

Minutes of the
City Commission for the City of Traverse City
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2014



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, Barbara D. Budros, Jeanine Easterday, Gary L. Howe, Ross Richardson, Tim Werner.

The following Commissioner was absent: Mayor Pro Tem James Carruthers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Michael Estes presided at the meeting.

As requested by Commissioner Ross Richardson, Agenda Items 2(a) and 2(b) were removed from the Consent Calendar for full discussion.

2. Consent Calendar

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Budros, that the following actions as recommended on the amended Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda be approved:

- a. Removed from the Consent Calendar.
- b. Removed from the Consent Calendar.
- c. That the Resolution Establishing Fees for the Duncan L. Clinch Marina Transient Rates 2014, be adopted.

CARRIED unanimously. (Carruthers absent)

Items removed from the Consent Calendar

a.

Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2014, and Study Session of January 27, 2014.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Budros that the amended minutes of the January 21, 2014, Regular Meeting, and January 27, 2014, Study Session be approved.

CARRIED unanimously. (Carruthers absent)

b.

Consideration of adopting a resolution accepting a \$232,000 Great Lakes Fishery Trust Grant to fund environmental, engineering and design work for a new, universally-accessible multi-purpose pier in West Grand Traverse Bay at the mouth of the Boardman River and approving the related budget amendment.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Budros, that the resolution accepting the Great Lakes Fishery Trust grant in the amount of \$232,000 for final design and environmental work associated with the possible construction of a universally-accessible multi-use pier in West Grand Traverse Bay be adopted; and that the City Manager be authorized to execute all related agreements; and further that a budget amendment in the amount of \$232,000 be made in the Capital Projects Fund to reflect the receipt and expenditure of the grant proceeds.

Jered Ottenwess, City Manager

Deni Scudato, 422 East State Street – made general comments

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street – made general comments

CARRIED unanimously. (Carruthers absent)

3. Old Business

3(a).

Consideration of a report from the City Commission Ad Hoc Committee on Park and Public Land Use and Noise Regulation and recommended changes.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Budros, that the Resolution Establishing Fees for Park and Public Land Use be amended as generally described in the January 30, 2014, communication from the City Commission Ad Hoc Committee on Parks and Public Land Use and Noise Regulation and as submitted with the February 3, 2014, meeting materials; and further that the Parks and Public Land Use Policy be amended to provide that a maximum of two quadrants in the Open Space may be used for High Impact Events and that the Parks and Recreation Commission review and provide recommendations to the City Clerk regarding first-time High Impact Park Use Event Applications.

The following addressed the Commission:

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street – made general comments
Jered Ottenwess, City Manager
Lauren Tribble-Laucht, City Attorney
Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

CARRIED unanimously. (Carruthers absent)

4. New Business

4(a).

Consideration of adopting a resolution authorizing a contract for payment in lieu of taxes as requested by Craig Patterson – Woda Group.

The following addressed the Commission:

Jered Ottenwess, City Manager

Craig Patterson, Vice President, WODA Group, Westerville, Ohio

No action was taken.

4(b).

Consideration of authorizing an amendment to the Employment Agreement for City Manager to provide for City Manager travel outside of a 25 mile radius of the city, be made by rental car or mileage reimbursement.

The following addressed the Commission:

Jered Ottenwess, City Manager

Moved by Budros, seconded by Werner, that the Mayor and City Clerk execute the First Amendment to Employment Agreement for City Manager with Jered Ottewness (original agreement authorized May 20, 2013), to provide that the City Manager may receive mileage reimbursement for travel in his personal vehicle or car rental reimbursement for travel outside of a 25-mile radius of the Governmental Center, whichever is in the best interest of the city, such amendment subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

CARRIED unanimously. (Carruthers absent)

4(c).

Consideration of renaming the former Veterans Memorial Park at Division and Bay Street as *Slabtown Corner* and naming the dog park within the park at Division and Bay Street as *Wags West*, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Easterday, that the former Veterans Memorial Park be renamed *Slabtown Corner* and that the dog park enclosure in that same park be named *Wags West*, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

CARRIED unanimously. (Carruthers absent)

5. Appointments

5(a).

Consideration of re-establishing the City Commission Ad Hoc Committee to make a recommendation regarding sidewalk cafés.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Easterday, that a City Commission Sidewalk Café Ad Hoc Committee be reestablished (originally established on August 5, 2013) to make a recommendation regarding sidewalk cafés; and that Mayor Pro Tem Carruthers and Commissioners Budros and Easterday be reappointed to such committee, with Mayor Pro Tem Carruthers to serve as Chair, with the committee to expire August 3, 2014.

CARRIED unanimously. (Carruthers absent)

6. Reports and Communications

The following were received and filed:

- a. Reports, announcements and correspondence from the City Manager.
- Report regarding state regulations regarding a hotel tax.
- b. Announcements from the City Clerk.
- c. Reports, announcements and correspondence from the Mayor and City Commissioners.
- d. Reports and correspondence from other City officials, boards and committees.
 1. Report from the Mayor serving on the Downtown Development Authority.
 2. Report from Commissioners serving on the Light and Power Board.
 3. Report from the Mayor and Commissioner serving on the Planning

Commission.

- 4. Report from Commissioners serving on other boards.
 - 5. Minutes of the Traverse City Light and Power Board meeting of December 10, 2013.
- e. Reports and correspondence from non-City officials.
- 1. Monthly Operations Report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from CH2MHILL for December 2013.
 - 2. Minutes of the History Center Board of Directors meeting of January 7, 2014.

7. Public Comment

The following addressed the Commission:

- 1. Reserved.
- 2. General.

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street
David Bedells, 422 Washington Street

- 3. Mayor and City Commissioners.

None.

There being no objection, Mayor Michael Estes declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Benjamin C. Marentette, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)