



## Meeting Minutes City Commission

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Monday, June 8, 2015

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Mike Coyne, Commissioner Sara Cambensy, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Campana, Commissioner Sarah Reynolds, Commissioner Mike Conley, Commissioner Thomas Baldini and Commissioner Peter Frazier

### Note of Agenda Changes

*None.*

### Approval of the Agenda

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

### Announcements

*Mayor Coyne said there are still several openings on Boards and Committees, however, the Commission had just come out of a work session regarding recruitment of citizens for Boards and Committees, and he said that good information was brought forward and they will be bringing it to a Commission meeting soon.*

### Boards and Committees

1. Welcome New Members:
  - Steve Casey, Sustainable Community Ad-Hoc Committee (Department of Environmental Quality Representative)
  - Nina van den Ende, Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee
  - Carol Steinhaus, Peter White Public Library Board

*Mayor Coyne asked new Board members Steve Casey and Carol Steinhaus to step to the lectern where he presented them with welcoming gifts from the City. Ms. Steinhaus, new member of the Peter White Public Library Board said she spends a lot of time at the Library with her granddaughter, who said to her she likes going to the "Peter Rabbit Public Library."*
2. Recognition of Outgoing Members:
  - Evan Bonsall, Marquette Senior High School Ex-Officio Member, Sustainable Community Ad Hoc Committee

*Mayor Coyne asked Evan Bonsall to step to the lectern and thanked him for his service as the Marquette Senior High School Ex-Officio Member of the Sustainable*

*Community Ad Hoc Committee. Evan said his time on this Committee was very inspirational and he hopes to get involved in local government when he returns to Marquette. Mayor Coyne said Evan will be attending Harvard University in the fall, and wished him all the best.*

3. Appointment:  
-Elizabeth Dow, Superior Watershed Partnership Representative on the Sustainable Community Ad-Hoc Committee, for a term ending 09-01-16
- It was moved by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Frazier and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Dow as the Superior Watershed Partnership Representative on the Sustainable Community Ad-Hoc Committee for the above listed term.*
- Approved**

### Public Hearing(s)

4. Public Hearing - Single Lot Special Assessment Roll #581

**Attachments:**     [Warrant - Single Lot](#)  
[Single Lot Special Assessment #581](#)

*A report and recommendation from the City Manager was read regarding Single Lot Special Assessment Roll #581. Mayor Coyne opened the public portion of the hearing, and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on this item. There being no one to speak, the Mayor closed the public portion of the hearing and asked for Commission comments.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Baldini, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Campana and carried unanimously to confirm Single Lot Special Assessment Roll #581, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Warrant.*

**Approved**

5. Public Hearing - Michigan Community Development Block Grant Funding Close Out for the 2014 Winter Freeze Damage

**Attachments:**     [Michigan CDBG Program Progress Report](#)  
[Form 13-B Certificate of Completion](#)

*A report and recommendation from the City Manager was read regarding The Michigan Community Development Block Grant Funding Close Out for the 2014 Winter Freeze Damage. Mayor Coyne opened the public portion of the hearing, and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on this item. There being no one to speak, the Mayor closed the public portion of the hearing and asked for Commission comments.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Baldini, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Campana and carried unanimously to approve the Certificate of Completion to close out the Michigan Community Development Block Grant for the 2014 winter freeze damage and authorize the Mayor to sign the certificate.*

*Mayor Coyne asked Director of Public Works and Utilities Director Curt Goodman about the actual costs of the 2014 winter freeze. Mr. Goodman said the total cost to*

*the City was \$2.5 million dollars, but with the CDBG close out, and Section 19 Emergency Grant funds, the loss to the City was about \$900,000.*

**Approved**

## **Presentation(s)**

### **6. Local Development Finance Authority, by Chair Rosemary Smith**

*Local Development Finance Authority Chair, Rosemary Smith provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation of the LDFA, their makeup, purpose and goals and accomplishments for the past year. She defined a Smart Zone and its mission: "To build collaborative relationships with industry leaders, capital networks and universities that accelerate technology clusters and entrepreneurship—thus growing product and process innovations that generate jobs, community prosperity and competitiveness." Ms. Smith also discussed issues such as TIF Funding from MI Treasury, possible startup grants from the State of Michigan MDEC, a Smartprize program, transportation, and how to identify and partner with new jobforce development projects. Mayor Coyne then thanked Ms. Smith for an excellent presentation.*

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

*Frank Verito provided comments on the Presque Isle smoking ban, public hearings and decreased speaking time during Commission meetings.*

## **Consent Agenda**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

*It was moved by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Conley and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

### **7 a. Approve the total bills payable in the amount of \$1,052,743.01**

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

### **7 b. Approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 Commission meeting.**

**Attachments:**     [05-26-15](#)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

### **7 c. Bids for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising**

**Attachments:**     [Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising Schedule](#)

**Approved on the Consent Agenda**

### **7 d. Bids for Pavement Marking Program**

**Approved on the Consent Agenda****New Business****8. Resolutions for Unpaid Stormwater, and Unpaid Water and Wastewater**

**Attachments:**     [2015 Delinq Stormwater Accounts for Tax Roll as of 6-1-15](#)  
                              [2015 Delinq Water Accounts for Tax Roll as of 6-1-15](#)  
                              [2015 Unpaid Stormwater](#)  
                              [2015 Unpaid Water and Wastewater](#)

*A Recommendation from the City Manager regarding resolutions for unpaid Stormwater, Water and Wastewater was read.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Campana and carried unanimously to adopt the resolutions to place unpaid stormwater, water and wastewater utility charges on the next City Tax Roll for collection, and authorize the City Clerk to sign the Resolutions.*

**Approved**

**9. Marquette Area Sister City Partnership**

**Attachments:**     [MASCP Agreement Final](#)  
                              [MASCP Background](#)  
                              [MASCP MCCF](#)  
                              [MASCP Resolution](#)

*A report and recommendation from the City Manager was read regarding the Marquette Area Sister City Partnership: the City of Marquette since 1979 has engaged in Sister City programs focused on cultural understanding, international friendship and the sharing of ideas. The Sister City Advisory Committee was established in 1989 to advise the City Commission on all issues regarding the participation of the City in Sister City programs. However, due to limitations of the City Charter and Commission Policy the Committee has been limited in its' ability to recruit members and fundraise for outgoing delegations. These limitations have led the advisory committee to recommend decommissioning the committee and consider establishing a relationship with a newly formed non-profit, Marquette Area Sister City Partnership. Over the past year and a half, the Commission has conducted work sessions with the committee and the MASCP, and based upon discussions and recommendations, the City Attorney and staff have developed a three-year agreement and require the City to provide space for meetings and display support for gift exchanges, limited clerical support and \$2,000 for calendar year 2015.*

*Commissioner Conley moved to approve the agreement with the Marquette Area Sister city Partnership and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement; and, decommission the Sister City Advisory Committee; and , authorize the transfer of Sister City related funds from Marquette County Community Foundation to the Marquette Area Sister City Partnership; appoint the Mayor as the City's voting member of the Marquette Area Sister City Partnership Board; and, adopt the Resolution; with the exception on page two of the Agreement: City of Marquette Shall: item #6: "Provide funding in the amount of \$2,000 for calendar year 2015; with*

future funding to be considered through the Promotional Fund application process.”  
Seconded by Commissioner Frazier.  
Commissioner Conley said he is concerned over the funding, as it relates to the budget.

Commissioner Baldini moved to add two amendments to the motion:

1.) In the Agreement under MASCP Shall: Item #3: “Appoint or elect the City’s Mayor as a voting member on MASCP Board,” changed to “Appoint or elect the City’s Mayor or his/her alternate as the City’s voting member of MASCP.”

Seconded by Commissioner Frazier and carried unanimously.

2.) Restore the \$2,000 as per the original recommendation.

Commissioner Reynolds seconded. The motion and second carried the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Coyne. Commissioners: Baldini, Cambensy, Frazier, Reynolds.

NAYS: Mayor Pro-tem Campana. Commissioner Conley.

Motion passed five to two.

The motion on the table to adopt the recommendation as amended carried the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Coyne, Mayor Pro-tem Campana. Commissioners: Baldini, Cambensy, Frazier, Reynolds.

NAYS: Commissioner Conley.

Motion passed six to one.

**Approved as Amended**

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#### Presque Isle Marina - Boat Launch Replacement

**Attachments:**     [Bid Tab](#)  
                              [Invitation to Bid](#)

A Recommendation from the City Manager regarding Presque Isle Marina-Boat Launch Replacement was read.

It was moved by Commissioner Frazier, seconded by Commissioner Conley and carried unanimously to award a contract for Presque Isle Marina boat launch replacement to Lindberg & Sons, Inc. of Marquette, Michigan in the amount of \$407,694.80 based upon quantities and unit prices bid.

**Approved**

#### Comments from the Commission

CONLEY-Commissioner Conley said that since our last meeting we’ve had some items of good news. He said a couple of organizations have named Marquette as a good place to live and work as a young person. He said this means we are working on goals and making it, and it’s been reflected and recognized. He thanked the Local Development Finance Authority, SmartZone people and Brownfield Authority for helping us continue moving forward. He also said that on MSN.com he saw an advertisement with a picture of a kid jumping off of Black Rocks on Presque Isle. He also said he read a local blog page that stated that there is no hope for a food truck ordinance in the City anytime soon. He said he doesn’t want to believe this is true and feels all of us want this to move ahead. Commissioner Conley said he is hopeful this ordinance will be brought back in weeks and not in months.

CAMPANA-Mayor Pro-tem Campana said he had a good word for our Department of Public Works people, as a Shiras Hills resident had called to complain about potholes and DPW came out very quickly, filled the potholes and they were very polite. He also congratulated Jen LePage on her appointment as Assistant City Manager and

Kyle Whitney on his appointment as Deputy City Clerk.

FRAZIER-Commissioner Frazier said he's had several e-mails regarding DLP and the new hospital plans. He said we have no more updated information than what's already been shared with citizens, and advised anyone who has questions to contact the hospital board directly for updates and concerns. He said it was a good work session regarding committees tonight, and encouraged people to get involved. Commissioner Frazier also said he is happy to see the Sister City Committee move forward.

REYNOLDS-Commissioner Reynolds congratulated Jen LePage on her new appointment as Assistant City Manager and said she will do a good job. She also said that when she was out sick, she watched the Commission meeting that she was not able to attend, and had a lot of questions regarding the food truck ordinance. She asked if there was ever a definite direction given to the City Manager regarding this ordinance.

CAMBENSY-Commissioner Cambensy said she also saw the photo of the kid jumping off Black Rocks that was on the MSN website, and thought it was interesting. She said that she had concerns after hearing about Eagle Mine finding more ore, and thought that the Transportation Committee might address this and get out in front of any questions that may come from this new mining discovery.

BALDINI-Commissioner Baldini said that regarding the food truck ordinance, he thinks that something can be done, it's just a matter of stating where and when do we want the trucks, and said we have to get something done. Commissioner Baldini also said that U.S. Senator Peters was here in Marquette, and it was his first time here as a Senator, as he was here as a Congressman campaigning. He said Senator Peters, himself and Mayor Coyne, who filled in for the City Manager due to his illness, had met, and the Mayor did a fine job pulling everything together so that Mr. Peters was able to have a better understanding of Marquette and the U.P. and our issues and challenges.

COYNE-Mayor Coyne wished City Manager Vajda a speedy recovery. He also thanked the committee members who put time into the report for the work session that was held on Boards and Committees just prior to the meeting tonight. He said Senator Peters has been a Senator about the same time the new Commissioners have been on the Commission, so they have an understanding of all the time dedicated, and how hard it is to deal with everything that is involved in the job. Mayor Coyne said regarding the hospital, hopefully by the end of June we will have an update from the Board. He said as of yet, there has not been a purchase agreement signed by DLP/MGH and they have had the agreement for five weeks. He asked that the City Attorney and City Manager ask DLP on behalf of the Commission what is taking so long. Mayor Coyne also said, with the food truck ordinance, other than a couple of items, it's doable, but the map and noise concerns have to be dealt with. He said the Executive Director of the new Chamber of Commerce met with the highest elected official from Chocolay and Marquette Townships and the City of Marquette. He said he thought it would be a good idea for the Chamber to act as a facilitator for meetings between these municipalities so that they can get to know each other, and learn to work together as we are all dependent upon each other.

## **Comments from the City Manager**

Police Chief Mike Angeli, who was sitting in for City Manager Vajda due to illness, said he will be discussing his notes from the meetings he attended tonight with the City Manager.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Coyne adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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Kris M. Hazeres, City Clerk