

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

Richard Chambers
Tom Corrigan
Steven Moskwa

Anneke Myers
Alan Sehoyan
Jason St. Onge

IV. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Sehoyan, to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

V. Approval of Minutes

- November 13, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
 - Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.
- Minutes of the November 20, 2024 Special City Council Meeting
 - Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.

VI. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Mayor Doud stated that the report was accepted as presented and would be placed on file.

VII. Approval of Payments for:

Motion made by Corrigan, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the bills and payroll as presented.

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

IX. Correspondence

- Letter from the Mackinac Island Planning Commission – concern regarding the Jaquiss house section lengths
 - Councilwoman Myers noted the Council previously had the same type of request from another project in the area that was granted, and this applicant is assuming they will be afforded the same variance
 - Council may want to revise this section of the Motor Vehicle Ordinance
 - Concerns about others being held to the shorter length due to their location
 - Was made this way because the longer house sections were getting stuck / blocking access to Stonecliffe
 - Dickinson did a road study but they have not shared those results with the City
 - Attorney Evashevski noted that variances are specific to zoning ordinances. Council should really be looking at updating the Motor Vehicle Ordinance to resolve this issue

Motion made by Sehoyan, seconded by Moskwa, to send this to the Streets / Ordinance Committee.

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

XI. New Business

- Renewal of City medical and dental insurance
 - Motion made by Myers, seconded by Sehoyan, to adopt the new medical and dental rates for 2025
 - Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoyan, St. Onge
- Request for lot split, submitted by Crescencia May, for her property located at 1395 Cadotte Ave.
 - Encroachments
 - Shed that comes out about a foot and a half - could be moved back or removed
 - Newer shed, non-contributing, but in a Historic District
 - One step that is in the setback - not needed and could be removed
 - Encroachments need to be moved by May 1, 2025
 - No plans to have the property occupied within the next year (per Andrew Doud)

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Sehoyan, to adopt the resolution contingent upon an agreement between the owner and the City for the terms that the encroachments on the main house will be removed by May 1, 2025 and that no occupancy will be granted for the main house until the encroachments are removed.

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

- Off-Island Business License application, submitted by J&R Building Movers
Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the application.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

- (4) vehicle and (2) trailer permits, submitted by J&R Building Movers, for work at 1274 Mission Street
 - Should be able to park everything on site. May need to speak with Mission Point for additional parking space, could potentially leave a truck at the State Dock dock, could also speak with the State Park about parking on the shoreline trail
 - Councilman St. Onge requested that the development be given a new name (not Mission House or Wightman House) to avoid confusion should any emergency services be neededMotion made by St. Onge, seconded by Myers, to approve the permits
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, St. Onge
Abstained: Sehoian

- (4) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, for house demo and to haul away foundation concrete located at 6948 Main Street
Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Sehoian, to approve the permits.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

- (3) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to install a waterline for fire suppression at 2827 Cadotte Ave.
Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the permits

- Vehicle & trailer permit, submitted by Spence Brothers, to haul a tool trailer to the Grand Hotel for continued work on the façade project
Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Chambers, to table the permit for clarification and pictures. The applicant must submit a list of contents and a reason why the contents cannot be unloaded on to a dray.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

- (4) vehicle and (2) trailer permits, submitted by UCI, for various locations (list attached to permits)
 - Need timeline for job sites
 - Will only issue a 30-day permit & applicant can reapply every 30 days if needed
 - Would prefer when working on downtown projects that trucks are parked on Main Street in front of Marquette Park and at Hoban Hill / Barnview when completing jobs in Harrisonville
 - No vehicles / work during Christmas Bazaar, Christmas, New Years per ordinanceMotion made by St. Onge, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the permits with the above stipulations.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge
Abstained: Moskwa

- (4) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, for work on the Inn at Stonecliffe kitchen project
Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the permits
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

- Trailer permit, submitted by Doug Darga, to take his mini skid steer off island
Motion made by Myers, seconded by Sehoian, to approve the permit
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

- Vehicle permit, submitted by Z Mix USA, to haul cement to the Inn at Stonecliffe for their kitchen project
 - Load limit – 4 yards per truckMotion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa to approve the permit.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

- 30-day extension on (1) vehicle and (1) trailer permit, issued to Hoffman Landscaping, for landscaping work at the Inn at Stonecliffe
 - New 30-day permit fee applied regardless of use as vehicles have been on the islandMotion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the 30-day permit extension
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoian, St. Onge

- Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to enter in to closed session at 3:40 pm to discuss a written attorney opinion regarding ferry boat franchise regulation.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge
- Motion made by Sehoan, seconded by Mokwa, to leave the closed session at 4:42 pm.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge
- Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to enter in to open session at 4:43 pm.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, Sehoan, St. Onge

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to table the 2025 season rates, fees, and schedules, submitted by Arnold Transit and Shepler’s Ferry, until the December 11, 2024 City Council meeting as the Council needs more time to discuss their options.

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

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm.

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

Margaret Doud, Mayor

Danielle Leach, City Clerk