

Minutes of the
City Commission for the City of Traverse City
Organizational Meeting



November 11, 2013

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Traverse City was called to order at the Commission Chambers, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan, at 7 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Michael Estes, Commissioner Barbara D. Budros; Commissioner James Carruthers; Commissioner Jeanine Easterday; Commissioner Gary L. Howe; Commissioner Ross W. Richardson; and Commissioner Timothy M. Werner.

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette administered the Oath of Office of City Commissioner to Gary Lee Howe.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette administered the Oath of Office of City Commissioner to Ross William Richardson.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette administered the Oath of Office of City Commissioner to Timothy Michael Werner.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette administered the Oath of Office of Mayor to Michael Estes.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette turns the gavel and meeting over to newly-elected and sworn in Mayor Michael Estes.

Mayor Michael Estes presiding.

Roll Call

1.

Selection of the Mayor Pro Tem from the membership of the City Commission for a one-year term expiring November 10, 2014.

Commissioner Easterday nominated Commissioner James Carruthers to serve as Mayor Pro Tem until November 2014.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Estes called for a vote for Commissioner James Carruthers to serve as Mayor Pro Tem until November 2014.

CARRIED unanimously.

2.

Consideration of appointment by the City Commission of two of its members to the City Planning Commission.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Carruthers, that Commissioners Easterday and Werner be appointed each to a one-year term expiring November 10, 2014, on the Planning Commission

CARRIED unanimously.

3.

Consideration of appointment by the Mayor with approval of the City Commission of an administrative official to the City Planning Commission.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Easterday, that the Mayor's appointment of City Treasurer/Finance Director William Twietmeyer to a two-year term expiring November 9, 2015, on the City Planning Commission, be approved.

CARRIED unanimously.

4.

Consideration of appointment by the Mayor with approval of the City Commission of four citizen members to the City Planning Commission.

Moved by Easterday, seconded by Werner, that the Mayor's appointment of Janet Fleshman to a three-year term (seat previously held by Cecil McNally) expiring November 14, 2016, on the City Planning Commission; and the Mayor's appointment of Cecil McNally to one unexpired three-year term (seat previously held by now-Commissioner Timothy Werner) expiring November 10, 2014, on the City Planning Commission; and the Mayor's appointment of Jody Bergman to one unexpired three-year term (seat previously held by now-Commissioner Gary Howe) expiring November 9, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED unanimously.

5.

Consideration of appointment by the Mayor with approval of the City Commission of one of the Commission members to the Grand Traverse County Township Association.

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Easterday, that the Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Budros to a two-year term expiring November 9, 2015, (seat previously held by Commissioner Budros), on the Grand Traverse County Township Association, be approved.

CARRIED unanimously.

6.

Consideration of appointment by the Mayor with approval of the City Commission and Grand Traverse County Board of one of the Commission members to the Grand Traverse County Department of Public Works Board.

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Howe, that the Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Richardson to one unexpired three-year term, expiring December 31, 2014, (seat previously held by former Commissioner Michael Gillman) on the Grand Traverse County Department of Public Works Board, be approved.

CARRIED unanimously.

7.

Consideration of appointment by the City Commission of two of its members to the Traverse City Light and Power Board.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Easterday, that Commissioner Budros and Mayor Pro Tem Carruthers each be reappointed a two-year term expiring November 9, 2015, on the Traverse City Light and Power Board.

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street – made general comments

CARRIED unanimously.

8.

Consideration of appointment by the City Commission of one of its members to serve on the Grand Traverse County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, with approval of the Grand Traverse County Board.

Moved by Budros, seconded by Carruthers, that Commissioner Richardson be appointed to a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2016, (seat previously held by former Commissioner Michael Gillman) on the Grand Traverse County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors.

CARRIED unanimously.

9.

Consideration of appointment by the City Commission of one of its members as a Regular Member and one of its members as an Alternate Member on

the Next Michigan Development Corporation Board.

Moved by Carruthers, seconded by Budros, that Commissioner Easterday be appointed as a Regular Member and Commissioner Howe be appointed as an Alternate Member, each to a one-year term expiring November 10, 2014, (seats previously held by Mayor Estes and Commissioner Easterday, respectively) on the Next Michigan Corporation Board.

CARRIED unanimously.

10.

Announcements from the City Clerk.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

11.

Public Comment.

The following addressed the Commission:

Commissioner Jeanine Easterday

There being no objection, Mayor Michael Estes declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Benjamin C. Marentette, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)