

**CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM

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

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**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Doud called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

PRESENT

Richard Chambers  
Tom Corrigan  
Steven Moskwa

Anneke Myers  
Alan Sehoyan  
Jason St. Onge

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

- a. July 10, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes
  - Councilman St. Onge requested the following change be made to the July 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes
    - o "has the right to reject any and all"
  - Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as corrected.

**V. Approval of the Treasurer's Report**

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

**VI. Approval of Payments for:**

Motion made by St. Onge, Seconded by Moskwa, to accept the payroll and payables as presented.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

**VII. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda**

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to accept the agenda with the following addition:

- Discussion of an amendment to the Mackinac Island Ferry Company schedule

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

**X. Old Business**

- Mayor's Assistant Trista France thanked Hoffman Marine for the Shepler's passes they donated to the City for the Police Department personnel.

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Chambers, to have the Mayor's Assistant send a thank you letter to Hoffman Marine for the donated employee passes.

Motion made by Corrigan, seconded by Sehoyan, to accept the following members, appointed by Mayor Doud, to the Internet Study Committee:

Tom Corrigan  
Anneke Myers  
Allen Burt  
Dave Lipovsky / Dennis  
Dombroski

Joel Hancock  
Tom Sullivan  
Myron Johnson

- Councilman St. Onge repeated his recommendation of having a Cloverland electric representative involved in this committee
- Councilman Corrigan responded that, at this time, this committee has been created to being looking in to what funding may be available to the City for this work and what permitting will be necessary.
  - o Once secured, the service provider will need to discuss and coordinate with Cloverland

## **XI. New Business**

- Conveyance Resolution for Great Lakes Bottomlands, submitted by 7301 Main Street LLC (Michael Benjamin)  
Motion made by Sehoyan, Seconded by Moskwa, to adopt the resolution approving the filing of an application for conveyance made by 7301 Main Street LLC, requesting a conveyance of 428 square feet of filled bottomlands adjacent to Lot 130, Assessor's Plat No. 3, of the City of Mackinac Island.  
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- Boundary Adjustment of Lot 9, Assessors Plat No. 4 of the City of Mackinac Island, between Windermere Point and Iroquois Hotel Properties Mackinac LLC
  - A portion of Lot 9 (Windermere Point) has been leased to the Iroquois for roughly 50 years and has been used as a service area
  - Adjustment will be finalized at the Board of ReviewsMotion made by St. Onge, Seconded by Sehoyan, to adopt the resolution for the division of Lot 9, Assessor's Plat No. 4, of the City of Mackinac Island, by way of conveyance of a strip of land along the north boundary of Lot 9, which will be conveyed to the owner of Lot 10, Iroquois Hotel Properties Mackinac, LLC. This conveyance shall constitute as an adjustment of the boundary between lots 9 and 10 and shall not create a new or separate parcel.  
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
  - Councilman St. Onge suggested numbering the resolutions going forward. Attorney Evashevski and City Clerk Leach agreed to begin numbering resolutions going forward.
- Authorization of an additional \$4,000.00 to the Master Plan Budget, increasing the overall budget from \$21,000.00 to \$25,000.00
  - Requesting an increase in funds due to an expanded scope of work and incurring extra costs for things such as the Master Plan Open House
    - Master Plan open house - August 12, 2024
  - Councilman Sehoyan inquired where the additional funds would come from
    - Councilwoman Myers noted that the Master Plan is budgeted under the City Council Miscellaneous account, further money will come from the general fundMotion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to approve an increase in funding to the Master Plan Budget in the amount of \$4,000.00.  
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- Purchase a laptop for the new Building Inspector
  - Laptop cost - \$2,058.60
  - This was a provision provided in Mr. Lipovsky's employment contractMotion made by St. Onge, Seconded by Myers, to approve the purchase of a laptop for the new Building Inspector, David Lipovsky.  
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- Vehicle permit application submitted by Mission Point Resort for (2) Propane deliveries
  - Delivery dates of July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve the vehicle permits.  
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- Request for approval of a Competitive Event Application, submitted by the Grand Hotel on behalf of the Midwestern Surgical Association
  - Run will be held on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 8:00 amMotion made by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa to approve the Competitive Event Application.  
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- Off-Island business license for Pro Surfaces  
Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Chambers, to approve the business license application.  
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- Approval of (2) vehicle and (1) trailer permit for Pro Surfaces
  - o Turtle Park Pickle Ball Court project
  - o Vehicles and equipment are to re-surface the new pickleball court
  - o Recreation Director Dr. Mary Patay has arranged with the State Park to have the equipment moved between 5:30pm and 8:00 pm on August 19<sup>th</sup>
  - o Councilman St. Onge questioned if the trucks were really needed as approving these could put the City in a bad spot
  - o Councilwoman Myers commented that the Council needs to understand this more - why exactly do they need the truck?
  - o It was noted by a project member that he trucks and trailer were needed to move in equipment and materials for the resurfacing
  - o Trailer weight listed on the application (2,500 pounds) does not exceed dray weight limit of 3,000 pounds, so trailer permit could be approve to be hauled by a dray
  - o Contractor insist that they need the vehicles to haul equipment and tools needed to complete the project.

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve the trailer permit and to table the vehicle permits for more information.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- Off-Island business license for Falcon Roofing

Motion made by Chambers, Seconded by Corrigan, to approve the business license application.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- Off-Island business license for DiBlasi Painting Inc.

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Corrigan, to approve the business license application.

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

## **XII. Miscellaneous / General Council Discussion / Additional Agenda Items**

- Schedule change for Mackinac Island Ferry Company (MIFC)
  - o Jenny Gezella of Hoffman Marine noted that, due to mechanical issues with the ferry fleet they had to make some changes to both the Mackinaw City and St. Ignace schedules
  - o Councilman St. Onge inquired if St. Ignace was no longer having bridge departures?
    - Ms. Gezella responded that the bridge departures will be with some of the classic boats out of Mackinaw City only. Bridge tour departures will not be run out of St. Ignace until further notice.
  - o Ms. Gezella also informed the Council that MIFC is looking at eliminating the Railroad Dock (St. Ignace) departures and drop offs
  - o MIFC will be doing a full schedule revamp once they get a better idea of the timeline for necessary repairs to their fleet – Council will be informed as soon as this is done
    - Councilman Sehoyan suggested sending this update to the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau as well
    - Councilwoman Myers also suggested using the winter boat text service about upcoming schedule changes

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Sehoyan, to accept the updated schedule from Mackinac Island Ferry Company.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

- Chief Gruits
  - Informed the Council that both yacht races went very well
  - No arrests
  - Had up to 12 officers on at a time working until 3:00 am
  - Working on getting the substation cleaned up and open
    - If blinds are open the station is open and can issue bike licenses
  - Mayor Doud inquired about the speed limit signs
    - Chief Gruits has begun discussing the signs with Myron Johnson of the State Park
    - Thinking of placing one sign at the entrance of either end of the City limits
    - Will be using wooden posts
    - Speed limit signs can be smaller since the limit is under 35
    - Councilman Sehoyan inquired if signs should be placed near the heads of the docks as well?
      - Chief Gruits responded that he would like to see how the two initial signs do and go from there
      - Would like to try to go the route of an information campaign rather than more signs in town unless it is found that they are needed

### **New Business:**

- Councilman St. Onge suggested that, with a new Chief of Police and a new Building Inspector, the Council should take a serious look in to completing annual department head evaluations
  - Evaluations are not meant to be a bad thing, but can be used to set benchmarks and goals. Something the City needs to look in to.
- Councilwoman Myers reminded everyone of the Master Plan Open House on August 12, 2024 from 4:00 to 6:30
- Council Corrigan relayed a complaint that he has received from multiple people - at the MIFC St. Ignace dock, one ramp does not have a priority line and commuters and residents get dumped in to the general line
  - Ms. Gezella responded that Hoffman will address this issue first thing tomorrow morning
- Councilwoman Myers reminded the Council of the upcoming bond meetings for phase 3 of the Forest Way Townhomes
  - Bonds for this phase are on the open market rather than from a bank as has been done in the past
  - Contract from O'Boyle needs to be reviewed by Dennis Dombroski, Erin Evashevski, and Architect Brad Williams
    - Mr. Dombroski noted that he would like this contract to be presented to Council in early August so they have time to review before the project begins
    - Target start date of September 15, 2024 and completion date June of 2025

Allen Burt on behalf of Mackinac Marine Rescue, informed the Council that he has spoken with Hoffman Marine, and they have agreed to continue providing indoor winter storage for the Marine Rescue boat.

### **XIII. Adjournment**

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm.  
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge

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Margaret M. Doud, Mayor

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Danielle Leach, City Clerk