

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 20, 2026 at 2:30 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers, 7358 Market St., Mackinac Island, Michigan

I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud called the Special Meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

- Richard Chambers
- Tom Corrigan
- Steven Moskwa
- Anneke Myers
- Lindsey White

ABSENT

- Jason St. Onge
- Kaitlynn Bazinau, City Treasurer

V. New Business

- Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to enter in to closed session at 2:30 pm to discuss ongoing litigation.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White
- Motion made by Chambers, seconded by Moskwa to leave closed session at 2:48 pm.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White
- Motion made by White, seconded by Corrigan to enter in to open session at 2:48 pm.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White
- Mayor Doud asked the boat lines to give an update on the beginning of their 2026 summer season:
 - o Shepler's
 - Still have some ice in the harbor
 - Hoping to have the Wyandot out for sea trial on Wednesday
 - Hoping to perform sea trial on the Cap Shepler Thursday, and targeting a Friday opening in both ports, running the summer schedule
 - All boats are dry docked in Mackinaw City - cannot move the Wyandot from launch until the ice is completely clear and cannot launch other boats until the Wyandot is launched
 - David Jurcak, Grand Hotel, voiced concern about Shepler's website publishing that "the 2026 season is delayed due to ice"
 - o This has caused calls from guests assuming that this message applies to the opening of the whole Island
 - o Arnold Transit
 - West Shore, Joliette, Marquette II, Ottawa in the water as of today
 - Still some clear ice and ice burgs out in the straits
 - Councilwoman Myers asked for a progress report on the Huron at the next meeting - this boat needs to be back in the fleet, especially for next winter season
 - Work on the Huron has been on hold so they could work on summer boats
 - Huron will be completed this summer
 - Councilwoman Myers inquired if there were any contingency plans for this weekend if Arnold and / or Shepler's cannot use fast boats or cannot run at all
 - Arnold noted that there is plenty of parking space in St. Ignace to handle the overflow if they have to continue running out of St. Ignace only
 - Drew May - will look at bringing extra shuttles in and open spaces in the LaSalle lot for now

- Attorney Evashevski:
 - What will happen with Shepler passengers that cannot ride Shepler boats as of April 21st?
 - The City has received a letter stating that, in order to accept cross ticketing at their boat lines, Hoffman would require the City to withdraw certain claims from current litigation regarding honoring cross ticketing.
 - The City is not willing to do this. The City must ensure that the public is taken care of, and that does not come with contingencies on litigation claims - City still stands in the position that, if not cross honored, then those individuals who have purchased tickets and passes for Shepler should at least be reimbursed
 - At this time, the City Council is taking the word of both Hoffman Marine companies, stating that it is not safe to run at this time. Therefore, the City will not be taking any stance on this at this time.

VI. Miscellaneous / General Council Discussion / Additional Agenda Items

David Jurcak, Grand Hotel

- Noted that there is currently a trash pickup issue on the island
 - There are no available 2-footer drays and not way to get dumpsters – the Grand hotel has multiple locations that need to get construction debris to the dump, but there is no way to get it there at this time
 - Veronica Dobrowolski noted that the Senator will be running tomorrow and is focusing on brining dumpsters across to help alleviate this issue
- Mr. Jurcak inquired if the Council would allow the Grand to utilize their own truck and trailer to collect the debris, and then leave the trailer at the dump until it can be transferred into a dumpster
 - Mayor Doud noted that a meeting would be set up with the appropriate department heads to get the trash issue handled

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 pm

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White

Margaret M. Doud, Mayor

Danielle Leach, City Clerk