

Ishpeming Community Engagement Open House — Agenda

Date: October 30

Location: Senior Center

Time: 4:00–7:00 PM

4:00– 5:30 PM: Open House - Visit department tables, provide 1:1 feedback on strategic plan, meet with city officials.

- Department head tables for resident interaction
 - DPW, Police, Fire, Library, DDA, Clerk, Zoning, and Administration
- City branding display with stickers or promotional materials
- Introduction to new city branding in an informal setting
- Light refreshments and open conversation with staff

5:30 – 6:00 PM: Official City Updates

- Mayor's remarks
- City Manager's update on current projects, budget overview, and upcoming initiatives
- Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Introduction of new branding and its connection to community identity

6:00 – 6:30 PM: Strategic Plan Engagement Session (group)

- Full community session facilitated by Brad and Will from Michigan State University
- Overview of the city's draft strategic priorities
- Structured discussion with opportunities for public input
- Open Q&A and feedback collection for future planning

6:30 – 7:00 PM: Closing Comments & Final Networking

- Continued discussion with city staff and leadership
- Opportunity to connect with departments for follow-up questions
- Event closing remarks

Goals:

- Strengthen community–city dialogue

- Gather actionable ideas for strategic planning
- Provide transparency on major projects and branding direction
- Build enthusiasm for continued public involvement