

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**MARQUETTE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**DECEMBER 02, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Marquette City Planning Commission was duly called and held at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, December 02, 2025, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Planning Commission (PC) members present (8): M. Rayner, J. Guter, N. Vermaat, J. Fitkin, Chair Kevin Clegg, vice-Chair A. Wilkinson, D. Fetter, S. Lawry  
PC Members absent: K. Hunter  
Staff present: City Planner and Zoning Administrator D. Stensaas.

**AGENDA**

*It was moved by J. Guter, seconded by J. Fitkin, and carried 8-0 to approve the agenda as presented.*

**MINUTES**

*It was moved by N. Vermaat, seconded by M. Rayner, and carried 8-0 to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025, meeting with a change to the date in the header*

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Nobody wished to comment.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Nobody wished to comment.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

**A. Marquette County *Intent to Plan* notification**

D. Stensaas said that he didn't have any details on what this project is about, but that maybe Commissioner Vermaat does, as he works for the County's planning department.

N. Vermaat said that there is an update to the County's Master Plan getting underway.

**TRAINING**

**A. Article: *Traffic Engineers and Planners Need to Do Better* article, Michigan Planner magazine (Michigan Chapter, American Planning Assoc.), July/August 2025**

The Planning Commission and staff briefly discussed the article.

S. Lawry said that the article is true to his experience, in that he was trained as a traffic engineer in college and for many years the goal of that branch of civil engineering was to move traffic as quickly as possible, and that only in about the mid-1990s did the focus start to change a bit with the introduction of the "complete streets" concepts.

D. Stensaas said that the City adopted its Complete Streets Policy in 2011 and it was one of the first projects that he worked on for the Planning Commission approval, and then City Commission approval.

**WORK SESSION ON REPORTS/PLANS/ORDINANCES**

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**A. Preparation for 12/08 City Commission-Planning Commission joint work session**

The Planning Commission and Staff discussed a range of issues they wanted to present to the City Commission at the December 8<sup>th</sup> joint work session, and decided on a list of specific items to address.

**B. Land Development Code amendments**

D. Stensaas handed out a one-sheet, two-sided draft of amendments he had prepared for recommended updates to the definitions article and for some other portions of the Land Development Code (LDC). The Planning Commission discussed these and found each item acceptable. All draft items will be provided to the Planning Commission again when the commission reviews the final compilation of the draft LDC amendments.

**COMMISSION and STAFF COMMENTS**

The Planning Commissioners each provided a brief synopsis of their work backgrounds and interests to get to know each other better.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair K. Clegg adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm

David Stensaas

Prepared by D. Stensaas, City Planner and Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission Staff Liaison