

CITY OF HANCOCK COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET
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Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM

Call to order and pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Paul LaBine

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

Absent: None

Also Present in person: Mary Babcock, Linda Kalinec, John Erickson, Dollar Bay Students, Steve Walton, Melissa Davis, Michael Markham, Garrett Neese, Carol Freeman and other members of the community and media.

Also Present via Zoom: Dick Storm, Mary's iPad.

Review and approval of agenda – Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item #5 to reschedule the Solar and Wind Ordinance Public Hearing for May 17, 2023 and item #6 to consider changing the number of council meeting per month to one on the third Wednesday of the month.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Melissa Davis - Downtown Business owner commented on her Saturday Store and handed out flyers.

Communication

Irma Boyd – Nisu Bakery – thank you for help with Main Street grant.

Copper Country Community Arts – April 2023 Newsletter

O'Keefe - Finlandia

Assessor Report

Sharon Juntunen – comments on road repairs.

Mary Nominelli-Armstrong – comments and suggestions on parking, blight/beautification/ housing needed for middle income residents and the downtown.

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to accept and place on file the communications as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

Cemetery Meeting April 12, 2022
Cemetery Meeting January 10, 2023
DDA Meeting February 6, 2023

Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to receive and put on file the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes

Closed Session March 15, 2023
Regular Meeting & Work Session April 5, 2023

Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to receive and put on file the meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Administrative Report

City Manager Babcock commented on the following:

- Newsletter positive feedback from residents.
- Letter of Support – MTEC Grant Application.
- DDA Biannual Meeting will be May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Master Plan Survey – meetings were held on April 12th and 13th, with a great turnout. Progressive Architects and Engineers assisted with the meetings. There will be an online survey for people to make suggestions and comments.
- Tire Recycling Event will be on May 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the DPW garage, there will be a limit of 10 tires per household.
- Citywide Cleanup will be May 12th and 13th at the DPW garage.
- Finlandia property has been identified, the Receiver is in a holding status at this time as they gather information on the disposition of the properties, gathering information on claims, liens, agreements, etc. The Quincy Green property will be kept together at this time. The City does not have any claims against Finlandia at this time, their utility bills are paid up to date. The ice rental payments would be filed by Portage Lake Multi-Ed. Services.
- Pitch in for your Park is a city wide event on May 9th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for residents to help with the spring cleanup of the parks. Volunteers can call in to sign up for a park. At 6:00 p.m. the Hancock Fire Department will be serving hot dogs, chips and pop provided by the city.
- Public Hearing scheduled May 3rd for Solar and Wind Ordinance consider rescheduling the May 17th in order to get the public notice and summary published 15 days prior to the public hearing.

- There will be a puppy parade on April 26th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting at the Quincy Green in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness month.
- The benches in the Chamber are not repairable, we will need to consider other seating options.
- KEDA will be sponsoring an RRC Summit meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 26th at the Lakeshore Center.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$588,038.08

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve the Notice of Award to MJO Contracting for the work to be completed on the Coastal Zone Management Grant in the amount of \$130,860.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, LaBine, Richard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and supported by Councilor Freeman to approve Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. application for fireworks display permit for the June 17, 2023 for the Bridgefest celebration.

Yes: 6

No: 1 - Warstler

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor McKenzie to approve the Redevelopment Ready Communities Technical Assistance Match Funding Grant for the Master Plan process in the total amount of \$34,000 with the MEDC covering 75% at \$25,500 and City portion \$8,500.00.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, LaBine, Freeman, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Warstler to reschedule the Solar and Wind Ordinance Public Hearing for May 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor Rickard and supported by Councilor Freeman to remove the first Wednesday of the month City Council meeting and meet once a month on the third Wednesday of the month as required by the City Charter.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Freeman, Richard, Lounibos

No: LaBine, Warstler

Motion Carried

Public Comment None

Council Member Comments

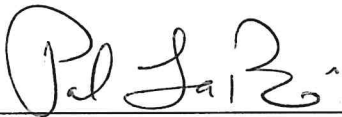
Time was provided for council members to promote, discuss and/or comment on items not on the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Warstler and supported by Councilor Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.


Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Paul LaBine, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk