



**CITY COUNCIL  
AND  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

August 8, 2023

A special joint meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council and Planning Commission was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. This meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.; then, after a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, a roll call then determined that the following were

Present: John Murphy, Mayor  
Tina DeMoore, City Councilmember  
Derek Shiels, City Councilmember  
Brian Wagner, City Councilmember  
Lindsey Walker, City Councilmember

Betony Braddock  
Doug Buck  
Carolyn Dettmer  
Matt McSweeney  
Richard Mooradian  
Rick Neumann  
Ted Pall  
Cynthia Robson  
Charlie Willmott

Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Manager Shane Horn, City Clerk Sarah Bek, Public Works Director Mike Robbins, Public Safety Director Adrian Karr, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall KlingelSmith and Finance Director Audrey Plath.

**Hear 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan Presentation**

The City Manager reviewed that copies of the proposed 2024-2029 CIP were distributed to City Council and Planning Commission in advance of this meeting; the draft plan was posted on the City's website; that the six-year plan is a planning and fiscal management tool for capital expenditures and totals \$73.8M in expenditures, with capital spending in 2024 proposed at \$8.3M, of which \$810,000 from the General Fund and \$2.9M anticipated to come from grants and other outside sources of revenue; and that if approved, projects will be included within the 2024 proposed annual City budget.

The Parks and Recreation Director and Public Safety Director highlighted 2024 projects in detail including installation of exhaust extraction systems at both fire stations; Pennsylvania Park upgrades; Resource Center landscaping upgrades; Winter Sports Park Pavilion; Winter Sports Park roof and windows and Bates Field roof upgrades; Sunset Park improvements; Little Traverse Wheelway resurfacing; and park master plans for Pennsylvania, Arlington and Washington Parks. Staff briefly touched on 2025 and future projects, but noted that projects are fluid in future years.

The Public Works Director highlighted 2024 projects in detail including parking lot improvements to Saville Lot; reviewed streets and drainage projects including resurfacing East Mitchell Street from Division Street to the City limit in conjunction with Emmet County Road Commission who will be picking up at the City limit and extending repaving to Division Road; reconstruction of Bay View Avenue from East Mitchell to the dead end; miscellaneous pavement preservation and repairs; water and sanitary sewer main replacements as part of street reconstruction work; lead and copper rule materials inventory work that is due by January 2025; upgrades to wastewater treatment plant aeration blowers; sidewalk construction and replacement at Howard and East Mitchell southwest corner as well as miscellaneous City-wide sidewalk spot repairs; installation of underground lines in residential areas including portions of Jennings Avenue, Howard Street, Jefferson, Waukazoo, Fulton, Petoskey, Grove, Hill, Morgan, Priebe and Hillcrest; reviewed proposed Motor pool purchases; and reviewed future projects including the DPW and Parks and Recreation Facility upgrades proposed for 2026 as a three-year approach.

Councilmembers and Commissioners asked several questions on proposed projects including funding sources; how needs are evaluated; the excessive expenditures proposed for 2026 due to DPW facility improvements; discussed the possibility of a millage for parks or public safety since General Fund is not sustainable; and thanked staff for the overview and that the joint meeting is valuable for both bodies.

The City Manager responded that to continue Petoskey's great services and standards an operating millage could benefit the City moving forward and would take a grass roots effort and an outside group to champion and support the millage; that the DPW facility improvements would most likely be funded through bonds; and that Planning Commission will further discuss at their August 16 meeting and Council could potentially approve the CIP at their August 21 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the City Council and Planning Commission, this August 8, 2023, special joint meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Sarah Bek, City Clerk