



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission Meeting

Saturday, May 1, 2021
8:45 AM
Commission Chambers

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Mayor Smith. Mayor Pro Tem Hill. Commissioners: Bonsall, Davis, Hanley, Mayer and Stonehouse.

Announcements

Mayor Smith had no comments.

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

As the meetings are still being held without the public present, residents were given the opportunity to call in and speak or submit written public comments to be read during the meeting.

Margaret Brumm wrote in with a list of questions that she would like today's candidates to answer.

1. Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Jenn Hill moved to Approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Evan Bonsall and Carried Unanimously.

1.a. Approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 regular Commission meeting.

New Business

2. City Manager Search

Mayor Smith explained the process for interviewing today's candidates, stating that each candidate will be presented with 20 questions, asked by Commissioners on a rotating basis, and that candidates will be asked to keep each of their answers to about 2.5 minutes.

The Mayor also stated that there is a special City Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, when the City Commission will be able to continue this discussion, and to make a decision about the next steps in the process.

City Manager Interviews:

3. 9:00 a.m. - Mr. Sean Hobbins

The interview of Mr. Sean Hobbins began at roughly 8:50 a.m. and concluded at 9:25 a.m., with the Mayor recessing the meeting temporarily until the next interview.

4. 10:00 a.m. - Mr. Richard Downey

The meeting resumed at 10 a.m., and the Commission conducted the interview of Mr. Richard Downey. The interview concluded at 11 a.m., with the Mayor recessing the meeting temporarily until the next interview.

5. 11:00 a.m. - Mr. Gary Simpson

The meeting resumed at 11:07 a.m., and the Commission conducted the interview of Mr. Gary Simpson. The interview concluded at noon, with the Mayor recessing the meeting temporarily for lunch.

6. Noon Lunch Break

7. 1:00 p.m. - Mr. Daniel Stoltman

The meeting resumed at 1 p.m., and the Commission conducted the interview of Mr. Daniel Stoltman. The interview concluded at 1:55 p.m., with the Mayor recessing the meeting temporarily until the next interview.

8. 2:00 p.m. - Mr. John Kramer

The meeting resumed at 2 p.m., and the Commission conducted the interview of Mr. John Kramer. The interview concluded at 2:55 p.m., with the Mayor recessing the meeting temporarily until the next interview.

9. 3:00 p.m. - Ms. Karen Kovacs

The meeting resumed at 3:05 p.m., and the Commission conducted the interview of Ms. Karen Kovacs.

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There were no public comments.

Comments from the Commission

Commissioner Mayer said today was a great meeting. He said there are several good candidates and that the City will be in good hands, regardless of who is selected as the next City Manager.

Commissioner Davis said she is very pleased with the pool of candidates and that Tuesday's meeting will be interesting.

Commissioner Hanley said she is honored to be involved in this search, as it is one of the biggest decisions she will make as a commissioner. She said the Commission has many great options in front of them.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill thanked consultant Frank Walsh, as well as City staff that has assisted in this process.

Mayor Smith echoed the comments from the Mayor Pro Tem.

Comments from the City Manager

There were no comments from the City Manager.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Jennifer A. Smith, Mayor

Kyle Whitney, City Clerk

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