**City of Marine City**

**City Commission**

**August 18, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Commission was held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 260 South Parker Street, Marine City, and was called to order by Mayor Vercammen at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Cheryl Vercammen; Commissioners Jacob Bryson, Elizabeth Hendrick, Wendy Kellehan, William Klaassen, Brian Ross; City Manager Holly Tatman; City Clerk Shannon Adams.

Also Present: City Attorney Robert Davis

**Absent: Commissioner John Kreidler**

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to excuse Commissioner Kreidler. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick, Klaassen. Motion Carried.

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**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to approve the Agenda with items 7c moved to Item 11a. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Golan of China Township provided a correspondence received related to the Marine City landfill.

Joe Moran summarized the process used by the members of the Workgroup for City Owned Properties to reach a recommendation for the sale of 303 S. Water Street and restoration of 300 Broadway to the City Commission.

Andrew Pakledinaz cautioned against believing the words of self-appointed representatives of the citizens who give an impression that they represented the views of everyone. He made additional comments thanking everyone who donated to the 300 Broadway bandstand project.

Debbie Owens reminded everyone that Marine City isn’t just the waterfront and that the west side of the City should be equally represented.

Mike Hilferink spoke to the sale of 303 S. Water Street. He commented on the recent departure of employees who had been hired for the Treasurer role.

Barb Watson made comments related to her opposition to the sale of 303 S. Water Street property.

Cheryl Ross spoke about the potential of using the sale proceeds of 303 S. Water to revitalize 300 Broadway.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

City Clerk Adams clarified the record related to inaccurate statements made at the July 21, 2022 meeting, the demolition and sale of 823 Bruce Street, previous discussion related to the sale of 303 S. Water Street and regarding the City’s insurance policy being brought before the Commission annually.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the City Commission Meeting minutes of July 21, 2022. Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick, qualifying her no vote based on her opinion that the minutes were incomplete. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the City Commission Closed Session Meeting minutes of July 21, 2022. Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Presented:

1. MCAFA Run Report
2. Departmental Activities Reports
3. Community and Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2022 – ***Removed to Item 11a.***
4. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2022
5. 300 Broadway Committee Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2022
6. Historical Society Special Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2022
7. Pension Board Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2022
8. Pension Board Retiree Healthcare Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2022
9. Tax Increment Finance Authority Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2021
10. Special Land Use Approved by Planning Commission on 8-8-2022
11. Special Event – Tenyer’s Automotive 3rd Annual Car Show/Customer Appreciation.

Commissioner Ross inquired about the Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Grant research from the City Clerk’s monthly report. City Clerk Adams replied she was working on a plan for a pollinator garden to bring to the Commission prompted by the monarch butterfly being added to the endangered species list.

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the Consent Agenda A-K, except item C. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

Expenditures

Commissioner Hendrick questioned a bill for items taken to the landfill related to demolition of the house as part of the Marina project. Clarification was made by the City Manager related to the bill for items taken to the landfill, the City paid the bill up front and grant funding reimbursement from the County would come later. Commissioner Ross inquired about reimbursement for a donated bench, electrical cost at the water plant, and verified training he had taken had been paid for as part of the previous fiscal year.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve total expenditures including payroll, in the amount of $1,703,583.74. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

Preliminary Financial Statements

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to receive and file the Preliminary Financial Statements. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

303 S. Water Street Legal Memos Dated July 25, 2022, August 11, 2022, & August 16, 2022

City Attorney Davis explained that his memos evolved as he obtained more information and the August 16, 2022 memo was the most accurate one related to the matter of the sale of 303 S. Water Street. He reiterated the history of the Guy family bequeath of 2 parcels of property to the City, the City converted the gift to cash, added some general fund money, and purchased 303 S. Water which became the Guy Community Center, fulfilling requirements under the Guy will. He identified that under the relevant laws, park property could not be sold if it was designated as such in the Master Plan and that it is the statutory duty of the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and adopt the Master Plan. Despite there not being a state law requiring it, the Master Plan then came to the City Commission on July 15, 2021 where it was also adopted. Thus, the hindrance in selling park property was alleviated. City Attorney Davis clarified that the proposed sale was of the Guy Center property which was a lot, not just the building and that the City was reducing the size of the lot identified on the County plat map as #138 by keeping a stretch of property along the water front to be converted to part of the park, thereby retaining control of riparian rights.

Commissioner Ross requested the legal description re-written for the property upon a sale occurring to be accurate as to what was being sold and what was being kept. City Attorney Davis verified that the final purchase agreement would include a legal description of the portion of lot #138 being conveyed to the purchaser and the remainder of plat lot #138 should be voted by the Commission to be returned as part of the park property with the Park acreage to be revised at the next update of the Master Plan by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Ross stated that Lighthouse Park was designated in the Master Plan with an address of 303 S. Water Street which would need to be revised with a different address assigned.

Commissioner Hendrick referenced that an old version of the Master Plan had previously been provided and was also posted on the City’s website and stated it needed to be updated to the correct version and referenced the need for a resolution to adopt the Master Plan by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Kellehan, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to receive and file Attorney Memos dated July 25, 2022, August 11, 2022, and August 16, 2022. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

303 S. Water Street Sale

Motion by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, that any sale of 303 S. Water Street (former DTE building a.k.a. Guy Center building) be strictly limited to the 2 surveys completed by Project Control Engineering (PCE), that no other additional property be considered, and that the Planning Commission re-adopt the remainder of plat lot #138 as a park at the next review of the Master Plan. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: Klaassen, Hendrick. Commissioner Hendrick qualified her no vote stating she did not believe in selling any of the property. Motion Carried.

City Clerk Adams stated the purpose for maintaining confidentiality of the bids was to protect the City’s financial interest in obtaining the best selling price.

City Manager Tatman stated in the months the property had been for sale, two bids had come in, one with no conditions and one with a condition of two designated parking spaces on Water Street, but otherwise both were cash offers with a desire for a quick closing, and that after asking for highest and best, both potential buyers held to their original offers. She stated that she had advised the bidder with the parking space contingency of the potential of spaces on another street, but that designating parking spaces downtown was problematic due to other businesses having requested the same and been denied. Several Commissioners voiced opposition to designating parking spaces in the downtown area.

Commissioner Kellehan inquired about the proceeds of the sale and the calculation of money to be designated for the Guy Community Center. City Attorney Davis responded that the calculation could not be done until the sale was finalized, however based on the recommendation of the City accountants, a proration of money growth over time would determine the sum to be earmarked for a Community Center per the Guy bequeath and the sum of general fund money. Commissioner Bryson stated once the money sums were determined, then a discussion would later need to be had to determine what and where the Community Center would be.

Commissioner Hendrick stated a belief that the bid amounts were too low and also inquired about the plaque on the building. City Manager Tatman verified that the plaque could be removed.

Commissioner Ross inquired whether the prospective buyers had indicted an intended use for the building. City Manager Tatman responded that both buyers had suggested interest in a high end Air B&B in the existing building. Commissioner Hendrick inquired if there was an intent to add an additional floor and City Manager Tatman replied the only thing that had been discussed was adding a deck on the back. Commissioner Klaassen asked about existing restrictions on the use and City Manager Tatman stated that it was zoned B-1 which allowed an Air B&B.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to give the City Manager authority to accept the highest bid without the parking space contingency for the sale of the 303 S. Water Street property. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: Klaassen, Hendrick. Commissioner Hendrick qualified her no vote stating she has never voted to sell the building. Motion Carried.

Flock System

Marine City Police Chief Heaslip explained that the Flock System was a law enforcement investigative tool used to help solve crimes that included cameras installed at the ingress and egress of a community which took snapshots of license plates. Chief Heaslip stated that County Commissioner Vandenbossche earmarked $15,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for this system, and that he would like to use $2,850.00 in drug forfeiture funds to purchase an additional camera. He stated he would begin with 10 cameras on a trial basis for 60 days after which it would be narrowed to 6 cameras he intended to keep, providing coverage at 3 points of ingress and egress and capturing both directions of traffic. Chief Heaslip indicated that if the system was successful he would be looking for grant funding and that County Commissioner Vandenbossche indicated a willingness to help find funding for future years. Mayor Vercammen asked about the cost of the program and Chief Heaslip responded it was a subscription based service which cost $2,500 per year per camera with an initial installation cost of $350.00 per camera. Commissioner Ross verified the total amount was $17,850.00 for the first year.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Hendrick, to waive competitive bidding due to being a single source purchase for the Flock System. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Hendrick, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the purchase of the Flock System for a term of one year using $15,000.00 in Saint Clair County ARPA funds donated by County Commissioner Vandenbossche and $2,850.00 from the Marine City Police Department Drug Forfeiture Fund. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Hendrick, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Treasurer’s Contract

Commissioner Hendrick inquired about the completion of the background check and drug test. City Manager Tatman responded that both items were pending; and pending the outcome of both, Nichole Lasecki’s first day would be August 24, 2022. Mayor Vercammen spoke to the difficulties hiring in the existing job market and referenced that previous candidates hired decided the job was not for them and departed; not due to personality conflicts between the staff members. City Manager Tatman confirmed this statement and indicated that Ms. Lasecki’s background involved presentation skills indicative of her ability to manage the stress of the job.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the contact as drafted between the City and Nichole Lasecki. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick. Commissioner Hendrick qualified her no vote based on her belief that there were other more qualified candidates, that it was nothing personal against Ms. Lasecki. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 012-2022 Acceptance of MDNR Grant Terms TF21-0138

City Manager Tatman stated the State legislature passed an appropriation bill which the DNR Trust funds were part of and part of the requirement to receive those funds was the adoption of a Resolution by the City Commission. Commissioner Hendrick inquired about a schedule for the list of requirements which City Manager Tatman replied in the affirmative that a schedule would be made.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve Resolution No. 012-2022. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 013-2022 Retire Existing Debt Service Sewer Fee

City Manager Tatman explained that the City had a bond on the sewer department that had been paid off and the Resolution was to record that payoff and to take the code off from the water/sewer bills.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve Resolution No. 013-2022. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 014-2022 Establish Sewer Maintenance Fee

City Manager Tatman explained that the amount would be identical to that which was assessed under the debt service sewer fee that had just been retired, that it would be under a different code and the purpose of the fee would be to designate funds to help with the aging infrastructure system and for storm drain maintenance for which there were no allocated funds. Commissioner Hendrick referenced creating a ready to serve storm drain fee. City Attorney Davis explained that ready to serve cannot be used for storm drains. City Manager Tatman indicated the new fee would have a flexible use which would include funding storm drain maintenance but could be used, if needed, for other maintenance. Commissioner Bryson agreed that naming it a storm drain fee would pigeon hole the use to one purpose. Commissioner Ross suggested calling it a Storm Drain/Sewer Maintenance Fee. DPW Superintendent Mike Itrich agreed with the need for the fee to be able to have a flexible use.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve Resolution No. 014-2022 with a change in the name to Sewer/Storm Drain Maintenance Fee. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 22-003 Community & Economic Development Board Revision (1st Read)

City Manager Tatman stated the purpose of the Ordinance revision was to allow the Community and Economic Development Board (CEDB) the ability to spend money they fundraised and, any future funds that could be allocated to them in a future budget due to the fact that the Board had evolved since its creation as merely an advisory board. City Attorney Davis stated that the spending provisions and requirements in the Charter would be applicable.

Commissioner Hendrick stated her disapproval of removal of the status of the CEDB as an advisory board. She made reference to the June 22, 2022 meeting minutes of the CEDB, removed from the consent agenda, and reminded the Commission of a previous motion to return the CEDB money that had been fundraised at the Splash Bash, from the City to the Chamber, but that at the CEDB meeting the City Manager had indicated she would not be returning the funds and, instead, would be revising the Ordinance. City Manager Tatman stated if the CEDB fundraised outside of the Chamber, per the Chamber President, it was problematic for them to hold the CEBD funds and that revising the Ordinance fixed a variety of issues related to the CEBD, including the money issue. Commissioner Hendrick stated she spoke to an accountant who expressed a different opinion on the matter but upon being requested by the City Manager to state who gave her the opinion, she declined to name her source. City Attorney Davis requested Commissioner Hendrick to obtain an opinion from the accountant as to what direction they recommended.

Commissioner Hendrick addressed her concerns related to giving the minor boards more power. City Manager Tatman reminded the Commission they still maintained the oversight and would see all activity of the minor boards in the financials and that anything over a certain dollar amount threshold would have to come to the City Commission for approval. Commissioner Hendrick referenced the boards making decisions and conducting activities that she was not aware of until after the fact due to reading the minutes. City Attorney Davis responded that reporting to the City Commission was the duty of the liaison for those boards. Commissioner Bryson made the statement that the City Commission could continue to micromanage the minor boards, or they could give them the tools to go forth and conquer, and questioned why the members of the boards would be appointed if they were not trusted.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to accept the first reading of the Ordinance No. 22-003 Community & Economic Development Board Revision. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: Hendrick. Motion Carried.

Zoning Map Updates (1st Read)

Commissioner Ross identified that the maps were supposed to be distributed in color.

Motion by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to set aside the first reading of the Zoning Map until the September 15, 2022 meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

300 Broadway Bandstand at Heritage Square Park

Commissioner Hendrick inquired about timing and DPW Superintendent Itrich responded construction was expected to begin before the end of August.

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Bryson, to approve the construction plans as submitted for the bandstand at Heritage Square Park at 300 Broadway. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Nyhart Contract – Pension

Commissioner Hendrick stated that because the money came from the Pension Fund, it would still be necessary for the Nyhart contracts to be approved by that board. City Manager Tatman explained that the contracts were for professional services and not approving them would cause the audit to be late and result in monetary penalization which equated to a cost to the tax payers. She also stated that per Public Act. 202 actuarial services do not need to be bid out annually. The standard was every 7-8 years another actuary did an audit of the current service or a bid process was conducted. City Attorney Davis inquired as to the authority which Commissioner Hendrick referenced that the Pension Board had to approve the money for the contracts. She declined to state her source of information. City Attorney Davis advised since there was a deadline by which to approve the contracts to avoid the City’s audit being late, the Commission could vote to pay the contractual fees for the actuarial service from the general fund then at a later meeting the Pension Board could vote to reimburse the General Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve to pay the Nyhart Contract re: pension services out of the general fund and to present the fee to the Pension Board for reimbursement to the General Fund. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Nyhart Contract – Retiree Healthcare

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve to pay the Nyhart Contract re: retiree healthcare services out of the General Fund and to present the fee to the Pension Board for reimbursement to the General Fund. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Presentation

City Manager Tatman detailed her plan to use the ARPA funds for grant matching which, per the City auditor, Curtis McBride, was an approved use. She also stated, if there were ARPA funds remaining as the 2026 spending deadline approached, then the funds could be utilized where they were needed at that time.

Commissioner Hendrick clarified that none of the funds would be used for roads unless a grant was available. City Manager Tatman agreed that was accurate at the moment, but indicated that position could change later and that all proposed projects and requests for matching grant dollars would come before the City Commission for approval. She also reminded the Commission that DPW Superintendent Itrich was going out for bid on the milling and capping for five road projects. Commissioner Kellehan verified that if an emergency project arose, such as a road completely caved in, then the ARPA funds could be used for that which City Manager Tatman agreed.

Commissioner Hendrick suggested that the citizens wanted a Splash Pad. City Manager Tatman referenced there was potentially grant money available for such a project and stated that she had spoken to a woman at Washington Life Center to make sure they did not have a plan for the property they were leasing at the North end of the City where it had been suggested a splash pad, pickle ball courts, playground equipment, and a walking path could be installed. She also had conversations with the Superintendent of East China School District about her plans for the property, since they owned it, and that the Superintendent was taking the matter back to the school board for consideration

Motion by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to approve the intended use of the ARPA funds for grant matching provided that every grant proposal would be brought before the Commission for approval and that remaining funds would be able to be spent on other projects prior to the 2026 deadline. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Marine City Police Department Carpet Replacement Bid

Chief Heaslip stated on July 12, 2022 he had put out a request for sealed bids for the replacement of the carpet in the police station, that those bids were opened in the presence of City Clerk Adams, City Manager Tatman, and himself on August 15, 2022, and the lowest, most advantageous bid was from Flooring Edge of Kimball Township, Michigan, in an amount of $4,995.34. Chief Heaslip stated this would replace every room and the trim and that there had been an agreement made that he and his officers would help with the preparation work by removing the existing carpet. He also added the funds to do the carpet replacement had already been budgeted into his capital outlay.

Commissioner Ross inquired if, by virtue of the closed bid process, if the City was required to take the lowest bid. City Attorney Davis stated that requirement had been repealed in favor of taking the most responsible, beneficial bid.

Motion by Commissioner Bryson, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, accept the proposal from Flooring Edge of Kimball, MI to replace the carpeting in the police station for $4,995.34. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen, Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Community and Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Hendrick, seconded by Commissioner Kellehan, to approve the Community and Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2022 as Consent Agenda item 7c. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Bryson, Hendrick, Kellehan, Klaassen, Ross, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Tatman stated the intent for the evening had been a short agenda, but projects came to fruition and issues arose that required attention so it became a longer agenda and she thanked everyone for pushing through it. City Manager Tatman thanked the staff in all of the City departments for all of their hard work and spoke of how morale was up and how nice it was to come to work where there was camaraderie among the City staff. She expressed her appreciation to the City Commission for allowing only one meeting a month because it permitted for the staff and herself the work-period to effectively be able to execute tasks and bring properly prepared documents and ideas to the Commission for approval. She also thanked the Commission for doing the hard job of making decisions that they felt were in the best interest of the City while knowing that they would not please everyone. City Manager Tatman spoke of several grant opportunities that were potentially going to come to fruition that the administration was working on to bring before the Commission for approval with the end goal of bringing money into the City for positive projects. She further spoke about the progress on blight and that more citizens were coming into compliance due to the efforts of the building official, code enforcer, the admin staff, and even the police department, related to matters that were within their jurisdiction. She spoke of revitalization with several new builds that were happening, which meant new businesses and residents coming to the City. City Manager Tatman thanked those who were making positive social media posts and who had positive things to say to her over the phone and in public about Marine City, their experiences when visiting the City, and of the progress the City was making.

Mayor Vercammen commented on the morale in the City offices and referenced that she previously would visit when she first became a City Commissioner and that walking into the offices was very quiet, but City Manager Tatman had turned that around by bringing in staff who want work and help each other, and had developed a friendly camaraderie, and that happy people were productive people.

Commissioner Ross stated he had previously been to a conference where a portion of the Conference was on Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) and was still not clear based on the information provided, how it benefited a City. City Manager Tatman stated being a Redevelopment Ready Community began with revitalizing the Master Plan and it gave a City points with MEDC to go after grant money that would otherwise be unavailable to help with revitalization and economic development and growth.

Commissioner Klaassen referenced having been approached by a citizen about the downtown sidewalks being ADA compliant. City Manager Tatman stated that Building Official Tracy Kallek had been sent to verify that businesses with outdoor space were within the Ordinance and he found one that was not in compliance, which had been addressed. She further indicated that businesses who put out sandwich boards for advertisement needed to understand that they could not put them in the middle of the sidewalks and to allow clearance.

**COMMISSIONER PRIVILEGE/LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Hendrick stated an issue with not being permitted to respond to the Mayor related to a statement made about the DPW Superintendent hiring “his buddy” at the June 16, 2022 meeting, and that it was taken out of context. She stated further grievances with the Commission voting on a motion to discontinue bypassing the bid process but doing so anyway, being in disagreement with the minutes as recorded, her belief that information was not provided to her when requested, about individuals being denied to be on agendas without providing documentation, and about the City adding late items to the agenda without documentation or providing belated documentation. She referenced asking questions on behalf of the public so they understand the business of the City. Commissioner Hendrick invited the public to vote in the coming election to have a voice in who represents them on the City Commission.

Commissioner Hendrick requested a list of those that would be sent a letter as related to the vacant buildings Ordinance. City Manager Tatman indicated the list was being developed but when it became available she would provide it to her.

Commissioner Klaassen provided his Planning Commission liaison report and stated the Special Land Use Application for a semi-truck repair facility on King Road was approved and that the City Manager had provided them with the updated Master Plan to work from. He also recommended the citizens get out and enjoy the good weather.

Commissioner Bryson apologized for his appearance and for those sitting next to him as he had gotten tied up with a welding job up until immediately before the meeting and did not have time to clean up or change.

Commissioner Ross provided his liaison report for the Historical Commission and stated they were working on the first draft of the historically contributing properties list for the Nautical Mile overlay district.

Commissioner Ross also provided his liaison report for the 300 Broadway Committee which met at historic City Hall and conducted a tour of the building. He indicated the project would need a name and a mission statement which would be decided at a forthcoming meeting.

Commissioner Ross thanked the City offices for their diligence in providing him a water leakage notice which alerted him to a leaking toilet in his home. Additionally, he referenced the good projects that were happening, requested the citizens to vote in November, suggested people go out and support their community at Battle of the Bands, reminded the public that Marine City football players were selling their gold discount cards, he thanked the storm drain artists and suggested that touch-ups might be needed to some of the art, and he also invited feedback from citizens with their concerns and comments so he could be better able to support them. DPW Superintendent Itrich from the audience indicated that as to the storm drain art, touch-ups would be happening.

Mayor Vercammen thanked the local artists who had contributed their talents to incorporate art into the downtown districts and would like to see similar projects continue. She thanked the voters who came out to the polls on Election Day who were kind and respectful of the voting process. She referenced an increase in vandalism and theft in the City parks and invited people if they see something, to say something, or contact the police department. She advertised the 2nd Annual Battle of the Bands the coming weekend at Nautical Mile Park which supported the local area schools boosters. She also advertised a need for volunteers for Maritime Days for the annual festival and recommended reaching out to the Committee. Mayor Vercammen announced Washington Life Center’s End of Summer Spectacular on August 31, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. with raffles, an art show, and book sale. She reminded citizens that school would be beginning and that everyone needed to take extra care at bus stops. She commented that she only had two more meetings as Mayor and that she wanted to thank everyone on the Commission who had helped her along the way, which was what a community was all about: helping others. She closed with the statement that disagreements are fine but disrespect was not and requested that everyone continue to work together for the beautiful community of Marine City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Klaassen, to adjourn at 10:19 P.M. All Ayes**.** Motion Carried.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Shannon M. Adams City Clerk