

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 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
- Mike Cavanaugh
- Rich Polich
- Erin Evashevski, Attorney - via Zoom in St. Ignace, MI
- Richard Linn, Treasurer
- Anneke Myers
- Alan Sehoyan
- Jason St. Onge

IV. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to adopt the agenda with the Closed Session moved to the top of the agenda.

V. New Business

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Corrigan, to enter in to closed session at 10:03 am to discuss a written confidential attorney-client privileged opinion regarding ferry boat matters.

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

Motion made by Sehoyan, seconded by Moskwa, to leave closed session at 11:20 am

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to enter in to open session at 11:20 am

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

VI. Correspondence

Letter from Vince Reuter, Hoffmann Marine

- Mayor Doud read the letter aloud.

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to place the letter on file.

Councilman Moskwa voiced concern about the pricing for parking, having one entity being the gatekeeper to the island, and that entity being able to charge whatever they want.

Councilwoman Myers commented that she finds Mr. Reuter's letter unfortunate. The City wants to work together with Hoffmann, but the City is concerned about the increasing price to come to Mackinac.

- The City needs to study the parking rate structure

Motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, that under the City of Mackinac Island's authority to regulate ferry service rates and fees, and having already frozen the rates and fees at the 2024 pricing in order to study said rates and fees, further being that parking rates & fees are an integral part of ferry boat services, the Council hereby moves to freeze the parking rates at the 2024 pricing, and requires Hoffmann Marine to remove all reference to the unapproved Shepler and Arnold Transit parking rates from their websites, other distributions, and advertisements. Hoffmann Marine has until Monday, March 3, 2025 at 4:00 pm to comply and notify the City Clerk of their compliance.

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

Mayor Doud read aloud attorney Evashevski's letter to Mr. Reuter of Hoffmann Marine.

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to place attorney Evashevski's letter on file.

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

Councilman St. Onge recommended setting dates for special meetings to continue discussions regarding ferry boat matters.

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Chambers, to set special council meetings for March 12th and March 26th at 10:00 am, for continued discussion regarding ferry boat matters.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded St. Onge, to set a special council meeting on March 5, 2025 at 1:00 pm to review the proposed amendments to the Ferry Boats Ordinance.

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

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by Chambers to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am.

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

Margaret M. Doud, Mayor

Danielle Leach, City Clerk