

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

CITY COUNCIL AND MACKINAC ISLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY JOINT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 1:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud called the special joint meeting to order at 1:00 pm

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

City Council

- Tom Corrigan
- Steven Moskwa
- Anneke Myers
- Lindsey White
- Erin Evashevski, Attorney

ABSENT

City Council

- Richard Chambers
- Jason St. Onge

Mackinac Island Transportation Authority

- Sam Barnwell
- Andy McGreevy
- Tom Corrigan
- Brad Chambers
- Steven Moskwa
- Brian Bailey
- John Drury, Attorney

VII. New Business

- The Mackinac Island Transportation Authority (MITA) has engaged the services of HDR to conduct a feasibility study regarding the running of winter passenger service off of the Coal Dock.
- The purpose of this meeting is to obtain more specific information on the use and further needs of the Coal dock from the members of the City Council and Transportation Authority.
- Currently the project is in Phase One (1), where the study focuses on preliminary activities including stakeholder engagement definition of improvements, capital expenditure estimates,
- Study questions presented by HDR and answered by Council and Transportation Authority members:
 - 1) What goals do you want to achieve from this Dock Study?
 - a. Feasible use of the Coal Dock for winter passenger service
 - 2) Does the current main dock meet your needs as it is today?
 - a. Mostly. Safety measures need to be taken / structural work needs to be completed
 - 3) What constraints do you see in regards to the current Main Dock?
 - a. Structural Issues
 - b. Public Restrooms
 - 4) What is the current dock missing?
 - a. Public restrooms
 - b. City owned boat
 - c. Structural conditions
 - 5) What kind of improvements in amenities are you anticipating as compared to the main dock?
 - a. Boarding Area
 - b. Restrooms
 - c. Heated waiting area
 - d. Ticket office
 - e. Staging area for luggage /freight from passenger boat
 - f. Building overhands could be added to the Coal Dock buildings like those at the Main Dock
 - g. Andy – would eventually like to have the freight and passenger service combined
 - a. Being able to run passenger service on the early morning (6:30 am) freight boat
 - b. Possibly be able to add a late-night boat

- 6) Do you feel the Coal Dock would be an adequate replacement for the main dock?
 - a. Yes, if improvements are made
- 7) In what way(s) do you anticipate a switch to docking at the coal dock might make your or others' ferry experience better?
 - a. It would be more time efficient
 - b. It would be less costly
 - c. It would be more convenient
 - d. Publicly / City owned (not a private company)
- 8) Are there any safety / health or other risks associated with the current situation that you think a coal dock rehabilitation might reduce or remove?
 - a. Safer dock
 - b. Separation of horse freight and passengers
 - c. Reliable schedule and service, no worries about price increase
 - d. V – feel that both docks are safe, Hoffman is currently working and making progress on the Main Dock
 - e. Discussion of expanding the length of the Coal Dock to provide more space for freight and passenger services
- 9) How supportive are you to the use of the Coal Dock as the Main Dock if improvements are made?
 - a. Very
- 10) What would need to change for you to support the Coal Dock as the Main Dock?
 - a. Addition of restrooms and heated waiting area
- 11) Is there an alternative dock that should be considered?
 - a. None
- 12) Who would benefit from a switch to a rehabilitated coal dock?
 - a. Year-round residents
- 13) Are there any safety/health or other risks associated with the current situation that you think a coal dock rehabilitation might reduce or remove?
 - a. Safer dock and updated waiting area / bathrooms

Ferry Operators:

- 1) Emergency services/access needs.
 - a. Due to current structural issues, most likely could not get an emergency vehicle on to the dock
- 2) Business hinderances due to current dock?
 - a. None.
- 3) Maintenance needs to the current main dock?
 - a. Structural and top-side cement work needed
- 4) Needs to coal dock, specific to Ferry operators, not already addressed?
 - a. Ramp / docking area for passengers
 - b. Staging area for passengers and passenger luggage / freight
 - c. Overhangs on buildings (similar to the Main Dock) for passengers / products to be sheltered from the weather

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 pm.

Voting Yea: Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White