

CITY OF HANCOCK COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET

Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M.

Call to order and pledge of allegiance

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

Absent: Woodbeck

Also present: Mary Babcock, Linda Kalinec, John Zurcher, John Erickson, Tami Sleeman, Michael Markham, Jeff Ratcliffe, Glenn Anderson, Steve Walton, Sarah Green, Kyle Forsman, Matt Eliason, other members of the media and the public.

Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to excuse Councilor Woodbeck from tonight's meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Warstler and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item 14 Consider reappointment of Jon Luse Jr. and Steph Olsson to the Downtown Development Authority with term ending January 31, 2029 and New Business item 15 Consider approval of a letter of support including a \$20,000 commitment for the Hancock Trails Club grant application for Visit Keweenaw to improve the Grill House Trailhead.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

- Sarah Green - Calumet Township - commented on recent federal executive orders and federal workers.
- Matt Eliason - attorney on behalf of Kyle Forsman - commented on Kyle's request to purchase the City owned parcel located in Quincy Township and Kyle's offer to pay expenses.
- Ben Larson - Moyle Construction Company Representative - commented on an update to Finn Hall, it is being called Summit Place, and to contact him if anyone would like a tour of the building.

Communication

Copper Country Art Center

Adams Township Supervisor – Water Rate Increase

Motion by Councilor Warstler and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to accept and place on file the communications received.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and acceptance of meeting minutes

Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to accept and place on file as presented, the Planning Commission Meeting minutes of November 18, 2024, the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of November 13, 2024, and the Portage Lake Water and Sewage Authority Meeting minutes of February 11, 2025, as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve and place on file the City Council Regular Meeting minutes of February 18, 2024, as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Reports

City Manager, Babcock gave an update on the following:

- Hancock Historic Committee is being reactivated.
- Cole Smith has been hired as the Sexton.
- Hancock Business Association is sponsoring Kids Day on April 5th.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 19th.
- Reminder of the upcoming Budget work sessions.
- Skyline Commons Redevelopment Brownfield Plan project and Resolution of Concurrence.
- Water rate history and rate increase.

Police Chief, Sleeman gave an update on the following:

- Three recruits will be attending the Academy at Northern Michigan starting May 5th.
- Hancock High School dedicated the Yearbook to School Resource Officer, Darron Olson.
- Call response, tickets, arrests statistics for the month.
- Puppy Parade will be on April 17th.
- Upcoming and completed training.

DPW Director, Erickson gave an update on the following:

- DPW crew is back on days.
- Working on street repairs from winter damage.
- Street sweeping will start soon.
- Arena will be shutting down soon.

Clerk/Treasurer, Kalinec gave an update on the following:

- Normal business in the office.

Committees:

LDFA

- Skyline Commons Redevelopment Brownfield Plan Project.

WUPPDR, Councilor McKenzie gave an update on the following:

- Working on establishing Housing Trust Funds for the different communities.
- Program funding.
- They assisted 62 homes with grant funding.

New Business

1. Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$739,103.93.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, Givens, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Warstler to approve the Skyline Commons Redevelopment Brownfield Resolution of Concurrence 25-07.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Givens to approve reappointment of Braden Knoop and Andrew Lahti to the Planning Commission with a term ending date of 2/15/2027.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor Givens and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to approve purchase a John Deere X590 Select Series Tractor with 54" Mower Deck for the Cemetery.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve the 2025 Bridgefest Fireworks display submitted by Pyrotechnico Fireworks, Inc.

- a. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to amend the motion with requirement that the City be added to the insurance as an additional insured.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve the 2025 Bridgefest Fireworks display submitted by Pyrotechnico Fireworks, Inc. with the requirement that the City be added as an additional insured on Pyrotechnico's liability insurance.

Roll Call

Yes: Rickard, Blau

No: Warstler, Lounibos, Givens

Abstain: McKenzie

Motion Failed

6. Motion by Councilor Warstler and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve the water main and sewer easement between the City of Hancock and CJH Properties located off Portage Drive.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor Warstler and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to approve the wholesale water rate increase for Franklin -Quincy Township Water Authority in the amount of .47/1,000 gallon for a new rate of \$3.02 due to increase water rate from Adams Township.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, Givens, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor Warstler and seconded by Councilor Blau to approve purchase water operating water supplies in the amount of \$6,975.00.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve purchase a Kawasaki Mule 4X4 from M & M Powersports in the amount of \$10,160.

Roll Call

Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, Givens, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve certified resolution 25-06 authorizing the application for special liquor license for the Hancock Fire Department events.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Warstler to approve OHM's amendment to contract 7030-24-0050 to adjust tasks from Wetland Delineation to parcel splits for the Business and Technology Park.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

No: None

Motion Carried

12. Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to approve Kristine Weidner's listing contract to March 24, 2026, for Spruce Haven and Sylvan Estates.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

13. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve to hold a public hearing on April 16, 2025, for proposed Resolution 25-08 to set the Water Rate and proposed Resolution 25-09 to set the Sewer Rates.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

14. Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve reappointment of Jon Luse Jr. and Steph Olsson to the Downtown Development Authority with term ending January 31, 2029.

Yes: Yes
No: None
Motion Carried

15. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve of a letter of support including a \$20,000 commitment for the Hancock Trails Club grant application for Visit Keweenaw to improve the Grill House Trailhead.

Roll Call
Yes: Warstler, Lounibos, Rickard, Givens, McKenzie, Blau
No: None
Motion Carried

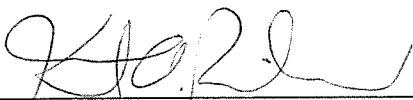
Public Comment

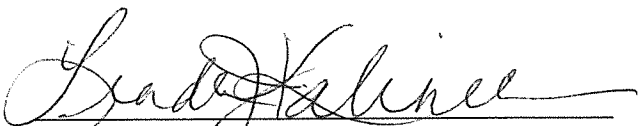
- John Zurcher – Summit St. – commented on the fireworks and difficult to hear council members.

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

Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried


Kurt Rickard, Mayor


Linda Kalinec, City Clerk



Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Liquor Control Commission (MLCC)
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30005, Lansing, MI 48909
Toll-Free: 866-813-0011 - www.michigan.gov/lcc

Business ID: 10657229

Request ID: _____

(For MLCC Use Only)

#25-06

Certified Resolution of the Membership or Board of Directors Authorizing the Application for Special License

(Required under Administrative Rule R 436.576 - Not Required for Candidate Committee)

At a ☒ Regular ☐ Special meeting of the ☐ Membership ☐ Board of Directors

called to order by Kurt Rickard on 03/19/2025 at 6:00 pm
(Date) (Time)

the following resolution was offered:

Moved by Councilor Blau and supported by Councilor Lounibos

that the application from Hancock Fire Department
(Name of Organization)

for a Special License to serve alcohol on 06/14/2025 and 09/06/2025
(Event Date or Dates)

to be located at 400 Quincy St., Hancock, MI 49930
(Physical Address - Include Location Name, Street Address, City, State, & Zip Code)

It is the consensus of this body that the application be Recommended for issuance.
(Recommended or Not Recommended)

Approval Vote Tally

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

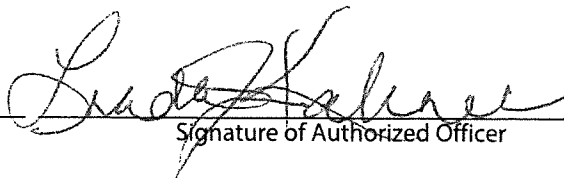
Certification by Authorized Officer of Organization:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and is a complete copy of the resolution offered and adopted by the

☒ Membership ☐ Board of Directors at a ☒ Regular ☐ Special meeting held on 03/19/2025
(Date)

Linda Kalinec, Clerk/Treasurer

Print Name & Title of Authorized Officer



Signature of Authorized Officer

03/19/2025

Date

RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE 25-07
SKYLINE COMMONS REDEVELOPMENT
BROWNFIELD PLAN
CITY OF HANCOCK

Motion by: Councilor McKenzie, Supported by: Councilor Warstler :

WHEREAS, the Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381, P.A. 1996 as amended, authorizes municipalities to create a brownfield redevelopment authority to promote the revitalization, redevelopment, and reuse of contaminated, blighted, functionally obsolete, historically designated or housing property through tax increment financing of Eligible Activities in a Brownfield Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Houghton County Board of Commissioners established the Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in accordance with Act 381; and

WHEREAS, The Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has reviewed and approved the Brownfield Plan for the Skyline Commons Redevelopment in the City of Hancock at their March 19, 2025, meeting and recommends approval by the Houghton County Board of Commissioners and concurrence by the City of Hancock Council; and

WHEREAS, Act 381 requires the concurrence of the local unit of government in which the Brownfield Plan project is located for Brownfield Plans under County Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities, and the Skyline Commons Redevelopment is located in the City of Hancock; and

WHEREAS, The Houghton County Board of Commissioners is anticipated to set and notice a public hearing for April 15, 2025 and will consider the Skyline Commons Redevelopment Brownfield Plan at their regular meeting on April 15, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of the Public Acts of 1996, as amended, being MCL 125.2651, *et seq*, the Hancock City Council hereby concurs with the Brownfield Plan for the Skyline Commons Redevelopment in the City of Hancock.

Ayes: Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Lounibos, Warstler

Nays: None

Absent: Woodbeck

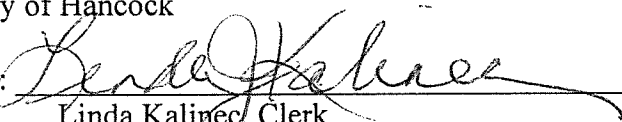
Abstain: None

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Hancock City Council at a meeting duly called and held on the 19th day of March 2025.

City of Hancock

By:


Linda Kalinec, Clerk