



## Meeting Minutes City Commission

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Monday, May 11, 2015

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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### Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

*It was moved by Commissioner Baldini, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Campana and carried unanimously to excuse the absence of Commissioner Conley.*

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Mike Coyne, Commissioner Sara Cambensy, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Campana, Commissioner Sarah Reynolds, Commissioner Thomas Baldini and Commissioner Peter Frazier

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Mike Conley

### Note of Agenda Changes

*No changes to the agenda were offered.*

### Approval of the Agenda

*It was moved by Commissioner Cambensy, seconded by Commissioner Frazier and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.*

### Announcements

*Mayor Coyne said the only announcement he had tonight is that there are still vacancies on several Boards and Committees, but progress is being made.*

### Boards and Committees

1. Welcome New Members:
  - Steve Casey, Sustainable Community Ad-Hoc Committee (Department of Environmental Quality Representative)
  - Phillip Watts, Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee
  - Robert Kulisheck, Planning Commission

*Mayor Coyne asked New Board Member, Phillip Watts to join him at the lectern where he presented him welcome gifts on behalf of the City, and thanked him for stepping up to serve on the Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee.*
2. Recognition of Outgoing Members:
  - Joel Norton, Planning Commission

*Mayor Coyne then asked outgoing Planning Commission member Joel Norton to join him at the lectern, and thanked him for his service on this Commission.*

3. Appointments:  
-Carol Steinhaus, Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees, for a term ending 05-01-20
- It was moved by Mayor Pro-tem Campana, seconded by Commissioner Frazier and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Carol Steinhaus to the Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees, for a term ending 05/01/20.*

### Public Hearing(s)

4. Public Hearing on Ordinance #627: An Amended Chapter 80.35 of the Marquette City Code - Downtown Marquette Waterfront Form-based Code

**Attachments:**     [01-ZOA-04-15 DMWFBC Amendments for 04-07-15](#)  
[040715 PC Minutes Excerpt](#)  
[ORD627 Update 554 Downtown Waterfront Form Based Code](#)

*Mayor Coyne opened the public portion of the hearing and asked for comments from anyone wishing to speak on this item. There being no one to speak, Mayor Coyne closed the public portion of the hearing and asked for Commission comments.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Baldini, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds and carried unanimously to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt Ordinance #627; The Downtown Waterfront Form Based Code; Chapter 80.35.*

**Approved**

5. Public Hearing to Consider the Vacation of a Portion of Craig Street

**Attachments:**     [01-STR-04-15 Binder File Lower Craig St. Vacation](#)  
[040715 PC Minutes Excerpt](#)

*Glen VanNeste said he is doing the survey work for the Women's Center, and detailed the reasoning for the vacation of a portion of Craig Street, saying it will help the Women's Center expand into what they need to operate more productively. Jorma Lankinen encouraged the Commission to approve this vacation.*

*It was then moved by Commissioner Baldini, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds and carried unanimously to direct the City Attorney to prepare for consideration by the City Commission at its next meeting a resolution vacating that portion of Craig Street between Division Street and Front Street and reserving an easement for public utilities and other public purposes within the right-of-way of that portion of Craig Street vacated.*

**Approved**

### Presentation(s)

6. Impact of AmeriCorps on Marquette-Alger and Delta-Schoolcraft Area, by Program Director Chad Rowley and LeadCorps Ashley Bembenek
- Chad Rowley and Ashley Bembenek stepped to the lectern and spoke on the impact*

of AmeriCorps and LeadCorps with MARESA in the Marquette-Alger and Delta-Schoolcraft areas. Mr. Rowley explained AmeriCorps is a national service, and said AmeriCorps programs do more than move communities forward; they serve their members by creating jobs and providing pathways to opportunity for young people entering the workforce. AmeriCorps places thousands of young adults into intensive service positions where they learn valuable work skills, earn money for education, and develop an appreciation for citizenship. Ms. Bembeneck said she has been working for MARESA for 15 years and part of what she does is working with students to get their test scores up. She said this is a U.P. wide service oriented project and most recently they worked in Marquette on the Father Marquette statue, and they are looking for volunteers for an upcoming project getting rid of invasive plant species. Mayor Pro-tem Campana asked what the requirements are for joining these groups, and he was told that applicants have to be a U. S. Citizen, over age 18 and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Mr. Rowley said they have had an age range of 21 to 60 years in these programs. Commissioner Cambensy said she was a part of this program nine years ago and it is a great program. Mayor Coyne thanked both Mr. Rowley and Ms Bembeneck for their information.

**Heard**

**7. Marquette Chamber of Commerce by Executive Director Jason Schneider and President Matt Gougeon**

Mayor Coyne asked President Matt Gougeon and Executive Director Jason Schneider to step to the lectern and provide an update on the new Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gougeon said it has been an exciting and challenging start up and said there has been a very strong interest by the business community. He said geographically, this community involves the City of Marquette, Chocolay and Marquette Townships. He said things are well under way. He then asked Executive Director Schneider to provide additional information. Mr. Schneider said that they talked with over 100 business owners before attempting a start-up of a Chamber of Commerce. He said the initial announcement was on April 23, 2015; and they felt it was important not to overlap services with other service organizations in the area. Mr. Schneider also said that they believe that no matter what level of membership is obtained; people will still get one vote, so that every member has the same say in the direction of the Chamber of Commerce. He then detailed goals of the Chamber and also said they are looking at providing a welcome packet for visitors, doing a "Buy Local" campaign and a wedding registry. Commissioner Cambensy asked if they have thought of doing a consolidated Community Calendar, as right now there is nothing out there where you can go to one website or location and find out what is going on in Marquette and around the County. Mr. Schneider said they are currently looking into an application that would be able to be downloaded by subscription, and they are currently working with 906 Technologies to develop this application. Mr. Gougeon and Mr. Schneider thanked the Commission for their membership and interest in the Chamber, and said that the Chamber website is: [mqtchamber.org](http://mqtchamber.org).

**Heard**

**8. Economic Development Initiatives, by City Manager Bill Vajda**

City Manager Vajda presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on City Economic Development Initiatives motivated by Community Development issues. He asked the question, how do we want to grow and how do we achieve that? Mr. Vajda discussed several detailed graphs which were provided from the U.S. Department of Commerce, showing income versus growth in the City. He provided a background and timeline on the Economic Development process, starting with the new Charter language that was adopted and listed objectives to be pursued. City Manager Vajda listed key economic development principals such as: livable wages and career

opportunities, quality of the built and natural environments, sustainability in economic development practices, support for entrepreneurship, businesses expansion, new business attraction, and support for local over chain businesses. He said once adopted, these principles and Plan provides the framework for creating economic growth, to promote innovation through entrepreneurship, and enhance the energy of Marquette's dynamic community. He said the mission of City Administration is to manage the Plan and make sure all the collaborations of Public Bodies and Non-Profit Organizations have the resources they need to be successful. Mr. Vajda said the Economic Development strategy has been underway for five years, signing up for the Chamber of Commerce has been in the works for two-to-three years and it's a requirement of the City Charter. He said where we were five years ago isn't where we are today and we have a lot more eyes on the challenge and hopefully we will be able to demonstrate the success of these economic development programs. Mayor Coyne said we probably need to schedule a work session to develop a very specific plan and eventually adopt it. He thanked City Manager Vajda for a very complex presentation that was putting words and rhetoric into actual things that are working. He said every single person who has run for City Commission is asked the same thing, and that is "what is the most important thing?", and that is Economic Development, and now this very complex question is coming to fruition. City Manager Vajda said the City is actively trying to be the facilitator of Economic Development and not the implementer. He said there are many great minds coming together who are appointed to the different authorities who seek to make the best possible outcome, that at the end of the day we are well off to trust their judgment. Mayor Coyne thanked Mr. Vajda and said he hopes we can expect a work session soon

**Heard**

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

Ed Risak said he has had a manufacturing business producing fine art work for 47 years and the drive along the lakeshore is a main attraction on the way to his business. He asked that Lakeshore Boulevard be reopened, especially with the upcoming summer tourist season. Jason Schneider said conversations have been happening regarding the co-locating of several of the Economic Development organizations in the area. He also said as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, he is stating a member concern, and that is that the food truck ordinance has been lost in bureaucracy. Matt Lutenberger asked Commissioners to remember to speak into the microphones as it is sometimes hard to hear them, and asked about the new hospital relocation, Lakeshore Boulevard assessment and had questions on the Presque Isle smoking ban. Patrick Gonda, owner of a business on Lakeshore Boulevard said his business is trying to continue growth by coming up with new ideas. He asked to open dialog with the Commission about a zoning complaint that happened recently. Frank Verito commented about a wheelchair bound person who attended a Commission meeting recently, clearing of trees, townhouses being built, and approval of restrooms in City parks. Jorma Lankinen asked to reserve time to speak on Agenda Item #11, and said it was a fabulous report by the City Manager tonight. He also said he has become a fan of the roller derby and used to purchase food from a food truck, but that is no longer available and he encouraged development of a food truck ordinance.

**Consent Agenda**

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

*It was moved by Mayor Pro-tem Campana, seconded by Commissioner Frazier and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

*Commissioner Cambensy asked if detail on particular bills on the payables report could be broken down for the Commission to review, as she had further questions. Mayor Pro-tem Campana said, also of note, under approval of the Consent Agenda is the item approving setting a public hearing on the Food Truck Ordinance for the May 26, 2015.*

### Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9 a.** Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$305,196.88

### Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9 b.** Approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 Commission meeting.

**Attachments:**     [04-27-15](#)

### Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9 c.** Vango's Inc. - Concession Lease Agreement

**Attachments:**     [Vango's Lease Agreement](#)

### Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9 d.** Utility Easements for the Mill Creek Commons Development - Mill Creek Circle

**Attachments:**     [Utility Easement](#)

### Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9 e.** Adopt the Investment Policy dated December 2014

**Attachments:**     [Investment Policy Final](#)  
                              [Resolution-Adopt Investment Policy.](#)

### Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9 f.** Public Work Recognition Week Proclamation

**Attachments:**     [National Public Works Week - 2015](#)

### Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9 g.** Arbor Day 2015 Proclamation

**Attachments:**     [Arbor Day - 2015](#)

### Approved on the Consent Agenda

- 9 h.** Adopt New FOIA Policy 2015-01

**Attachments:**     [New FOIA Policy](#)  
                              [New FOIA PS](#)  
                              [New FOIA Req Form](#)  
                              [New FOIA Cost Form](#)  
                              [Old FOIA Policy](#)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 i.**                      Award Bid BP#15-03 Source Capture Exhaust Removal System for Both Fire Stations

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 j.**                      Special Event Permit - Ahmed Temple Marquette

**Attachments:**     [Ahmed Temple - 2015 Special Event](#)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 k.**                      Water Membrane Bonds-Reimbursement Resolution

**Attachments:**     [Reimbursement Resolution-Water Membrane Bonds](#)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 l.**                      Water Filtration Membrane Replacement

**Attachments:**     [Purchase Agreement](#)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 m.**                      Set Public Hearing on Proposed Presque Isle Park Smoking Ordinance #622

**Attachments:**     [Smoking Ordinance Costs Police Department](#)

[Presque Isle Options](#)

[Public Works Dept. Smoking Ordinance Analysis](#)

[Proposed Smoking Ordinance #622](#)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 n.**                      Computer Replacement Lease Agreement

**Attachments:**     [CCA Quote Final 050515](#)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 o.**                      Transfer and Assignment of Interest - Veridea Liberty Way

**Attachments:**     [MBRA Veridea Agreement](#)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

- 9 p.**                      Mobile Food Vending Ordinance - Schedule a Public Hearing

**Attachments:**     [Mobile Food Vendor Special Operating Locations by Resolution](#)  
[Mobile Food Vending](#)

Approved on the Consent Agenda

## New Business

### 10. Committee Recruiting Subcommittee Report

**Attachments:**     [Committees Recommendation](#)

*Commissioner Baldini stepped to the lectern and reviewed a PowerPoint slide regarding the Subcommittee's charge and findings. He said the subcommittee was appointed to "review recruiting strategies and recommendations for City Commission appointed Boards and Committees." He said they evaluated and were able to make recommendations how to increase the number of applicants for City Boards and Commissions which included: development of a pamphlet to be distributed throughout the City, regularize the appointment schedule, create an ongoing public information campaign, encourage current Board Members to recruit new members, and annually or bi-annually; the number and functions of Boards and Commissions should be reviewed. He also said they would like to ask City Administration to set up a work session to have an exchange about the findings of the Subcommittee.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Cambensy, seconded by Commissioner Baldini and carried unanimously to accept the Committee Recruiting Subcommittees' report, detailing recruiting strategies and recommendations for City Commission appointed Boards and Committees as read and have the City Commission schedule a work session.*

**Approved**

### 11. Lakeshore Boulevard Temporary Opening Cost Assessment

*Mayor Coyne moved this item forward as the first item under new business due to the request of the public to be able to speak to the item. Jorma Lankinen said he sent photos of the area to the Mayor with a note and said he considers the damage on Lakeshore Boulevard a maintenance issue, that maybe the City should have a contingency fund for this type of thing. Ed Risak thanked the Commission for listening to him about his concerns.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Baldini, supported by Commissioner Reynolds and carried unanimously to approve considering authorizing the re-allocation of Street Improvement Maintenance Project funding not to exceed \$45,000 from local streets to Lakeshore boulevard in order to provide for a temporary opening of the road, by the end of this month.*

*Commissioner Baldini asked Superintendent Goodman how long the project would take once this has been authorized. Mr. Goodman said his goal is May 29, 2015, and asked the City Manager what the fiscal effect would be--what would be impacted. Mr. Vadja said the \$45,000 would be in lieu of other street maintenance that had been scheduled. Commissioner Frazier said he supports this decision, but wants to make sure the public knows that this is a band-aid fix, as another storm could close the road again. Mayor Coyne said the wording in the motion is "temporary" opening of the road, and he hopes if this happens again we will deal with it quicker next time.*

**Approved**

## Comments from the Commission

*CAMBENSY-Commissioner Cambensy said in the Consent Agenda tonight we approved a new Freedom of Information Act Policy and asked the City Attorney to give a brief overview. City Attorney Keefe said he believed a lot of the changes coming up regarded fees and penalties and the use of uniform request and response forms. He said City Clerk Hazeres had attended a FOIA training session earlier today, and she confirmed Mr. Keefe's responses. Ms. Cambensy said regarding venues for outdoor events-with the UpFront Restaurant closing, and a lack of places to hold events, this may be the cause of noise nuisances and it's running into problems with neighborhoods. She said that current requirements of conditional use permits are not being followed.*

*FRAZIER-Commissioner Frazier said he had the opportunity to attend a Peter White Public Library donator party, and there was a really good turnout. He said he is glad to see Lakeshore Boulevard being opened, and the City is working hard to get funding. He said to Commissioner Cambensy's point, there are a lot of outdoor events, maybe we should have public input to follow guidelines.*

*CAMPANA-Mayor Pro-tem Campana said regarding the tent problem at Coco's, we should try to fix the tent problem. He also said there were a couple of good presentations tonight, and becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce is a good thing. Mayor Pro-tem Campana said the 200 block of Washington Street is torn up with repairs going on, he encouraged people to continue to support those businesses during this time.*

*BALDINI-Commissioner Baldini said under the Consent Agenda tonight, if you look around the City, there's a lot going on and its going to be a challenging time for the City with all the change and growth.*

*REYNOLDS-Commissioner Reynolds said some of these items are good problems to have, Coco's revitalization is good, and Mr. Gonda could possibly sit down with the City Manager and have a dialog with him. Ms. Reynolds said this is City Manager Vajda's five-year anniversary with the City and congratulated him on the anniversary. She said Mr. Schneider's comments regarding upcoming ideas for the Chamber of Commerce are awesome, and she is happy the City has become a member.*

*COYNE-Mayor Coyne said the 42 days have been put into place on the Community Master Plan and he encourages public input. He urged Mr. Gonda to make an appointment with the City Manager regarding Mr. Gonda's comments tonight, and said although a public hearing has been set for the next meeting regarding a food truck ordinance, it still needs some tweaking in the meantime. He said that the person in the wheelchair at the last meeting was one he encourage to join a City Commission, and he said the City should look into providing a microphone so that a person with a disability could be easily accommodated.*

## Comments from the City Manager

*VAJDA-City Manager Vajda said he has had the good fortune of being the mouthpiece for a lot of good work that people are doing and for the efforts of the full City team. He also thanked the Commission for the opportunity to address some of the lingering questions that people have had in the last five years.*

## Adjournment

*Mayor Coyne adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.*



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Kris M. Hazeres, City Clerk