

# CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 4:00 PM

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

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### **I. Call to Order**

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

### **II. Roll Call**

PRESENT

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| - Richard Chambers - arrived at 4:14 pm | - Jason St. Onge                           |
| - Tom Corrigan                          | - Kaitlynn Bazinau, Treasurer              |
| - Steven Moskwa                         | - Michael Gruits, Chief of Police          |
| - Anneke Myers                          | - Erin Evashevski, Attorney, via Zoom from |
| - Lindsey White                         | St. Ignace, MI                             |

### **IV. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda**

- Items V & kk are duplicates of the same permit submissions
- Rearrange items a, b, & d to be in order of resolution number

Motion made by Corrigan, seconded by Moskwa, to adopt the agenda with the above changes.

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

### **V. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on October 15, 2025
  - o Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.
- Minutes of the Special Meeting, held on October 22, 2025
  - o Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.

### **VI. Approval of the Treasurer's Report**

- The October 29, 2025 Treasurer's Report was presented.
  - o Mayor Doud stated that the report would be placed on file as presented.

### **VII. Approval of Payments for:**

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to pay the bills and payroll as presented.

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

### **IX. Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Planning Commission regarding City ordinance compliance.

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to place the letter on file and send to Ordinance Committee for further discussion.

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

### **X. Old Business**

Mackinac County Local Road Improvement Program Intergovernmental Agreement

- o Addition of the following language was proposed by attorney Evashevski:
  - The City shall receive no less than \$10,000.00 per year of this agreement
  - Approval for issuance of monies shall not be unreasonably withheld

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the agreement with the language changes from attorney Evashevski and to authorize Mayor Doud to sign.

Voting Yea: Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Vehicle permit, submitted by BC David Inc., to haul a large door & window package for replacement at the Gilmer Cottage – 7575 Main St.

- o Have 56 windows and doors to be hauled - roughly half a million dollars in product
- o The Service Company does not want to take the liability to haul and cannot safely lay flat on a dray – a letter was provided at the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting from Brad Chambers
- o All other materials needed for the project have been and will continue to be hauled by a dray, but this is the safest way to haul the windows and doors
- o Councilman St. Onge commented that, if voting, he would be voting “no”, however he will be abstaining due to being in a rental agreement for housing with the applicant.

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the vehicle permit.

Voting Yea: Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White

Voting Abstaining: St. Onge

### **XI. New Business**

Motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, to adopt City of Mackinac Island Resolution No. 25-011 Public Act 152, Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

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

Mayor Doud announced her appoint of Dwayne Miedzianowski to the position of Chief of Police, conditioned upon confirmation of the City Council through an affirmative vote approval of Resolution 25-013 and conditioned upon agreement between Dwayne Miedzianowski and the City Council on the terms and conditions of his employment by December 1, 2025.

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to adopt City Resolution No. 25-013, confirming the appointment of Dwayne Miedzianowski to the position of Chief of Police, conditioned on Mr. Miedzianowski and the City reaching an agreement on the terms and conditions of his employment by December 1, 2025.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to adopt City Resolution No. 25-012, to amend and remove the following language from City Resolution 24-004:

“It is further resolved that the City will not increase the franchise fee by the CPI as required under the franchise agreement.”

And to authorize the Treasurer’s office to send an invoice to the ferry boat companies in the amount of the CPI increase for the 2025 year as required under the franchise agreement.

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

#### Winter Service Agreement Deviation Amendment

- A clean copy from attorney Evashevski as well as a redline copy from Arnold Transit were presented.
- Discussed changes:
  - Removal of paragraph 3 - provided in last year's agreement due to shut down of MIFC
  - The Winter Service Agreement states that the Huron is the main winter vessel – this will remain in deviation agreement
  - Paragraph 2 - can change to "until weather dictates"
  - Paragraph 5 - in last year's agreement, will not be removed
- Veronica Dobrowolski
  - Would like it added that passengers with a valid Shepler Resident Pass will not be subject to the \$5.00 winter surcharge
  - It is Arnold's intention to get the Huron in the water as soon as possible, but do not want to be held to a contracted completion date
  - Removal of the Maverick and Isle Royal Queen III - only the Senator is to be listed as a backup vessel
    - Do not want any boats listed as “ice breakers” because they are not
    - Councilwoman Myers suggested listing them as “steel hulled vessels” to differentiate
- Andy McGreevy, Mackinac Island Transportation Authority (MITA)
  - Visited the Huron today and work is moving along, but do not think renovations will be completed by December 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Confirmed on behalf of MITA that the changes discussed are acceptable

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the agreement with the discussed changes.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the payment of the MetLife Dental Insurance bill via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payment.

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

Motion made by Corrigan, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the quote, received from Empiric Solutions, to implement steps towards an eventual Windows programming update for all City computers with the following stipulations:

- No more than 28 devices are to be upgraded at this time
- No more than \$61.00 will be spent per unit for this upgrade
- Empiric is to work with Tom Corrigan to complete this upgrade

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve an Off-Island Business License Application, submitted by Absolute Building Solutions.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to approve an Off-Island Business License Application, submitted by Straits Area Chimney.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve an Off-Island Business License Application, submitted by Mackinac Island Free Press.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve an Off-Island Business License Application, submitted by ESGPW, LLC.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve an Off-Island Business License Application, submitted by Corrigan Logistics.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve an Off-Island Business License Application, submitted by Ojibwe Hazardous Abatement LLC, dba Pearson Asbestos Abatement

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve an Off-Island Business License Application, submitted by NRC Builders.

Prior to roll call being called, Councilman St. Onge questioned why no State of Michigan license was submitted

- The Clerk read an email received from the applicant stating that as a General Contractor, the State of Michigan does not require the issuance of a license
- Council asked that it be confirmed through the Building Department whether or not a State license was required

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to rescind the motion approving the business license, and to table the license for further information.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve an Off-Island Business License Application, submitted by Michigan Towers

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Michigan Towers, Inc, for work at the Chippewa Hotel. Vehicle will arrive on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in use for five (5) days.

- Overnight parking - can park on the street in front of the hotel, but need to park close the to curb. Cannot park on the east end of the building so as not to obstruct the corner of Fort & Market
- Outriggers must be put up at the end of the day to not block the street

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

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve a vehicle permit with waived fees, submitted by F&V Operations, for pump station cleaning at the Biddle Point Pump Station & Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Dept. of Public Works. Vehicle will arrive on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in use for five (5) days).

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Cloverland Electric, for Dielectric testing of their utility trucks, located at 2248 Edison Rd. Vehicle will arrive on November 18<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for one (1) day.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve (3) vehicle & (3) trailer permits, submitted by Cloverland Electric, for Davey Tree Service to perform Right Of Way tree trimming at various locations. Vehicles & trailers will arrive on November 17<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for six (6) days.

- Councilman St. Onge noted to the Police Department to ensure that the company adheres to the school restriction hours – no vehicle movement or tree cutting is to be done during these times

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

A permit for use of City Streets and Right of Way was submitted by AT&T to bore fiber via the greenbelt from Chambers corner to the Medical Center (7474 Market St.).

- Councilman St. Onge voiced concerns regarding the placement of the vehicles while work is being completed – need to keep the intersection clear in case of emergency vehicles

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Myers, to table the application for more information regarding vehicle placement & parking.

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

A vehicle permit was submitted by NRC Builders for the delivery of a dumpster for work at the Grand Hotel.

- NRC's business license was tabled earlier in the meeting for further information regarding a state license, the vehicle permit is to be held until the business license is approved.

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by White, to table the vehicle permit for two (2) weeks.

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

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Lakeview Hotel, to use a lift for exterior maintenance.

- It was noted that the lift cannot block hydrants, and cannot be parked on Hoban or French Ln.
- Mayor Doud commented that if an alternate parking location (not on Main Street) was needed, Windermere Point could be used

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

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Corrigan, to approve (3) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to clear and fill pastures at the Horseman's Association, 7156 British Landing Rd. Vehicles will arrive the week of November 10<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for one (1) week.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, to approve (2) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to clear concrete waste from the Ellinger residence, located at 1412 Church St. Vehicles will arrive the week of November 10<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for one (1) week.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to mulch trees at the Dobrowolski residence, located at 4210 Forest Dr. Vehicle will arrive on November 14<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for one (1) day.

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

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve (3) vehicle & (1) trailer permit, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to replace the sewer line at the Dorner residence, located at 6712 Huron Rd. Vehicles & trailer will arrive the week on November 10<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for three (3) days.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve and waive the fees for (5) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to install water & sewer for the new housing at Mackinac Island Public School, located at 7846 Main St. Use dates are to be determined once plan review has taken place.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve (2) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to haul materials in and out for landscapers at the Harbour View Inn, located at 6860 Main St. Vehicles will arrive the week on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in use for one (1) week.

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

Motion made by St. Onge, second by Myers, to approve (3) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to backfill foundation and install water & sewer at the Gromley build, located at 3939 Cedar Point Ln. Vehicles will arrive the week on November 10<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for one (1) week.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve a vehicle & trailer permit, submitted by Belonga Plumbing & Heating, to move a job trailer to the Island House Hotel, located at 6966 Main St. Vehicle will arrive on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in use for one (1) day, the trailer will remain on site until April 10, 2026.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to approve a trailer permit, submitted by Belonga Plumbing & Heating, to drain & winterize buildings – Iroquois, Bicycle Street Inn, Island House, Chippewa Hotel. Trailer will arrive on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in use for 60 days.

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

A request was received from Spence Brothers for the temporary closure of the northern portion of Hoban Street for work at the Windsor building, 1417 Hoban St.

- For work using an aerial lift to access the higher elevation windows to increase safety and decrease the time frame in which it takes to perform the overall task
  - Michael DeMaestri of Spence noted to the Council that he had spoken with both the Service Company, Kingston Kitchen, and the Pontiac Lodge who were all fine with the street closure
  - Hoban would only be closed during normal work hours and the lift would be parked off the street in the courtyard overnight / when not in use
  - Street closure would not take place on weekends or any holidays
- Councilman St. Onge voiced concern about the closure / blocking of the street and the duration of time the project would take. Would rather see the work done by scaffolding.
  - Councilwoman Myers concurred that scaffolding would be better than the lift, but this would require an additional sidewalk obstruction / closure permit

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by White, to approve the sidewalk closure for Market Street and Hoban Road.

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

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by White, to approve the use of the aerial lift in the courtyard only – not on Hoban Street or Market Street, and that Spence is liable for any damage to the sidewalk on Hoban Street when moving the lift in and out of the courtyard.

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

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by White, to deny the closure of Hoban Street for the operation of an aerial lift for work on the Windsor building.

- Council would like Mr. DeMaestri to meet with Fire Chief Jason St. Onge to discuss the road closure.

Voting Yea: Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Voting Abstaining: Chambers

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve (6) vehicle & (3) trailer permits, submitted by Spence Brothers, for continued work on the Grand Hotel façade project. Vehicles & trailers will arrive on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in use for five (5) months.

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

Motion made by Chambers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve a trailer permit, submitted by Absolute Building Solutions, for work at the Gromley build located at 3939 Cedar Point Ln. Trailer will arrive on October 30<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for 10 days.

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

(1) vehicle & (1) trailer permit were submitted by Straits Area Chimney for chimney work at the Inn at Stonecliffe. Vehicle is intended to deliver the trailer to the job site and will then leave the Island.

- Councilman St. Onge commented that this trailer should be hauled by a dray – the contents should be unloaded on to a dray and hauled to the site. The empty trailer can be hauled by a dray as well.

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by White, to approve the trailer permit. Trailer is to arrive on November 1<sup>st</sup> and will be in use for 30 days.

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by White, to deny the vehicle permit, submitted by Straits Area Chimney. Trailer is to be unloaded and everything, trailer included, will be hauled to the job site via dray. Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Up North Construction & Restoration, for work at the Gromley (3939 Cedar Point Ln.) and Wenzel (Forest Bluff Lot #3) builds. Vehicle will arrive on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in use for 90 days.

- Councilman St. Onge noted that, when at the Wenzel build, the lift must be parked as far off the street as possible so as not to block the road.

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

A vehicle permit was submitted by Bob Benser for the delivery of trusses to his build at 1274 Mission Street – Mr. Benser pulled his application at the meeting as he will now have the trusses hauled by the dray.

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Bob Benser, to set trusses at his build located at 1274 Mission Street. Vehicle will arrive on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be in use for 45 days.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to approve a Street Cut Permit, submitted by Tom Horn, to \ dig power to his property located off of Gallagher Ln. Work will begin November first and will be done by hand. Work is expected to take about two (2) weeks.

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

Motion made by Chambers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve a trailer permit, submitted by Steve Schunk, to have kitchen cabinets delivered to his residence located at 7714 Main St. Trailer will arrive on November 24<sup>th</sup> and will be in use for one (1) day.

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

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by White, to approve (3) vehicle permits, submitted by North Point Building & Development, for work at May Cottage (corner of Cadotte & Market). Vehicles will arrive on November 1<sup>st</sup> and will be in use for 50 days.

- It was noted that the vehicles must be parked / in use on property only, not on Cadotte or Market

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve and waive the fees for (2) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to install new water and sewer service for the Department of Public Works housing located at 7574 7th Street. Vehicles will arrive the week of December 1<sup>st</sup> and will be in use for one (1) to three (3) days.

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

New Business:

- Councilman Corrigan noted that there have been many phishing scams going around
  - City Clerk Leach noted that the City has been experiencing this with permit fees – the Clerk is working with the Building Department to ensure that all current and future applicants are made aware

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to enter in to closed session to discuss a confidential attorney-client privilege letter regarding ongoing litigation at 5:52 pm.

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

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to leave closed session at 6:58 pm

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by White, to enter in to open session at 6:59 pm

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

### **XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.