



CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 2021

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, December 20, 2021. This meeting was called to order at 7:00 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
Kate Marshall, City Councilmember
Derek Shiels, City Councilmember
Brian Wagner, City Councilmember
Lindsey Walker, City Councilmember (arrived at 7:03 P.M.)

Absent: None

Also in attendance were Interim City Manager/Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, Finance Supervisor Audrey Plath and Executive Assistant Sarah Bek.

Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 19613

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of December 20, 2021, City Councilmember Wagner moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Marshall adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the December 6, 2021 regular session City Council meeting be and are hereby approved; and

BE IT RESOLVED that receipt by the City Council of a report concerning all checks that had been issued since December 6, 2021 for contract and vendor claims at \$482,896.11, intergovernmental claims at \$13,502.75, and the December 9 payroll at \$367,210.45, for a total of \$863,609.31 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)
NAYS: None (0)

Mayor Murphy honored City Councilmember Marshall with a plaque and thanked her for 18 years of service and leadership to the City and citizens of Petoskey. Councilmember Marshall thanked the voters that have supported her over the years, thanked staff for their hard work, spoke of the importance of participation and of democracy especially with the tough climate now days and gave well wishes to Tina DeMoore taking on the next role as First Ward Councilmember.

Hear Public Comment

Mayor Murphy asked for public comments and heard from State Representative John Damoose who came to introduce himself and is here to represent citizens and communities; reviewed that input is needed on the bike path and that there may be federal funding available for reconstruction of path; reviewed status of short-term rental legislation; and discussed affordable housing issues.

City Councilmembers commented that short-term rental legislation is lobby driven and is a push to give Lansing power; commented on Michigan Housing Low Income Tax Credit and that it is biased towards dense populations rather than urban and rural communities; and thanked Mr. Damoose for his time and perspective on short-term rentals.

Hear City Manager Updates

The City Manager reviewed how City Planner duties will be handled during the transition to a new Planner and that John Iacoangeli of Beckett and Raeder will be contracted to provide analysis of any site plans and answer technical questions for planning and zoning matters; that the City Manager brochure is being completed by the recruiter and the ad will be posted on various job boards by end of this week with an end of January application deadline; that Councilmember Shiels asked for an update on water services and reviewed inventory of services with copper and galvanized goosenecks, that the City continues testing as part of next phase through construction projects, water breaks/leaks, meter change outs and past experience, that the next submittal is due in 2025, and reviewed that a \$25,000 Match on Main Grant from MEDC was awarded to Tom and Dick's which is a Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

City Councilmembers inquired how the services from Mr. Iacoangeli would be performed; confirmed that any ordinance changes would not occur until after a new planner was hired; inquired on the number of City Planner applicants; discussed the Interim City Manager hiring the new Planner rather than waiting until a new City Manager is appointed; inquired if the City had received any funding for water services; and thanked City Planner Amy Tweeten for her efforts in applying for the Match on Main Grant.

The City Manager responded that Mr. Iacoangeli will receive an hourly rate as a contracted service; that 26 City Planner applications had been received to-date; reviewed hiring process and who hires what positions; and that the City applied for grants to help with lead and copper changes, but did not receive funding.

Approve Board and Commission Appointments – Resolution No. 19614-19615

Mayor Murphy reviewed that City Council consider the following appointments.

City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Shiels adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby approves the reappointment of Ben Slocum, 1513 Kilborn Drive, to the Downtown Management Board for a four-year term ending December 2025.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

City Councilmember Walker moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Wagner adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby approves the appointment of Drew Smith, 435 Carleton Street, to the Downtown Management Board for a four-year term ending December 2025.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Approve EGLE Grant Agreement for Solanus Mission Beach – Resolution No. 19616

The City Manager reviewed that last December the City, along with Beckett and Raeder, submitted a grant to the Coastal Healthy Habitat, Waters and Communities Initiative through the Michigan Coastal Management Program to assist with costs related to developing access to the Solanus Mission Beach area; that the grant will cover \$112,500 of the estimated \$225,000 project cost; that the project is budgeted for 2022 in the Capital Improvement Plan and will be covered through the TIFA fund; and that bids will be due by March and begin construction in the spring.

City Councilmembers commented that neighbors in the Solanus Mission beach area shared photos from the past and it will be great for the beach to be similar to what it was previously.

City Councilmember Walker moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Shiels adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Petoskey desires to improve Solanus Mission Beach area; and

WHEREAS, the undeveloped portion of Solanus Mission Beach is not accessible to the public and is in need of passive recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Solanus Mission Beach contributes to the goals and objectives identified in the 2018-2022 City of Petoskey's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, outlining the need and the desire to improve water accessibility; and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Coastal Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Solanus Beach Improvement project is included in the approved City of Petoskey Capital Improvement Plan for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on December 7, 2020 approved the submittal of a grant request that includes a 50% local match of \$112,500, toward the low cost construction grant estimated at a total cost of \$225,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission supports the approval of the grant agreement through the Coastal Management Program to improve access to the Solanus Mission Beach area and commit to undertake this project and commit to the project match and authorize Alan Terry, City Manager, or his designee to serve as the City's representative for this project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Petoskey City Council adopt a resolution to authorize Alan Terry, City Manager, or his designee to serve as the City's representative for this project, authorize the grant agreement for the Coastal Management grant program for low cost construction of Solanus Mission Beach improvement project and provide grant funding in the amount of \$225,000 of which 50% will be from the City of Petoskey and 50% from the Coastal Management Program.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Approve 2021 Budget Amendments – Resolution No. 19617

The City Manager reviewed proposed budget amendments in the General and Library Funds; that revenue adjustments included receipt of CARES grant in Public Safety; and that the General Fund had a net increase of \$32,400 and that the Library Fund had a net increase of \$13,152.

City Councilmembers thanked staff for saving money with bond refinancing and inquired if CARES grant was state or federal funding and the City Manager responded it was federal funds.

City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Wagner adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, at the close of the City's 2021 fiscal year, the City staff has determined that revenues and expenditures within two City funds are anticipated to differ from amounts that had been budgeted for:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that budgeted revenues and expenditures within the General Fund and Library Fund be adjusted as follows:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund			
Revenues:			
Public Safety	\$ 56,200	\$ 116,200	\$ 60,000
Parks	440,700	590,700	150,000
Marina	<u>1,015,200</u>	<u>1,215,200</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 8,582,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,992,000</u>	<u>\$ 410,000</u>
Expenditures:			
Public Safety	\$ 3,371,000	\$ 3,421,000	\$ 50,000
Recreation and Cultural	<u>3,021,400</u>	<u>3,349,000</u>	<u>327,600</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 8,907,900</u>	<u>\$ 9,285,500</u>	<u>\$ 377,600</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Library Fund			
Revenues:			
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,489,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,509,050</u>	<u>\$ 19,350</u>
Expenditures:			
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 1,486,900</u>	<u>\$ 1,493,098</u>	<u>\$ 6,198</u>

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Approve Revised Virtual Meeting Procedures – Resolution No. 19618

The City Manager reviewed that City Council approved revised virtual meeting procedures for 2021 that provided provisions of PA 228 of 2020 relative to Councilmembers participating in meetings remotely; that most of those provisions end December 31, 2021, with the only way a Councilmember can participate remotely is if they are absent due to military duty; that Councilmembers and other board and commission members may no longer participate remotely due to illness; and that procedures have been revised to comply with current law and will take effect January 1, 2022.

City Councilmember Shiels moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Walker adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Petoskey City Council approved virtual meeting procedures for 2021 which included provisions for Councilmembers to participate remotely; and

WHEREAS, portions of the policy are no longer applicable as they end on December 31, 2021:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petoskey City Council hereby adopts this resolution approving the virtual meeting procedures as presented and effective on January 1, 2022.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Council Comments

Mayor Murphy asked for City Council comments and City Councilmember Walker commented that it has been an honor to serve with Councilmember Marshall for the past three years and that she has left a legacy. Councilmember Wagner thanked Councilmember Marshall for her service and that he learned a lot from her expertise and knowledge in local government, thanked City Planner Amy Tweeten for her service to Petoskey, is looking forward to welcoming Tina DeMoore in January, commented on reaching voters and community engagement with Parks and Recreation plan comments in tax bills and reiterated that the City Manager position is vacant and encouraged Representative Damoose to inform those interested in the position. Councilmember Shiels thanked Councilmember Marshall for her service and dedication to civic engagement and the community which is the example he seeks to follow. Councilmember Marshall thanked Councilmembers and wished a fruitful Council for the next few years, welcomed Tina DeMoore as the next Ward 1 representative and thanked City staff and Council for working together to make the City a great place to live. Mayor Murphy thanked Councilmember Marshall for her years of service to the citizens and Petoskey community, that even though they had different opinions that is democracy and that it was a pleasure working with her over the years.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this December 20, 2021, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Alan Terry, Clerk-Treasurer