

**CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND
MINUTES**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 01, 2024 at 4:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order

- Mayor Doud called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

- Brian Bailey
- Richard Chambers
- Tom Corrigan
- Steven Moskwa
- Anneke Myers
- Alan Sehoyan
- Rick Linn
- Doug Topolski
- Erin Evashevski via Zoom from St. Ignace, MI

ABSENT

- None

Mayor Doud congratulated the Mackinac Island Public School Volleyball Team on an excellent year.

Mayor Doud presented the Volunteer of The Year award to Mark Ware for providing the community of Mackinac Island year-round recreation opportunities that encourage, support, and convey a healthy, active lifestyle for all.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Annual Business License Meeting, held on April 17, 2024
 - Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.
- b. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, held on April 17, 2024
 - Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.

V. Approval of the May 1, 2024 Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to place the report on file.

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

VI. Approval of Payments for:

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Bailey, to approve the May 1, 2024 Payroll & Payables as presented.

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

VII. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Chambers, Seconded by Moskwa, to accept the agenda as presented.

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

IX. Correspondence

- a. A letter was received from Jennifer Metz of Past Perfect regarding the demolition request for Thuya Cottage (Red House) located at 6948 Main Street
Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Chambers, to place the letter on file.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
 - Attorney Jim Murray questioned who directed the letter to be written.
 - Councilman Corrigan commented that he was under the impression that this letter was Ms. Metz's response to the project the City hired her to do.
 - Councilwoman Myers commented that, who prompted this letter would need to come from Ms. Metz
- b. A letter was received from Brian Dunnigan regarding the creation of the East End Historic District
Motion made by Bailey, Seconded by Chambers, to place on file.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- c. An emailed complaint was received from Yvonne Pitsch regarding Mackinac Island Ferry Company's (MIFC) newly enforced charge for the transportation of bikes with valid City of Mackinac Island bike licenses.
 - This email will be placed on file and discussed when Mr. Fetty's letter regarding MIFC's new bike transportation policy comes up

- d. A letter was received from Attorney Evashevski regarding the zoning requirements for the new housing buildings for the school
- Moskwa inquired if this letter had been shared with the School Board?
 - Attorney Evashevski noted that she has discussed this with School Board President Jason St. Onge, but he has not seen this specific letter.
 - Mr. St. Onge commented that it sounded like the School and City are on the same page, and suggested that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is drafted, stating that this building will always and only be used for school staff.
 - Even if both duplexes are built, the school will still be short on housing. The school is not interested in renting the duplexes to non-school employees
 - Councilman Corrigan felt that language should be added stating that if for some reason the school want to rent to a non-school employee, that it should only be allowed with permission from the City. Unlikely that this will occur, but it wouldn't hurt to have something in place.
 - Mr. St. Onge felt that this was a reasonable suggestion, but he would prefer to let the attorneys work out a language and see if the Council and School Board are on the same page.
 - Councilwoman Myers commented that she is ok with the proposed location for this project, but not ok with any other locations for future projects.
 - Housing is a school use and should be permitted.
 - Worried that in the future the school may want to build out by the water or in other areas of the property
 - Mr. St. Onge responded that this project / approval would only cover the two currently proposed duplexes at the proposed location between the School and Mahoney Ave. Anything in the future would need to come before the Council again.
 - Councilwoman Myers commented that, just because the Council is giving approval for this project, it does not mean approval will be given in the future.
 - Attorney Evashevski commented that she agrees with both Mr. St. Onge & Councilwoman Myers.
 - All that can do with the MOU would be for the currently proposed buildings.
 - Could add to the MOU that this only applies for this set of circumstances.

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Corrigan, to authorize attorney Evashevski and the school's attorney, George Brookover to draw up an MOU for review.

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

- e. A letter was received from Jerry Fetty of Mackinac Island Ferry Co. (MIFC) regarding bike transportation & licensing fees.
- Mayor Doud read the letter allowed.
 - Councilman Corrigan voiced his frustrations with MIFC and their continually changing policies that effect the Island residents and commuters
 - MIFC has no respect for the Citizens and commuters of Mackinac Island.
 - \$17.00 per day for commuters to bring their bikes to work on the Island is wrong.
 - This is a change from a policy that has been in place for years.
 - Councilwoman Myers noted that the City approved the MIFC's rates and fees in March 2024, and Mr. Fetty's letter dated April 30th goes against what was accepted by the Council at their meeting held on March 18th.
 - This new policy and charge were never discussed, even after multiple mentions from the City regarding transparency. What the council has been trying to protect the most is the cost to our Island residents and our workforce – this issue needs to be addressed.
 - Star Line issues resident and commuter passes, so they know who the pass holders are. So why are pass holders incurring the charge for their mode of transportation?
 - Tourists buying City bike licenses for nostalgia purposes should be subject to full bike price, not residents and commuters
 - Councilman Corrigan stated that he still had other issues with MIFC
 - MIFC is still having issues with what is accepted for proof of residency
 - Have also been denying the exchange of expired tickets from the previous season (which has always been allowed in the past)
 - Would like MIFC invited to the next meeting to discuss the issues mentioned above

- Resident Vic Price addressed the Council and told them how he was charged \$24.00 to bring his electric bike across, even though it had valid City of Mackinac Island licenses.
 - Mr. Price has a mobility disability and needs his bike off island.
 - There are plenty of people that live on the Island that do not drive and bring their bikes back and forth for transportation on and off the island.
 - MIFC customer service has not been helpful either

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Corrigan, to authorize attorney Evashevski to write a letter to MIFC stating that their new bike policy was not approved by the council and is unacceptable. The Council would also like MIFC to attend the May 15th Council meeting to discuss the bike policy among other issues.

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

X. Old Business

- Councilman Corrigan stated that a Streets Committee meeting needs to be held
 - Mayor Doud agreed and stated that an Ordinance Committee meeting needed to happen as well
 - Mayor's Assistant Trista France will work on this once she is back from medical leave next week
- Councilman Sehoyan asked for a follow up on Forest Way street lights
 - Mayor Doud stated that the issued had been taken care of between the Clerk's office and City Foreman
- a. Discussion and / or action regarding the proposed Small Point Cottage Historic District
 - Received study from the Historic District Study Committe in January 2024.
 - Brian Findley stated that he endorses the creation of the district as a member of the Historic District Study Committee and as the owner of the property.
 - Mr. Findley noted that the house was built in 1882, and was originally located where the MRA glass tower is now (near the theater).
 - The house was moved to its current location in 1959.

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Corrigan, to adopt City of Mackinac Island Ordinance No. 623, Small Point Cottage Historic District, with the updated Exhibit C, containing the assessor plat numbers, and the alternative property descriptions from the City Assessor, as presented, and to direct the City Clerk to have the ordinance recorded with the Mackinac County Register of Deeds.

- A copy of the aforementioned ordinance is attached to these minutes.

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

XI. New Business

- a. Approval of banners for the Detroit Regional Conference at the Shepler's Dock
 - Dennis Dombroski stated that he was ok with the banner proposal – same as last yearMotion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Sehoyan, to approve Shepler's request as presented.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- b. Approval of banners for the Detroit Regional Conference at the Grand Hotel
 - Dennis Dombroski stated that he was ok with the banner proposal – same as last yearMotion made by Bailey, Seconded by Sehoyan, to approve the Grand's request as presented.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- c. Approval to accept the 2024 1st quarter profit & loss sheet and to pay the 2024 1st quarter administration contract payment with Cheboygan Life Support
 - Council Bailey inquired if this amount was budgeted?
 - Councilwoman Myers noted that a similar amount was accounted for in the budget
 - Mayor Doud noted that Dallas Hyde had retired and that she would like to invite the new Director over to be introduced to the Council

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Bailey, to accept the statement and pay the 1st quarter contract payment in the amount of \$78,255.87.

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

- d. Approval of a trailer permit for BSA Troop 623 to haul food & supplies to the barracks. Trailer will arrive on July 6th and will remain at the barracks until July 13th
Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve the trailer permit.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan

- e. Approval of a preapproved trailer permit for Craig Beeck to unload merchandise at My Front Porch, located at 7541 Market Street. Trailer arrived on April 25th and was in use for a few hours.
Motion made by Bailey, Seconded by Chambers, to approve the trailer permit.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- f. Approval of a preapproved vehicle permit for Plutchak Crane to set modular sections for Mackinac Island Carriage Tours at the Barnview housing site. Vehicle arrived on April 23rd and was in use for (2) days.
Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Sehoyan, to approve the preapproved vehicle permit.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- g. Approval of a preapproved vehicle permit for Arnold Freight to remove a commercial washer and dryer removed from the Windermere Hotel located at 7498 Main Street. Vehicle arrived on April 25th and was in use for a few hours.
Motion made by Corrigan, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve the preapproved vehicle permit.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- h. Approval of a preapproved vehicle permit for Mackinac Island Service Company to use their forklift to unload arcade games at the Carousel Arcade, located at 7463 Market Street. Vehicle was moved from the Coal Dock to site on April 23rd and 24th and was in use for a few hours each day.
Motion made by Sehoyan, Seconded by Bailey, to approve the preapproved vehicle permit.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- i. Request for approval of (4) preapproved vehicle permits for Grand Traverse Construction for work at the Biddle Point Pump Station. Vehicles arrived on April 25th and were in use for (2) days.
Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Bailey, to approve the preapproved vehicle permits and to waive the fees.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- j. Approval of a vehicle permit, submitted by Northern Michigan Seamless Gutters, for gutter installation at the Haverdink residence located at 3715 Heriot Ln. Vehicle will arrive on May 2nd and will be in use for one (1) day.
Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Bailey, to approve the vehicle permit.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Sehoyan
Voting Abstaining: Myers
- k. Approval of (4) vehicle permits submitted by the Grand Hotel for production work during the Detroit Regional Conference.
 - Same as previous years
 - Councilwoman Myers noted that the accompanying letter from Mary Beth Daniels explaining the needs for the vehicles is very helpfulMotion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to approve the vehicle permits.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- l. Approval of a vehicle permit submitted by the Grand Hotel for the delivery of the Masco Art collection
 - Councilwoman Myers pointed out the issue of the requested 7:30 am movement as the Motor Vehicle Ordinance states that there is no vehicle use on Sunday's prior to 10:00 am. The requested use dates are also outside the cutoff date for vehicle zone 2.
 - Mr. Jurcak of Grand Hotel noted that the truck would be leaving hotel at 7:30 am, and will get to the British Landing dock around 8:00 am.Motion made by Sehoyan, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve the permit as submitted.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- m. Approval of a preapproved vehicle permit submitted by Mission Point for roof repairs sustained during a recent wind storm. A lift was moved from the Grand Hotel to Mission Point on April 26th and was in use for two (2) days.
Motion made by Corrigan, Seconded by Chambers, to approve the preapproved vehicle permit.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan

- n. Approval of (3) vehicle permits submitted by Belonga Excavating to clean the corral and haul away materials for Mike Young, located at 8143 Algonquin Street. Vehicles will arrive on May 2nd and will be in use for (1) to (3) days.
- Located in Zone 2 - cut off date of May 23rd
- Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Bailey, to approve the (3) vehicle permits.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- o. Approval of a vehicle permit submitted by Z Mix USA for construction work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Replacing current concrete mixer on site. Will arrive May 1st. Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to approve the permit and waive the fee.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- p. Approval of (2) vehicle permits submitted by Belonga Excavating to haul and spread topsoil for Carriage Tours at 2435 Cadotte Ave. Vehicles will arrive the week of May 6th and will be in use for (1) to (3) days.
- Councilwoman Myers noted that if the trucks will be moving back and forth from the helicopter pad with materials, then Belonga needs to stage a “monitor” on Cadotte Ave for traffic purposes.
- Motion made by Corrigan, Seconded by Moskwa. to approve the vehicle permits.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- q. Approval of a vehicle permit submitted by St. Onge Latex & Groove for exterior painting at the Windermere Hotel, located at 7498 Main Street. Lift will arrive on May 1st and will be in use for (2) weeks.
Motion made by Moskwa, Seconded by Corrigan, to approve the vehicle permit.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- r. Approval of (2) vehicle permits submitted by Mission Point for May 2024 propane deliveries. Deliveries will be made May 6th – May 10th and the week of May 22nd.
Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Chambers, to approve the vehicle permits.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- s. Approval of a preapproved vehicle permit for lift work at the Lilac Tree, Main Street Inn, & the Thunderbird Building. Vehicle was in use from April 29th through May 1st.
Motion made by Chambers, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve the preapproved vehicle permits.
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
- t. Business License Applications for Approval 05.01.2024
- Motion by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa, to approve the 2024 NEW business license applications as listed. (See list attached to these minutes).
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
 - Motion by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa to approve the 2024 Off Island business license applications as listed. (See list attached to these minutes).
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan
 - Motion by Corrigan, S: Chambers to approve the 2024 Renewal business license applications as listed. (See list attached to these minutes).
Voting Yea: Bailey, Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan

XII. Miscellaneous / General Council Discussion / Additional Agenda Items

- Councilman Bailey asked for a paving update from State Park
 - Myron Johnson noted that work should be starting next Monday
 - There will be intermittent road closures throughout the State Park
 - State Park will be coordinating with Mackinac Island Carriage Tours and emergency services
- Dennis Dombroski - City paving project
 - Need a finalization of locations that the Council would like to pave
 - The roads in the annex either need to be paved by the City or turn the responsibility of road maintenance to the Hubbard’s Annex Housing Association (HAHA)
 - Grand Ave (Annex Road that is already paved) will be patched or have an overlay done

- Would like to pave Park Ave. and Lakeview Blvd.
 - Main roads traveled by the hourly carriages
 - City has gotten many complaints from HABA regarding the dust – Mr. Dombroski is of the opinion that most of the dust comes from the horse manure
- Councilwoman Myers noted that the Pickleball court needs to be added.
 - This does not affect the paving quote as that will be paid from a separate fund
- Councilwoman Myers noted that the quote was well over \$500,000 to do everything, but only \$250,000.00 was budgeted for paving this year.
 - Mr. Dombroski noted that he looked at it as a "wish list" and was looking to Council to cut the list down to what they would like done
 - Would like to tell Bacco soon what the City would like done
- Councilman Bailey inquired if the Council could make a full decision in (2) weeks – assuming Bacco will still be busy with the State Park project until then
 - Mr. Dombrowski stated that a decision needs to be made as soon as possible so that Bacco can add the City to their schedule
- Councilwoman Myers stated that the Road Improvement Capital Fund has \$463,000.00 in it, projected to add \$63,000.00 over this year
 - Other capital projects planned - roofing of City Hall (close to \$300,000.00)
 - If the entire road paving list is done, it will deplete the road improvement fund
 - \$178,000 for Mahoney & Cadotte – most necessary
 - Mahoney has been on the wish list for years and keeps getting moved - needs to be addressed this year.
 - Grand Ave. Patch vs. Overlay
 - Foreman Mike Ruddle would prefer to see the overlay, patching will ultimately create more problems. Can pick one or the other, do not have to do both.
 - (6) Patches - \$11,000.00 vs. Overlay - \$33,000.00
 - Mr. Dombroski noted that Grand Ave. was paved in 2000
 - Looking at about \$296,000.00 for the mobilization fee, Mahoney Ave., Cadotte Ave., and the overlay on Grand Ave.
 - Leaving off Park Ave. and Lakeview Blvd. at this time
- Councilman Moskwa inquired how long the project will take?
 - Mr. Dombroski noted that the project may stretch out over a few weeks due to being in conjunction with the State Park, but actual work for the City will only take a few days.
 - Mayor Doud inquired if they will they be working at night?
 - Mr. Dombroski & Myron Johnson assume yes for efficiency purposes, but have not talked to Bacco directly about that.
 - State Park did set some stipulations on working on the weekends.
 - No batch plant on the island, materials will be hauled on the freight boat
- Councilwoman Myers noted that some gravel will need to be filled in on Lakeview Blvd. and Park Ave.
 - Councilwoman Myers inquired when the gravel portion would be taken care of - should be done sooner rather than later
 - Mr. Dombroski stated he could talk to Belonga, but could also have Bacco do it
 - Council agreed to obtaining a quote from Bacco for filling in gravel and grading the gravel roads in the Annex
 - Mr. Dombroski stated that he would speak with Bacco about this

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Bailey, to approve Bacco Construction Co. to pave Mahoney Ave. and Cadotte Ave., Grand Ave (Annex) overlay, and to inquire about a quote on filling in some gravel and grading Park Ave. & Lakeshore Blvd.

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

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Myers, Seconded by Moskwa, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm

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