

City of Marquette, MI



Meeting Agenda City Commission

**Monday, December 13, 2021
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers**

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Approval of the Agenda

Announcements

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

Presentation(s)

1. Charter Spectrum - Police K9 Unit, by Police Chief Blake Rieboldt
2. Public Art Commission, by Emily Lanctot
3. **Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote**
 - 3.a. Approve the minutes of the November 29, 2021 regular Commission meeting
 - 3.b. Approve the minutes of the November 29, 2021 Commission work session
 - 3.c. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$651,870.77
 - 3.d. Request for License to Use City Property Adjacent to 903 W. Ridge Street
 - 3.e. Service Credit Purchase - Roll Call Vote
 - 3.f. Technology Services Fee Schedule Adjustment

New Business

4. Protecting Democracy and Promoting Ballot Access Resolution - Roll Call Vote
5. Public Works and Utilities Labor Agreement

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Comments from the Commission

Comments from the City Manager

Adjournment

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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Agenda Date: 12/13/2021

Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Approve the minutes of the November 29, 2021 regular Commission meeting

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ Nov. 29 Minutes



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
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Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, November 29, 2021
6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to amend the agenda with the addition of item 3k. on the consent agenda, 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence - Proclamation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Mayer and Carried Unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Smith reminded the community that glass recycling will be taking place next week, the first full week of December.

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

Public comment carried over from the previous work session, where several members of the public shared concerns about the proposed Renovare housing development project.

Barry Polzin opened public comment, indicating he was available for questions on agenda items 5 and 6.

Stephanie Jones, a local realtor and member of the former Ad-Hoc Housing Committee, shared data regarding the availability and sales of houses in Marquette.

Marsha Lucas, Alex Lucas, John Reinertsen, Sheryl Feldman, Nick Leach, Paul Schloegel, Dennis McCowen, Geraldine Nault, Kristen Cantwell, Jason Zdunek, Randy Swaty, Colleen Roberts, Jon Bahk-Halberg, Jim Duranceau, Chris Cook, Margaret Brumm, Kristi Stemen, Kyle Danek, Karen Kimar-Johnson, Shauna Moore, Sarah Bixby, Katie Kuhlman, and Bethany Jentoft were among the community members who spoke against the proposed property sale and development.

There was a continued emphasis on protecting the woodlands and the wildlife within it. Commenters spoke on the lack of playgrounds within walking distance of their neighborhood and explained how the forestland is an essential part of their recreational

enjoyment among their pets and families. Some voiced concerns over the possible impacts of increased traffic in the area. Additionally, the way in which this potential project aligns with the City's Master Plan was discussed, as was the potential use of brownfield funding.

Many commenters did acknowledge a need for additional housing in Marquette, but stated this specific location for this project is the wrong one.

Presentation(s)

1. Life Saving Efforts, by Police Chief Blake Rieboldt

City of Marquette Police Chief, Blake Rieboldt recognized Officer Nick Calzetta, Cpl. Tim Forslund and Cpl. Mike Roth for their life-saving efforts regarding a life-threatening domestic violence incident which occurred in 2019. Captain Mike Laurila presented the men with the Marquette Police Department Commendation Award.

2. Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority Update, by Administrator Carol Fulsher and Marquette Representative Nick Leach

Carol Fulsher and Nick Leach of the Iron Ore Heritage Recreating Authority gave an in-depth presentation to the Commission. It was explained that the Iron Ore Heritage Trail expands 47 miles and is a multi-use, year-round trail. Fulsher went on to recognize the many accomplishments made by the Authority: expansion of the trail network, added amenities and interpretive elements to provide information on U.P. history, other necessary trail components (including signage, restrooms, and benches), community and state partnerships, and the 2021 Society of American Traveler Writer's Phoenix Award.

She also highlighted goals for the next six years and what this trail network means to the community. Upon the conclusion, the Commission had the opportunity to provide feedback.

The feedback from the Commission was very positive, as many of them thanked the Authority for their work in maintaining the trails, connecting the community to its culture and acknowledging the asset this trail is to the community, county, state and nation.

3. Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to Approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried by Roll Call Vote .

3.a. Approve the minutes of the November 22, 2021 special Commission meeting

3.b. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$5,851,700.17

3.c. Disaster Recovery Servers Lease Extension

3.d. Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority Bill Payment

- 3.e. Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation - Concession Lease Agreement
- 3.f. Michigan Council for Arts and Culture Affairs - Grant Award
- 3.g. Presque Isle Marina - MDNR Waterways Phase III Grant- Roll Call Vote
- 3.h. Replacement Tablets for the Fire Department
- 3.i. Resolutions for Additions and Vacations of City Right of Ways and Additions and Vacations of ACT 51 Roadway Centerline Records - Roll Call Vote
- 3.j. Utilization of State Bid for Annual Salt Purchase
- 3.k. 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

New Business

4. Police Labor Agreement

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to Approve the Marquette Professional Police Association Labor Agreement effective October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2023, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

5. Vault Marquette Reimbursement Agreement

Commissioner Hill asked staff to clarify what comes next in the development process. City Manager Karen Kovacs explained there will also be a development agreement and operational agreement coming forward. Commissioner Hill reminded the public that the City and MBRA's involvement with this project is solely related to the public parking portion of the project.

Commissioner Stonehouse emphasized this reimbursement agreement is only one step in the process but not the final step.

Commissioner Bonsall thanked City staff. He stated he still has unresolved concerns about the project and recognized the reimbursement agreement as a critical component.

Mayor Smith acknowledged the four-step process, stating the first vote by the Commission she felt was the most important because the DDA and MBRA both approved the plan and it was then up to the Commission to make a decision. Smith stated she felt the reimbursement agreement is part of the normal course of action and there will still be a development and operation agreement coming forward in the following months.

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to approve the Vault Marquette brownfield reimbursement agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Fred Stonehouse.

The motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Bonsall voting no.

6. Resolution of Intent to Sell City Property - Parcel 0511840 - Roll Call Vote

City Manager Kovacs gave a brief background on the timeline leading up to the proposed development.

Shannon Morgan with Renovare then shared a presentation with the Commission to provide further detail. She introduced the development company, stating they focus on projects in areas where there is a community need. She highlighted their previous work in Marquette -transforming the Holy Family Orphanage into Grandview Marquette.

She acknowledged housing and economic development concerns and the need for affordable housing in rural areas. Her presentation transitioned to the specific project, located along McClellan Avenue, stating the development would be workforce housing with 69 units. She then turned it over to the Commission for questions.

Commissioner Jessica Hanley moved to suspend the rules for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley acknowledged all the public comment in opposition to this development but also conveyed the need for housing in the City.

Commissioner Bonsall asked a variety of questions to both Staff and Morgan.

Commission questions focused on potential consequences of voting to move forward with the resolution of intent to sell, the reasoning behind looking to transfer the property to the Land Bank Authority, an increased traffic flow in the proposed development area, potential wetland impacts, prior promises made to the community when McClellan Avenue was originally put in, clarification on deed restrictions and plans for community engagement.

Commissioner Davis described her experience walking through the trails on the property. Observations made on her walk indicated the people using the trails take care of the area. The woods are enjoyed by many animals, children and families, which highlighted the importance of the woodlands to the community.

Commissioner Stonehouse commended the public for their participation. He gave historical insight on the McClellan Avenue project.

Mayor Smith thanked the public for attending the meeting and acknowledged their concerns. Mayor Smith shared the same sentiment as many other Commissioners for the need for affordable housing, however she said the specific location and the brownfield funding mechanism is of concern.

Commissioner Fred Stonehouse moved to permanently withdraw the resolution in

regard to the McClellan Avenue area and continue to look at further locations for development, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

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The final public comments of the night were shared by Colleen Roberts, Margaret Brumm, Eunai Danek, Stephanie Jones, Jon Bahk-Halberg and Mary Duranceau.

Comments included thanking the Commission for listening to their concerns; along with acknowledging the developer's previous success with the Orphanage, sharing personal stories of their housing experiences, encouraging staff to look at other surplus property to sell, asking for clarification on the motion that was made for item #6 and about processes for changing city zoning.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Hanley spoke on the Proclamation which was brought forth to the Commission by the Zonta group as part of their 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence. She educated the public on how the community can get involved by showing their support through wearing orange or shining an orange light - the color of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - or by donating to local organizations such as the Women's Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Mayer had no comment.

Commissioner Hill acknowledged another Proclamation, November being Indigenous People's Month. She encouraged everyone to visit the exhibit at the Beaumier Heritage Center.

Commissioner Stonehouse had no comment.

Commissioner Bonsall again reminded the public of glass recycling. He thanked Commissioner Hanley for adding the Proclamation to the agenda, as this is an important topic. He stated he volunteers for a non-profit which is working toward getting legislation passed addressing similar issues regarding sexual assault and violence against women. He then thanked the community for showing up at the meeting making their voice heard. He reiterated that Commissioners do their best to listen to the concerns and to be as transparent as possible. He addressed the importance of having fact-based discussions.

Commissioner Davis showed enthusiasm about the neighborhoods coming together to voice their opinion and how their voice made an impact on the Commission's decision. She went on to thank Zonta for bringing awareness to a very important issue, domestic violence.

Mayor Smith pointed out the many vacancies on the Boards and Committees. She also invited the community to join in on the fun Thursday, December 6, when the City and Downtown Development Authority will host the annual Holiday Parade.

Comments from the City Manager

City Manager Kovacs said her community office hours will be coming up on December 8 and invited the public to have the opportunity for one-on-one conversations with her.

She also addressed plowing this snow season. She reminded the public that safety is the number one concern. She reminded everyone to give the plow drivers space and know they are working as hard as they can to keep the roads clear for the Community. She thanked the DPW staff for their efforts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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Agenda Date: 12/13/2021

Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Approve the minutes of the November 29, 2021 Commission work session

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ Nov. 29 WS Minutes



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Meeting Agenda City Commission

WORK SESSION

Monday, November 29, 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.

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The work session drew a large community turnout. Several members of the community expressed opposition to the Renovare housing development proposal. Common themes throughout public comment were the consequences the development would have on the forest and wildlife, impact on the surrounding neighborhoods - with emphasis on possible safety concerns due to increased traffic - and the idea of the project including a brownfield component.

1. Discussion - Renovare Housing Development Proposal

The presentation which was originally scheduled for the work session was shifted to the regular meeting of the City Commission; which immediately succeeded the work session. Doing so, allowed for the continuation of public comment.

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

Public Comment continued into the regular meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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Agenda Date: 12/13/2021

Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote

Request for License to Use City Property Adjacent to 903 W. Ridge Street

BACKGROUND:

Lakeview Ridge Apartments LLC has purchased the apartment building located at 903 W. Ridge Street. The previous owner held a license to use City property in order to provide additional parking for tenants. Lakeview Ridge Apartments needed to submit a new application for this property use due to the change in ownership. The previous license holder utilized the property for five years with no reported issues.

FISCAL EFFECT:

The one-time fee for a License is \$255 and the fee has been paid.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the request, authorize the Mayor to sign the License and terminate the prior License according to its terms.

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ Application for License
- ▣ License Agreement

**CITY OF MARQUETTE
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE/EASEMENT
OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY**



FEE \$255

CITY STAFF USE

Date Submitted: 11/09/2021 Parcel ID#: 0261040 File #: 07-PRU-11-2021
Property Address/Location: 903 W. Ridge St.
Adequate Legal Description Submitted: ☒ Y / ☐ N Anticipated Hearing Date: _____

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, ALL OF THE
INFORMATION REQUIRED IS PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION - NO
EXCEPTIONS!**

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

APPLICANT

Name: Lakeview Ridge Apartments LLC
Address: W8568 Tobin Lane
City, State, Zip: Channing, MI 49815
Phone #: 916-500-2882
Fax #: n/a
Email: andy@monolithparks.com

****APPLICANTS OR REPRESENTATIVES ARE STRONGLY
ENCOURAGED TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING****

APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Name: Andy Carey
Address: 1636 La Playa Way
City, State, Zip: Sacramento, CA 95864
Phone #: 916-500-2882
Fax #: n/a
Email: andy@monolithparks.com

****APPLICANTS OR REPRESENTATIVES ARE STRONGLY
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What is the street address, or nearest street address, to the location of the requested license/easement?

903 W Ridge, Marquette MI 49855

Please describe the reason or necessity for the requested license/easement for use of the City property:

Parking area for tenants and guests of existing apartment building

You may attach sketches, maps, photos, or other items that may help to illustrate/visualize your request. Community Development staff will attach a photo-map of the area.

Attachments: _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Legal description of the license/easement area:

Nesters Addition #1 Lots 21, 22, 23 & 24; Block 6
Parcel 0261040

SIGNATURE

I understand that this application itself is not considered an approval and only the Marquette City Commission has the authority to grant an approval for a license/easement for use of property owned by the City of Marquette.

Signature:



Date: 11/8/2021

Request for License to Use City Right-of-Way

Ridge Street

AREA OF REQUEST

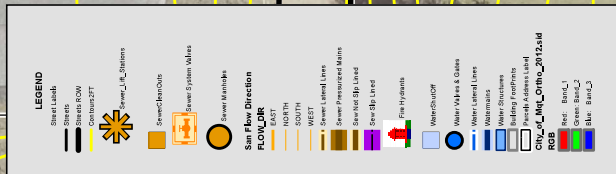
Text

Alley

Lincoln Avenue

1 inch = 43 feet

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LOCATION SURVEY

CERTIFIED TO: MARK CANALE, 862 W. BLUFF STREET, MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN 49855.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24, BLOCK 6, NESTER'S ADDITION No. 1, IN THE CITY OF MARQUETTE, COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN.

NOTE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY IS TO SHOW THE RELATIVE POSITION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL. NO LOT CORNERS WERE SET DURING THIS SURVEY.

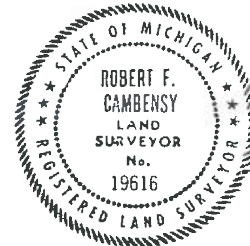
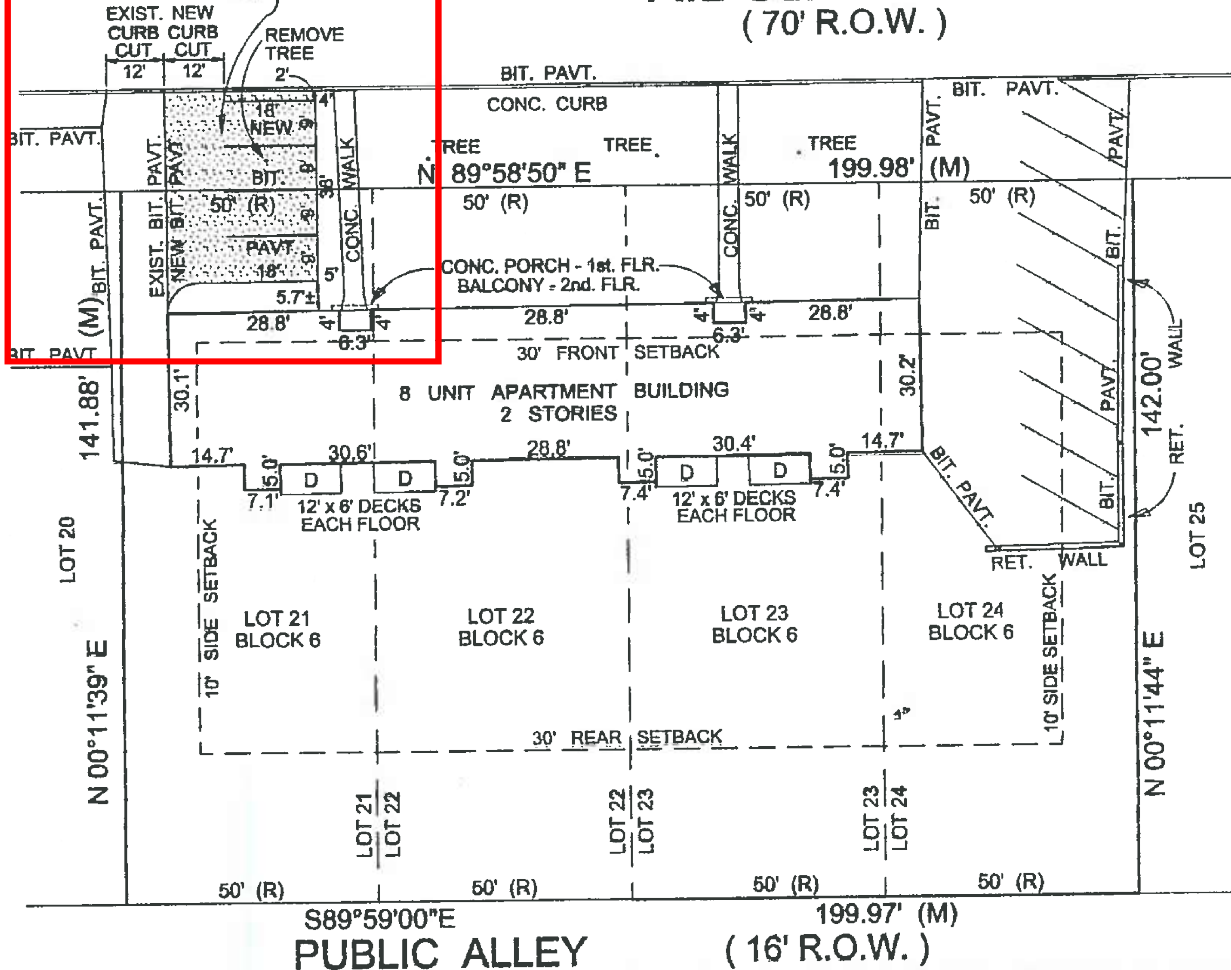
AREAS
 LOT AREA
 28,400 Sq.ft.
 BUILDING - PER FLOOR
 4592.5 Sq.ft.
 EAST PARKING SPACES
 1241.0 Sq.ft.
 WEST PARKING SPACES
 324.0 Sq.ft.
 OUTDOOR LIVABILITY
 22,242.5 Sq.ft.
 78.32%



EXHIBIT B
 07-PRU-11-2021, and
 11-PRU-10-2016, original w/ diff. owner
 903 W. Ridge St.

0' 20' 40' 60' 80' 100'
 SCALE: ONE INCH = 30 FEET

PROPOSED NEW PAVEMENT & PARKING AREA. LICENSE REQUIRED FOR PARKING IN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY.



September 13, 2016

Robert F. Cambensy

Robert F. Cambensy, Michigan Reg. #19616
 Registered Land Surveyor
 Cambensy Engineering & Surveying
 306 North Sixth Street, Marquette, Michigan 49855
 (906) 226-3909 rcambensy@sbcglobal.net

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE
 STATE OF MICHIGAN) ss.
 MARQUETTE COUNTY)

I, Robert F. Cambensy, surveyor, certify that I have made this survey, and that the information shown on the above LOCATION SURVEY is a true and correct representation thereof.

GRANT OF LICENSE

THE CITY OF MARQUETTE, a municipal corporation, of 300 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855, the "City", and LAKEVIEW RIDGE APARTMENTS LLC, of W8568 Tobin Lane, Channing, MI 49815, "Lakeview", licensee, enter into this agreement on _____, 2021, subject to the following conditions:

1. Background. The City owns the Ridge Street public right-of-way, within the City of Marquette and State of Michigan. Lakeview desires to use an area located within the right of way as a parking area ("Parking Area") to real property located at 903 W. Ridge Street on the real estate and to the specifications set forth in Exhibit A.
2. Grant of the license. For the fee of \$255, the City grants to Lakeview the right to use a portion of city public right-of-way for the Parking Area as set forth in Exhibit A.
3. Construction and Maintenance. Lakeview shall be responsible for all fees and expenses related to the construction, maintenance and repair of the Parking Area and all snow removal from the Parking Area and real estate described in Exhibit A.
4. Use. The right to use the real estate described in Exhibit A is not exclusive, however as long as this License is in effect, the City shall not permit any use contrary to the Parking Area except as may be necessary to repair, remove or replace utilities. In the event the City repairs, removes or replaces utilities, Lakeview shall be responsible for any removal of, repair to or replacement of the Parking Area in connection with utility work. Lakeview shall not use the real estate for any purpose except as specifically allowed within this agreement, and shall not alter, injure or damage the City's public right-of-way.
5. Reimbursement for damages. Lakeview shall reimburse the City for any physical damages to the City's public right-of-way caused by Lakeview's, or its successors', assigns', invitees', tenants' and guests' use on the real estate. Lakeview, and any successor or assign shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City from and against any demand, claim, action or cause of action, assessment, loss, damage, liability (whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise), cost and/or expense, including but not limited to, interest, penalties, consultants fees and expenses, and attorneys' fees and expenses, asserted against, imposed upon or incurred by the City, directly or indirectly, by reason of or resulting from or relating to the Parking Area.
6. Revocation. This License may be revoked by either party at any time by providing at least 30 days written notice of termination to the other party. On the termination date, all rights and obligations of the parties shall cease and on or before the termination date, Lakeview shall remove the Parking Area from the real estate, at its own expense. Lakeview shall not be entitled to a reimbursement for any portion of the annual fee previously paid to the City.
7. Entire Agreement. This Grant of License constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

The said parties have caused this document to be executed the day and year first written above.

CITY OF MARQUETTE

By: Jennifer A. Smith
Its: Mayor

By: Kyle Whitney
Its: Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE)

Acknowledged before me in Marquette County, Michigan, on _____, 2021, by
Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor, and Kyle Whitney, Clerk, of the City of Marquette, a Michigan
municipal corporation.

Notary Public
State of Michigan, County of Marquette
My Commission Expires: _____

LAKEVIEW RIDGE APARTMENTS, LLC



By: Andrew Carey
Its: member

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE)

Acknowledged before me in ~~Marquette~~ ^{Sacramento} County, ~~Michigan~~ ^{California}, on November 29, 2021, by
Andrew Carey, of Lakeview Ridge Apartments, LLC on behalf of
the company.

SEE ATTACHED NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

^{California} Notary Public
State of ~~Michigan~~ ^{California}, County of ~~Marquette~~ ^{Sacramento}
My Commission Expires: _____

CALIFORNIA NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of Sacramento

On November 29, 2021 before me, Robert Domingo, Notary Public,
(insert the name and title of the officer)

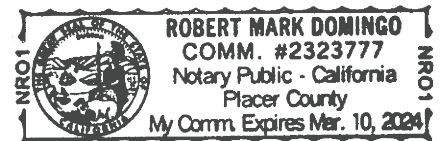
personally appeared Andrew Carey, Member, Lakeview Ridge Apartments LLC

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/~~are~~ subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/~~she~~/~~they~~ executed the same in his/~~her~~/~~their~~ authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/~~her~~/~~their~~ signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature  (SEAL)



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300 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855

Agenda Date: 12/13/2021

Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote **Service Credit Purchase - Roll Call Vote**

BACKGROUND:

Thomas Florek, an employee in Division 11 (PW Supervisors Union) of the Michigan Employees' Retirement System (MERS) pension plan has asked to purchase two years of generic service credit. The ability to purchase up to 60 months (5 years) of generic service credit is an option under the MERS Defined Benefit Plan. Purchased service credit may be used to meet retirement eligibility requirements, but not vesting requirements.

The purchase is subject to approval of the City Commission by Resolution as included in his application within 60 days of the calculation date. The employee must pay the full cost of the purchase.

FISCAL EFFECT:

The employee is responsible for paying 100% of the estimated actuarial cost of \$71,449.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Director of Administrative Services to sign the attached Resolution approving Thomas Florek's request to purchase two years of generic service credit subject to the employee's payment of 100% of the estimated actuarial cost.

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ MERS Service Credit Purchase Application and Resolution

Application for Additional Service Credit Purchase

Section 1: Service Credit Purchase Cost Estimate

With the approval of the employer and the local governing body, participants can purchase additional service credit to help meet an early retirement eligibility provision or to increase their pension benefit. Unlike MERS-to-MERS or Act 88 time, purchased service credit generally cannot be used to reach vesting.

This estimate is only valid for two months after November 1, 2021, the effective date of this calculation.

The cost to purchase service credit for each individual is based on many factors. Below is the information that MERS used to prepare this estimate. Please review the following information for accuracy. If any is incorrect, this estimate may not be correct.

Participant Information

Thomas Florek

Date of Birth: 1/4/1966
 Age: 55 years, 9 months
 Spouse's Date of Birth: 3/25/1966
 FAC as of calculation date: \$86,289.85

Employer Information

Marquette, City of

5201 / 11

Benefit Program

Benefit B-4 (80% max)
 Benefit F55 (With 25 Years of Service)
 Early Reduced (.5%) at Age 50 with 25 Years or Age 55 with 15 Years
 Benefit FAC-3 (3 Year Final Average Compensation)
 10 Year Vesting
 E2 2.5% COLA for future retirees (07/01/1999)
 Defined Benefit Normal Retirement Age - 60

Service Credit

Earned service credit as of calculation date: 18 years, 4 months
 Vesting Only Service:
 Other Governmental Service used for Eligibility (MERS or Act 88): 4 years, 4 months
 Type of Credited Service to be Purchased: Generic
 Amount of additional service requested: 2 years, 0 months

Benefit Impact

	Earliest Eligibility Retirement Date	Retirement Age	Projected FAC	X	Service Credit	X	Benefit Multiplier	=	Annual Benefit
Before Proposed Purchase	3/1/2024	58 years 1 month	\$92,451.35		20 years 8 months		2.5%		\$47,766.60
After Proposed Purchase	3/1/2022	56 years 1 month	\$87,144.26		20 years 8 months		2.5%		\$45,024.60

Estimated Cost of This Service Credit Purchase: \$71,449.00

The total cost is due in full at the time of purchase and may be paid by either the participant or employer. You may be eligible to transfer assets from other accounts to make a payment for the purchase, such as: 457 Deferred Compensation Plans; 401 plans; 403(b) plans; and some IRAs (traditional and SIMPLE). To initiate this transfer complete the form *Certification of Qualified Fund Rollover to MERS* (form number F-38). Send signed, approved Application for Additional Service Credit to MERS prior to sending any payment.

NOTE: Special Conditions Applicable to this Calculation can be found at the end of this application

Section 2: Calculation Assumptions

1. Projected Earliest Eligible Retirement Date

This date is calculated using the participant's date of birth, the amount of service credit reported by the employer, and other service credit that we have on record (such as MERS-to-MERS or Act 88 time). If any of this data is incomplete or inaccurate this can affect the cost estimate. If the participant chooses to retire on a different date, it may increase/decrease the actual cost.

2. Projected Final Average Compensation (FAC)

Future increases in the FAC are assumed to be a 3.00% annual increase. This calculation is dependent on the wages reported by the employer to MERS. If the actual increases end up being different than the assumption, it may increase/decrease the actual cost.

3. Projected Service Credit

It is assumed the participant will continue to work until the earliest date for unreduced retirement benefits unless a specific termination date is shown. Any deviation from the earliest eligibility date may increase/decrease the actual cost.

4. Benefit Program

The current benefit plan provisions are used to calculate the cost of purchasing service credit. If the participant transfers into a different division and is eligible for a benefit plan with different provisions, then the cost may differ from the initial calculation. Likewise costs may differ if the municipality adopts different benefits in the future for any participant that has purchased service credit. These changes will be reflected in the actuarial valuation required to adopt any benefit increase.

5. Investment Assumption

The current investment return assumption for service credit purchase is 6.35%.

6. Mortality Rate

Assumptions are made on the life expectancies of the participant and their surviving spouse, using tables generated by actuarial professionals.

Section 3: Certification and Authorization

PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION

I certify the above information is correct and accurate. If this is a purchase of qualifying "other governmental" service, I certify the service has not and will not be recognized for the purposes of obtaining or increasing a pension under another defined benefit retirement plan.


Participant Signature

11-12-2021
Date

GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION

By Resolution of its Governing Body, at its meeting on _____, as provided by the MERS Plan Document, and in accordance with the employer's policy, the employer hereby authorizes the participant named above to make a service credit purchase from MERS as described above. The employer understands this is an estimated cost, calculated using actuarial assumptions approved by the Retirement Board. Any difference between the assumptions and actuarial experience will affect the true cost of the additional service to the employer. The calculation assumptions are outlined above and the employer understands and agrees it is accountable for any difference between estimated and actual costs.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

MERS Use Only

Payment Received:	Participant Payment:
Service Credit:	ER Payment:
Signed:	

Special Conditions Applicable to this Calculation

Cost calculation is based on the assumption that participant is eligible to continue employment until earliest unreduced retirement date without the service credit purchase. If participant is not eligible to continue employment, contact MERS as the service credit purchase could incur significant additional employer liability.

City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue
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Agenda Date: 12/13/2021

Consent Agenda - Roll Call Vote
Technology Services Fee Schedule Adjustment

BACKGROUND:

We were notified by BS&A, our financial software vendor, that the fee they charge for third party property record searches will increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00, effective January 1, 2022. The Property Lookup fee is part of the Fiscal Year 2022 Fee Schedule under Technology Services.

FISCAL EFFECT:

None to the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00 in the Technology Services Fiscal Year 2022 Fee Schedule for Property Lookup fees effective January 1, 2022, in accordance with changes imposed by our vendor.

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- Property Lookup Fee Increase & Fee Schedule

As of January 1, 2022, the cost for individual record lookups will increase from \$2 per record to \$3 per record. This will mark the first increase to this fee since we began offering this service over 20 years ago. Due to the increasing costs of managing our data center, this modest price increase has become necessary.

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City of Marquette

The following may be accessed free of charge using the search finder. Building Department, Delinquent Personal Property Tax, Miscellaneous Receivables or Utility Billing.

PROPERTY TAX OWNER: Current Tax information is available to view free of charge. See account set up information above before accessing Assessing or Current Tax.

NON-PROPERTY TAX OWNER: Current Tax information is available for a \$2.00 fee per property. See account set up information above before accessing Assessing or Current Tax.

ONLINE PAYMENTS: To pay a bill online, use the menu on the left to access your bill. Online payments are subject to the following fees:

Credit Card: 3% convenience fee with a \$2.00 minimum.

E-Check: \$3.00 fee for up to \$9,999.99 / \$10.00 fee for \$10,000.00 and over

IMPORTANT: PROPERTY CLOSING CHECKLIST

If you require payoff information for a closing on a property, you need to check the following:

Current property taxes

Delinquent real property taxes at the Marquette County Treasurer (906) 225-8425

Miscellaneous Invoices

Special Assessments

Delinquent personal property taxes. Business closing

Utility Bill : Check usage dates to know what time period the bill is for, final bill may not be calculated.

The City of Marquette attempts to provide accurate and timely information. However, the City Treasurer will not be held responsible for billing items in transit. It is highly recommended that you consider holding back an escrow deposit at the time of closing to cover any potential outstanding items.

Weather Forecast

Forecast For: [Marquette, MI](#)



35°F

Current: Snow

Wind: 18 mph Northwest

Humidity: 86

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Mostly Cloudy

Cloudy

Snow

Cloudy

41° | 32°

44° | 26°

33° | 24°

27° | 22°

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CITY OF MARQUETTE - ADOPTED FY 2022 FEES

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

FY 2022 ADOPTED FEE

Property Lookup.....

\$2.00

Video Recording (after hours).....

\$65.00 / hour

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Agenda Date: 12/13/2021

New Business

Protecting Democracy and Promoting Ballot Access Resolution - Roll Call Vote

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

▣ Resolution



Resolution

Protecting Democracy and Promoting Ballot Access

WHEREAS, access to voting and participation in free, fair and secure elections is fundamental to our system of governance; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported amending the constitution to expand voting rights, make it easier to register and easier to vote and 76% of voters in the City of Marquette and 67% of voters in Michigan voted Yes on Proposition 3 in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, restricting voting rights and undermining the fair, nonpartisan administration of elections is harmful to all communities, but disproportionately impacts (already marginalized) voters of color, lower-income communities, the elderly, as well as disabled voters; and,

WHEREAS, in recent months, state legislatures, including Michigan's, have introduced dozens of bills that essentially restrict access to voting, make election administration and oversight less equitable and efficient, and undermine existing laws that maintain election security and ensure nonpartisan counting and certification of votes; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's established voter photo ID/affidavit requirement has proven effective and secure for 25 years and in the 2020 election only 11,400 Michiganders without ID (0.2 percent of voters) signed an affidavit under penalty of perjury to vote in person; and

WHEREAS, elections in Michigan have been conducted safely and securely and without any significant fraud, up to and including the 2020 election, as the Senate Oversight Committee Report concluded; and,

WHEREAS, the Marquette City Commission strongly opposes legislation or other efforts that would restrict access to the ballot, undermine the nonpartisan, fair and efficient administration of elections, and restrict voting rights; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Secretary of State unveiled a legislative agenda that would improve access to voting whether early, absentee, or in-person; expedite absentee ballot processing; and make voting more convenient; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Marquette City Commission, strongly support policies that expand and protect equitable access to voting and that strengthen and sustain a robust election infrastructure, including both material and human resources, and further resolve that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Secretary of State, the Governor's Office, and the members of the Upper Peninsula delegation to the Michigan State Legislature.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2021.

Jennifer A. Smith
Mayor

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Agenda Date: 12/13/2021

New Business

Public Works and Utilities Labor Agreement

BACKGROUND:

The City of Marquette has reached a new Agreement with the Public Works and Utilities Employees' Chapter of AFSCME Local #1852. The bargaining unit has ratified the Agreement. The main issues during negotiations were the job posting and bidding procedures and wages. The parties have agreed to a three-year contract with the addition of the day before Thanksgiving as a holiday, a \$.10 increase to hourly shift differentials, a \$.05 per hour increase to the hole rate, a 2% wage increase for year one and wage reopeners in 2022, and 2023 if needed. The City Commission will have the opportunity to review and consider approving the wage proposal for years two and three once that package has been settled.

The City's bargaining team commends the Public Works and Utilities unit of AFSCME for their willingness to work with us to negotiate an Agreement that is fair to the employees and the City.

FISCAL EFFECT:

For year one, a 2% increase to wages, \$.10 increase to shift differentials and a \$.05 increase to the hole rate equates to a cost of roughly \$68,000. This amount is included in the FY 22 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Public Works and Utilities Employees' Labor Agreement effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

As determined by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

No Attachments Available