commission Policy 2005-01 Naming Parks and Recreation Facilities, seconded by Commissioner Jerney Ottaway and Carried Unanimously.

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Lucas Theys spoke about garbage and recycling collection times. He said he has never lived in a town with overnight collection, which he said is disruptive. He discussed possible adverse health impacts of sleep disruption. He said that he knows the collection contract is up in the coming months, and asked the Commission to consider moving the collection time.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Larson mentioned the long Consent Agenda, and said he's happy to see the continued partnerships with several local organizations. He said the new playground is great.

Commissioner Ottaway mentioned the devastation of the recent Hurricane Helene and said the City should continue to focus on the strength of local infrastructure to ensure that citizens are protected.

Commissioner Schloegel talked about the fire department static display. He congratulated Brian Phillips and Jim Compton on their retirements and thanked them for their contributions to the city over the years. Talked about how important traffic safety is and told people to be aware of motorcycles, bicycles and e-bikes. He said Commissioners are getting a lot of contact from residents concerned about e-bikes and public safety.

Commissioner Smith thanked the resident for the public comment about the collection time for the waste hauler. She said there are several moving parts in the discussion.

Mayor Davis said she wanted to give a shoutout to the folks at the Brantley drop-in center, which is an under-recognized community resource.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Karen Kovacs thanked the Commission for their positive evaluation; she said it has been great to work with the Commission and to serve the residents of the city. She said the City is discussing the garbage and recycling collection times, and said the city has heard similar concerns from various residents. She spoke about the recent Michigan Municipal League Conference, highlighting some of the more impactful sessions offered.

Adjournment

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Sally Davis, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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