

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND
MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM
City Hall – Council Chambers, 7358 Market St., Mackinac Island, Michigan

I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

Richard Chambers
Tom Corrigan
Steven Moskwa
Anneke Myers
Alan Sehoyan

ABSENT

Jason St. Onge

IV. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

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

VIII. New Business

- Discussion of extending the Shepler winter boat program
 - Continuing to make good progress with winter boats, but do not want to step in to winter service until things are 100% ready
 - Will have winter boats in the water by December 2nd, but want to have 2 winter boats completely ready before starting service
 - Looking for permission to extend the Shepler's service through December 15, 2024 and have Arnold Transit begin service December 16, 2024
 - Mayor spoke with Andy McGreevy of the Mackinac Island Transportation Authority and he is on board with the service extension through December 15, 2024
 - In the future Arnold Transit would like to run fast boats as long as and as early as they can (as long as weather agrees)
 - Arnold Transit is also requesting approval to run the Straits of Mackinac II in addition to the current schedule for private groups
 - Fine by Council and does not need approval as this is service being provided in addition to their approved schedule

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Sehoyan, to approve the extension of Shepler's Ferry service through December 15, 2024 with the same continued schedule, and to have the City Clerk notify the Mackinac Island Transportation Authority of the service extension.

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

- GDS Draft Consulting Agreement
 - GDS is a consulting group that works with various utilities on regulatory processes and rates
 - Company is located out of Georgia, but have an employee, Rich Polich who is located in Michigan
 - Attorney Evashevski sent an edited version of the draft consulting agreement provided by Mr. Polich with her recommended changes to fit the City's needs
 - Attorney Evashevski recommends engaging the services of GDS in order for the City to begin the process of regulating the ferry boat companies in a manor that they have not done in the past as there have not previously been any monopoly issues
 - GDS will provide a scope of work, a list of individuals who would be working on the project, the rates of those individuals who would be working on the project, plus any estimates / do not exceed costs for the overall project
 - No retainer or engagement fee is required

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Sehoyan, to engage GDS under the terms of the redline edited general consulting agreement provided by Attorney Evashevski.

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

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by Sehoyan, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am.

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