

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

Call to order by Chairperson Griffis at 6:00pm.

Present: Kalinec, Harris, Nagel, Walton, Griffis, Rickard, Lahti, Knoop

Absent: Blau

Also Present: Mary Babcock, Tara Dulong, Glen Bugni, Greg Tchida, Garrett Neese, Danielle Ahrens, Allison Jabusch, and other members of the community.

Motion by Member Griffis and supported by Member Lahti to excuse Member Blau from the meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Member Walton and supported by Member Griffis to approve the agenda with the correction

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

None

**Review and approval of meeting minutes**

Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Walton to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2024, meeting with corrections to add Member Blau to being excused for the meeting and changing the spelling of Member Nagel's name.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Updates** – City Manager Babcock gave the following updates:

- Finlandia Properties – The three buildings are about 70% cleaned out. There will be a sale for the community the third week in October. Paavo Nurmi sale is Thursday at the Courthouse.
- Fall/Winter Activities – The City will be helping with Heikinpäivä this year. The HOCO has ice, and open skating will start in mid-October.
- Building Permits – List is from the County and for informational purposes.
- City Council – Cross Connection Ordinance special meeting will be on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Also waiting on a rate study for the water/sewer ordinance.

**Unfinished Business**

1. City Manager Babcock will check with the attorney on applicable use.

**New Business**

1. Motion by Member Griffis and supported by Member Walton to assemble a subcommittee to review and update the ordinance and present to the commission.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

The subcommittee will consist of Members Nagel, Griffis and Rickard.

2. Member Nagel gave an update on the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation project that he is working on with Michigan Tech students. City Manager Babcock will talk to the Treasurer and Assessor about the information needed and if it is cost effective.

**Public Comment**

Glen Bugni – 340 Navy St. – President of the Portage Lake Condo Association – commented on the Navy Street expansion project. Stated concerns about the risks to their condos, the hillside and ATV trail.

Allison Jabusch – 929 Maple St. – commented about all the new faces on the commission. She spoke about the development on the waterfront and wishes the city could stop it. It is ruining our beautiful nature and access for the public to the waterfront.

Danielle Ahrens – 1222 Minnesota St. – commented on the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation project and she thinks it is a great thing and necessity for the city. Her top three ideas would be flooding, fire, and heat; where would people go during these disastrous times.


**Adjourn**

Motion by Member Kalinec and supported by Member Knoop to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

  
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Tara Dulong, Deputy Clerk