

Cities of Hancock & Houghton
Joint Council Meeting
October 17, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Agenda as posted:

**AGENDA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HANCOCK CITY COUNCIL**

NOTICE & AGENDA

Monday, October 17, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Where: Lake Shore Center
Community Room 123
600 E. LakeShore Dr.
Houghton, MI 49931

- A. Call to order by Mayor Robert Backon and Mayor Lisa McKenzie .
Roll Call and Verification of a Quorum.
- B. Houghton Council – Robert Backon, Robert Megowen, Craig Kurtz, Mike Needham, Rachel Lankton, Dan Salo and John Sullivan
- C. Hancock Council – Mary Tuisku, Joe Bauman Gregory Markkanen, Lisa McKenzie, Ted Belej, John Slivon and Ron Blau.
- D. Address The Flag

AGENDA AS POSTED:

1. Public Hearing on the 15 year MTEC SmartZone Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan Extension 2018/19 to2032/33
2. Receive MTEC SmartZone update from Marilyn Clark, CEO.
3. Consider motion adopting Resolutions approving the 15 year Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan by both Cities.

Motion to adjourn.

Note: Posted this 14th day of October, 2016

All Councilors were properly notified on 10-14-2016 at 11:00 a.m. and by e-mail.
18 hour minimum notice.

- Houghton Mayor Robert Backon called this special joint meeting of the Cities of Hancock and Houghton Councils to order on Monday, October 17, 2016 in the Lake Shore Center, 600 E. Lake Shore Dr. Houghton.

The Houghton Councilors present: Mayor Robert Backon, Robert Megowen, Craig Kurtz, Mike Needham, Rachael Lankton, Gernot Joachim and Dan Salo.

- Hancock Councilors present: Hancock Councilors Ted Belej, Lisa McKenzie, Mary Tuisku, Gregory Markkanen and Ron Blau.

Absent: Councilor Joe Bauman and John Slivon.

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku to excuse Councilors Slivon and Bauman from tonight's meeting.

Yes: All

No: None
Motion Carried.

Also present: Hancock Manager Glenn Anderson, Hancock City Clerk Karen Haischer, Houghton Manager Erick Waara, Houghton City Clerk Ann Vollwrath Houghton Treasurer Jodi Reynolds, members of the media and guests.

Public Comment:
-None at this time

Presentation - MTECH SmartZone:
-Marilyn Clark CEO, SmartZone
-Travis White, Business Owner
-Dave Reid

Travis White: Business Pro/Nav located at the Jutila Center.
-new product Pro/Nav angler (in the process of marketing this new product)
-started with the SmartZone 3 years ago

Marilyn Clark: CEO SmartZone
-wish to extend the current SmartZone for 15 years
-smartzone was started in 203 and expires in 2017
-created a satellite smartzone in Marquette
-Ray Johnson is the CEO of Innovate Marquette (SmartZone)
-started angle network
-Department of Treasury had to approve plan
-tax capture does not affect other units of government
-capture is on school operating and set millage which the State reimburses the school
--Targets
-5 new high-tech companies per year
-create 37 new jobs per year
-attract 3 satellite offices to Houghton every 5 years

Dave Reid

Mayor Backon opened this Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. for the following purpose:
To hear Public comment on the Amendment to and Restatement of the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan of the LDFA of the Cities of Houghton and Hancock.

A copy of the Tax Increment Financing Plan and Development Plan DATED August 19, 2016 was made available for public inspection and all Councilors received a copy for review.

Amend the current to restart the TIF and Development of the LDFA
Cities of Hancock and Houghton adopted the original plan in 2001, started the capture in 2003 and expires in 2017. Cities are looking for a 15 year extension to 2033.
-Local units of government are not affected by the tax capture.
-The only capture is a portion of the schools operating millage and the set tax, which is reimbursed to the schools by the State of Michigan.
There are 16 SmartZones in the State of Michigan with Hancock/Houghton being one of the top three.

No Public Comment at this time.

Mayor Backon closed this Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

City of Houghton made a motion to pass Resolution 2016-1584 "RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE RESTATEMENT OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DEVEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE CITIES OF HOUGHTON AND HANCOCK".

-Passed by the City of Houghton

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Councilor Tuisku approving City of Hancock Resolution #24-2016 "RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE RESTATEMENT OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE CITIES OF HOUGHTON AND HANCOCK". (copy on file)

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Markkanen, McKenzie, Belej and Blau.

No: None

Absent: Councilors Bauman and Slivon

Motion Carried.

Moved by Houghton Councilor Lankton and seconded by Houghton Councilor Sullivan that this joint special meeting of the Hancock and Houghton Councils be adjourned. Time: 6:45 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk

This meeting was properly advertised and all Councilors were notified.