



Minutes of the
City Commission for the City of Traverse City
Study Session
September 8, 2014

A study session 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, Mayor Pro Tem James Carruthers, Barbara D. Budros, Jeanine Easterday, Ross Richardson, Tim Werner.

The following Commissioner was absent: Gary Howe.

Mayor Michael Estes presided at the meeting.

1.

Discussion regarding the National Cherry Festival.

There being no objection from the Commission, Mayor Michael Estes removed this item from the Agenda; and it was the consensus of the Commission to refer it to the September 22, 2014, Study Session.

There being no objection, Mayor Michael Estes declared a recess.

There being no objection, Mayor Michael Estes modified the order of the agenda to consider item 3 on the published agenda next and consider the remaining items in consecutive order.

2.

Discussion regarding a proposal from Grand Traverse Sports Center for use of the City-owned building at 517 Wellington Street.

Commissioner Budros made the following disclosure: she is personal friends with Darrel Rogers of Grand Traverse Sports Center and his wife Dawn; Commissioner Budros' family has played soccer and volunteered for soccer-related activities with Darrel Rogers and those now affiliated with the organization known as Grand Traverse Sports Center. Commissioner Budros' daughters grew up playing North Star soccer and one of his daughters is now a paid North Start Coach and also coaches North Star's Special Olympics Team. Therefore, while she does not have a financial conflict of interest, there may be an appearance of a conflict of interest because of a personal relationship with Mr. Rogers. Commissioner Budros asked that if any member of the Commission had an issue with her participating in this discussion and the making of a decision to respond or object now; no member of the Commission responded or objected.

The following addressed the Commission:

Darrell Rogers, Grand Traverse Sports Center
Jered Ottenwess, City Manager

3.

Presentation regarding current state of homeless and housing, by Emilee Syrewicze, JD, Executive Director of Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing, whose mission statement is ending homelessness by promoting mental wellness.

The following addressed the Commission:

Emilee Syrewicze, Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing Executive
Director

4.

Public comment

The following addressed the Commission:

Tom Mair, 612 Fifth Street
Edgar Roy, 412 South Union Street

Jim Chan, 2903 Ridge Trail Drive, Garfield Township, City business owner
Randell Billingsley, 205 Wellington
Dale Hunt, 522 East Eighth Street
Bill Smith, 205 North Oak Street
Charlene Hunt, 522 East Eighth Street, City business owner
Marc Ryan, 191 Hammond Road West, Garfield Township
Emilee Kuschell, 1226 Oakland Street
Susan Kuschell, 500 Webster Street
Sharon Neumann, 401 Washington Street
Tom Point, 2829 Ridge Trail Drive, Garfield Township, Inacomp Computer
Center, Stations Condominium Association President
Harry Fischer, 545 Riverine Drive
F. Josephine Arrowood, 1167 E Darga Road, Cedar
Jeff Ross, 1167 E Darga Road, Cedar
Kathryn Stewart, 3366 Summerleaf Drive, East Bay Township, City
Business Owner
Jim Stewart, 3366 Summerleaf Drive, East Bay Township, City business
owner
Richard Kuschell, 500 Webster Street, City business owner
Ed Smith, 545 Webster Street
Denny Braun, 602 Washington Street
Brandon Hunt, 717 Highland Park Drive
Doug Treece, 616 East Eighth Street
Tammy Ensmann, 616 East Eighth Street
Mike Akerley, 3740 Shores Beach Lane, Acme Township, City business
owner
Carolyn Green, 735 Webster Street
Mark Jensen, 7675 Harrys Road, City business owner
John Scudato, 422 East State Street
Dale Neumann, 401 Washington Street
Kathy Anslow, 1408 North Orchard Drive
Andy Marek, 2875 East Railroad Avenue, Interlochen
Deni Scudato, 422 East State Street
Jerrold Jenkins, 502 Washington Street, City business owner
Jennifer Davies, 428 Washington Street, City business owner
Mark Jackier, 539 Webster Street
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street

Christie Minervini, 604 Sixth Street, Safe Harbor
Peter Starkel, 1436 W. Outer Drive, Long Lake Township, Safe Harbor
Chairperson
Mark Stevenson, 521 Webster Street
Ryan Hannon, 2279 South Airport Road, Goodwill Industries Street
Outreach Coordinator
Krista Bedells, 422 Washington Street
Victoria Sutherland, 425 Boardman Avenue
Sean OKeefe, 448 Washington Street

5. Announcements from the City Clerk.

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

City Commission public comment followed; and City Manager Jered Ottenwess addressed the Commission.

6. Adjournment.

There being no objection, Mayor Michael Estes declared the meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Benjamin C Marentette, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)