

CALL TO ORDER

IN SPECIAL SESSION Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Marshall Fire Department, 1201 Arms Street, Marshall, MI 49068 and Via ZOOM, the Marshall City Council was called to order by Mayor Caron.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called:

Present: Council Members: Mayor Caron, Gates, McNeil, Metzger, Traver, Underhill, and Wolfersberger.

Also Present: City Manager Tarkiewicz

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Caron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Creation of a Social District:

Moved Gates, supported Underhill, to approve the recommendation to adopt a resolution which would create the Social District, set the boundaries of the common areas, approve the hours the district would be allowed to be open, and approve the maintenance and management plans. On a roll call vote – ayes: Gates, McNeil, Metzger, Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger, and Mayor Caron; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITY OF MARSHALL, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION # 2020-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE
THE MARSHALL SOCIAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic has created tremendous strain on the local business community and the City of Marshall desires to assist local businesses by providing available tools to help them remain successful;

WHEREAS, Public Act 124 of 2020 (the, “Act”) provides for the creation of a social district that would allow licensed establishments to sell alcohol that would be consumed outside of the premise, but within the limits of the Social District;

WHEREAS, the Act allows Michigan municipalities to establish Social Districts that allow for common areas where two or more contiguous licensed establishments could sell alcoholic beverages in special cups to be taken into the designated common area for consumption;

WHEREAS, the Marshall Social District's boundaries are Grand Street on the west, Mansion Street on the north, Marshall Street on the east, and Green Street on the south. The common areas within the Social District are as shown on the attached map (Appendix A), and as may be amended by the City Council;

WHEREAS, the City Administration has established a Maintenance and Management Plan (the "Plan") for the Social District as required under the Act. The Plan establishes the common areas, the hours and time period for the operation thereof, and any rules and regulations for the Social District as established by the City. The Plan may be amended from time to time by City Administration, subject to City Council review;

WHEREAS, the creation of the Marshall Social District would be an immediate draw to Downtown Marshall and benefit to local business; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marshall City Council does hereby approve the creation of the Marshall Social District for consideration by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission in Downtown Marshall.

Voting For: Caron, Gates, McNeil, Metzger, Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger

Voting Against: None.

Absent: None.

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Marshall at a special meeting held on the 23rd day of July, 2020.

Trisha Nelson, City Clerk

Date

B. Local Government Approval for Social District Permits:

Moved Traver, supported Gates, to approve resolutions for application for Social District permits for Stagecoach, Schuler's, Copper, Broadway, Grand River, and Mike's Place. On a roll call vote – ayes: Gates, McNeil, Metzger, Traver, Underhill, Wolfersberger, and Mayor Caron; nays: none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Joe Caron, Mayor

Trisha Nelson, Clerk