

***Council Proceedings, June 15, 2022***  
***Ishpeming, MI 49849***

The Special Joint meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Lindsay Bean called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lindsay Bean, Councilmembers Jason Chapman and Stuart Skaug (arrived at 6:10 p.m.) (3).  
Excused: Councilmembers Elizabeth Firby and Pat Scanlon (2). Also present was City Manager Craig Cugini and Attorney Caroline Bridges.

Planning Commission members present: David Lawler, Mike Kinnunen, and Kari Getschaw (via Zoom).

Downtown Development Authority members present: Sandy Arsenault, David Aeh, and David Aro (via Zoom).

AGENDA COMMENT – Public comment was offered via Zoom and in person. There was no agenda comment.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE ISHPEMING CITY COUNCIL, DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

**LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION (LSCP)**

Introduction of new LSCP CEO, Christopher Germain – Elle Jensen introduced Christopher Germain, new LSCP Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Germain thanked Council for their acceptance of the LSCP agreement with the City of Ishpeming and was excited to work with the City in the future.

MASTER PLAN STATUS – Ryan Soucy, CUPPAD, advised the Master Plan was nearing completion. The final draft should be presented to the Planning Commission at the August meeting; it would then go to the Ishpeming City Council and be put out for public review. He further reviewed some sections of the draft Master Plan including the vision statement.

**LSCP MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY –**

Elle Jensen, LSCP, reviewed the Communication and Marketing Strategy for promotion of the City's services, community events, resources, and other economic opportunities available to the public. She further reviewed communication platforms, opportunities, partnering with other agencies, and how they would all work together for communication and marketing.

Discussion took place on the percent of the population that does not have access or does not use technology and options on how to get information out to those individuals. Ms. Jensen indicated the LSCP would like to have informational meetings scheduled for the public. She has set a June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for feedback from Council and Board members on the Communication and Marketing Strategy.

Manager Cugini advised the Senior Center would be holding a Lunch and Learn and he would be participating on July 7<sup>th</sup>. He provided some additions to the Potential Partners list such as Housing Commission, Veteran organizations, Kiwanis, etc.

**REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES (RRC) STATUS**

Ms. Jensen advised an annual joint meeting was required for RRC status but she suggested a joint meeting be held more than once a year. Mr. Germain briefly reviewed the RRC program and progress made by the City of Ishpeming.

**DRAFT BLIGHT MITIGATION STRATEGY**

Ms. Jensen reviewed the strategies in the Neighborhood Improvement and Blight Remediation Strategy including administration which would be at an approximate cost of \$50,000. She noted that this would require input from several individuals in order to have good ordinances in place. There was discussion related to the existing ordinances and enforcement. This strategy would give the City options and to help with next steps for blight remediation in the City.

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Board and Commission Updates

Mayor Bean felt additional joint meetings should be held in the future. She felt the next joint meeting should be held in mid to late September. She indicated the Planning Commission would like a joint meeting to discuss Malton Road. The next joint meeting could also include DDA façade grants.

Manager Cugini provided an update on the 5-year Recreation Plan; the possibility of grant funding from Recreation Economy for Rural Communities; announced the appointment of the new Chief of Police Chad Radabaugh, and the appointment of the new Finance Office Manager Joseph Erickson.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember Chapman, supported by Councilmember Skauge, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
City Clerk