

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Joint Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023**

Pursuit to a special joint meeting notice posted January 20, 2023, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Mark Ammel at 4:00 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, and Karen Moore

Absent: Council Member Todd Flath

Planning: Chairperson James Hellermann, Commission Members Dominic Benetti, Mark Hannemann, David Mason, Nevin Naser, and Roy Webber

Absent: Secretary Kelli Van Ginhoven

Also Present: City Manager James R. McNeil, City Clerk Phil DeMay, City Attorney Laura J. Genovich (virtually), media and members of the public.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bonnie Hakkola – discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.
- Dennis Renken – discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.
- Barbra Barron – discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.
- Barbie Clairmont - discussed Marihuana establishments and crime.
- Robin Custance - discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.
- Paul Neumeier - discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Discussion – Temporary Moratorium on Medical and Adult-Use Marihuana Establishment Applications, Approvals, and Licenses.

City Council and the Planning Commission agreed to a joint meeting to continue the discussion on the Temporary Moratorium on Medical and Adult-Use Marihuana Establishment Applications, Approvals, and Licenses.

City Council members and Planning Commissioners discussed the temporary moratorium on medical and adult use marihuana establishment applications, approval, and licenses.

Planning Commissioner Dominic Benetti exited the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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

- Laura Coleman - discuss Marihuana establishments for consideration around Bay College.
- Robin Custance – discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.
- Chery Corbiere - discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.
- Ed Custance - discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.
- Bonnie Hakkola - discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.
- Tyler DuBord - discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.
- Ed Custance - discussed Marihuana establishments and locations.

BOARD AND COMMISSIONS/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Ammel thanked the public for coming out and attending the meeting.

Hearing no further public comment DuBord moved, the Council adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Mark Ammel, Mayor