

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 5, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Mark Ammel at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Mark Ammel, Council Members, Ronald J. Beauchamp, Tyler DuBord, Todd Flath, and Karen Moore

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim City Manager Jim McNeil, City Clerk Phil DeMay, Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

City Clerk DeMay led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Flath moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Regular Meeting minutes from December 15, 2022, as submitted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Flath moved, DuBord seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH-1 Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1272, An Ordinance to Amend Section 401.4 of the Zoning Ordinance as Codified Under Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances.**

Administration requested the City Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance No. 1272, An Ordinance to Amend Section 401.4 of the Zoning Ordinance as Codified under Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances - Rezoning parcels adjacent to the North 30th Street corridor from "F-Light Manufacturing District" to "E-Commercial District."

This being a public hearing, Mayor Ammel asked for public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Ammel then closed the public hearing.

**PH-1** "By Council Member DuBord, seconded by Council Member Flath;

**Resolved**, That Ordinance No. 1272, An Ordinance to Amend Section 401.4 of the Zoning Ordinance as Codified under Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances - Rezoning parcels adjacent to the North 30th Street corridor from “F-Light Manufacturing District” to “E-Commercial District, given its public hearing at this meeting, be and is hereby adopted and that it be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter."

Herewith Ordinance No. 1272 adopted by title:

**"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 401.4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS CODIFIED UNDER APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES."**

Full text in Ordinance Record “M”.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: DuBord, Flath, Moore, Mayor Ammel

Nays: Beauchamp

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.”**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **UB-1 Discussion – City Manager Position – Council/Manager.**

Moore moved, DuBord seconded, to hire Jim McNeil as the permanent City Manager contingent on contract negotiation.

*After further discussion Council Member DuBord rescinded his support of Council Member Moore’s motion. With a lack of support to the motion it dies on the floor.*

**UB-1** Flath moved, Beauchamp seconded, to open up the City Manager position to all city employees interested with a deadline of January 11, 2023, to apply. Also, set a date of January 18, 2023, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers for a special meeting to conduct interviews of those who are interested in the City Manager position.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Flath, Beauchamp, DuBord, Mayor Ammel

Nays: Moore

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NB-1 Approval – Scheduling of Public Hearings – 2023/24 Fiscal Year Budget**

**Preparation – Citizen Participation.**

Each year, the City Council holds public hearings to facilitate input from citizens for the upcoming fiscal year budget. Administration sought Council approval to schedule the first of three (3) public hearings for January 19, 2023. Additionally, Administration sought City Council approval to schedule additional public hearings for February 16, 2023, and March 16, 2023.

**NB-1** DuBord moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to schedule public hearings for January 19, 2023, February 16, 2023, and March 16, 2023, for citizen input on the 2023/24 Fiscal Year Budget and adopted the 2023/24 Budget/Capital Improvement Plan Calendar.

**APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES** – None

**BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mayor Ammel wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Hearing no further public comment Beauchamp moved, the Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil DeMay  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Ammel, Mayor