



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, August 3, 2015

5:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Special Meeting

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

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Conley and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.

Announcements

None.

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

Bob Cambensy said there are still a lot of questions about the proposed hospital, and said we need to involve the community as there are a lot of rumors flying around. He also said there should be discussion about how the roundabout and roadways around the hospital are proposed.

Consent Agenda

- 1 a.** Approve the minutes of the July 27, 2015 Commission meeting.

Attachments: [07-27-15](#)

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

Approved on the Consent Agenda

New Business

- 2.** DLP Marquette General Hospital, LLC Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement

Attachments: [DLP Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement](#)

It was moved by Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Baldini to approve the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement with DLP Marquette General Hospital, LLC.

The roll call vote of the Commission was then taken:

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

NAYS: Commissioner Cambensy.

Approved: 6-1.

Commissioner Cambensy asked to have the following documented into the record: She is voting no for three reasons: 1. DLP does not have the Certificate of Need from the State of Michigan, 2. The public needs to know the total appraised value of the Service Center buildings and land, and 3. There have been no public forums.

Mayor Coyne then asked if anyone from DLP would like to comment. Thomas Butler, LifePoint's Eastern Group Chief Financial Officer, stepped to the lectern and said he would like to thank everybody for all their efforts, and especially that we developed a partnership with the community and the City. He said this is very historic, and he is very humbled and respectful that he is allowed to work on this project. He said in partnering with the City and the community, we are taking health care to a new level. Mr. Butler said they want to create a place where physicians want to work, employees have a great place to work, and our community and our patients are taken care of here in the U.P.

Comments from the Commission

CAMPANA-Mayor Pro-tem Campana said he is really glad to see this agreement come before us tonight. He said this is a complex, multi-phase agreement, and you can't finish a project unless you start it. He said this is a big, big moment for us and he is very happy to see it happen.

FRAZIER-Commissioner Frazier said he is happy to see this agreement go through. He said he was recently overseas, and sorry he missed the two weeks of summer in Marquette, but hopefully we will get more.

CAMBENSY-Commissioner Cambensy said that the Memorandum of Understanding with the hospital has been public since September of 2014, and we have had ample time to get out and discuss it, but we haven't done that and she wished we had more time for public input.

CONLEY-Commissioner Conley said this agreement is an important milestone in the road to keeping healthcare in Marquette, and it is a whole lot of work, but worth it. He thanked the DPL Team, City Administration and staff, and said he looks forward to our continued good relationship with Duke LifePoint and looks for an excellent health care facility and continued excellent health care in the City.

BALDINI-Commissioner Baldini said staff has a lot of work ahead of them for a significant amount of time, but this is a historical point in our community. He said this is a major positive point for our region and for the Upper Peninsula.

COYNE-Mayor Coyne thanked everyone who came to the meeting tonight. He said in his earlier comments he had left out the MEDC, and without them, and the Brownfield Authority this would not happen. He said it would not be economically feasible without their help. He also thanked State Representative Kivela for his help. Mayor Coyne said, to put this into perspective the properties in the City are worth about a billion dollars, and the value of the development of the hospital and all the things that are going to happen because of that represents a fifty percent increase of the value of the City. He said a special thanks to City Manager Bill Vajda for getting this done.

Comments from the City Manager

VAJDA-City Manager Vajda said there will be a signing ceremony after the meeting and he hopes people will stick around to see it. He also reviewed where the City was three years ago compared to this year and said it's not every day we increase the face value of the City fifty percent and it's something we wanted to make sure to capture for posterity. He then thanked the Commission for all their support in this project, and said he is confident that we are going to be reaping the benefits of this decision for years to come.

Adjournment

Mayor Coyne adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Kris M. Hazeres, City Clerk

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