



**Minutes of the**  
**City Commission for the City of Traverse City**  
**Study Session**  
**May 11, 2015**

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 Barbara D. Budros, James Carruthers, Jeanine Easterday, Gary Howe, Tim Werner.

The following Commissioners were absent: Ross Richardson

Mayor Michael Estes presided at the meeting.

1.

Presentation by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation regarding the Redevelopment Ready Communities' initiative.

The following addressed the Commission:

Penny Hill, Acting City Manager  
Karen Wieber, Michigan Economic Development Corporation

2.

Presentation by Hickory Hills Advisory Committee regarding a request for a Brown Bridge Trust Parks Improvement Fund allocation for Hickory Hills.

The following addressed the Commission:

Mac McClelland, Hickory Hills Advisory Committee  
Eric Okerstrom, Hickory Hills Advisory Committee

Laura Ness, Preserve Hickory President  
Lauren Tribble-Laucht, City Attorney

3.

Consideration of a request from the Brown Bridge Advisory Committee for a Brown Bridge Trust Parks Improvement Fund allocation.

The following addressed the Commission:

Penny Hill, Acting City Manager

4.

Discussion regarding the Acting City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

The following addressed the Commission:

Penny Hill, Acting City Manager  
Bill Twietmeyer, City Treasurer/Finance Director  
Timothy Lodge, City Engineer  
Lauren Tribble-Laucht, City Attorney  
Russell Soyring, City Planning Director

5.

Announcements from the City Clerk.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

6.

Public comment.

The following addressed the Commission:

Pam Darling, TART Trails

Deni Scudato, 422 East State Street, Brown Bridge Advisory Committee  
Chairwoman

Commissioner Tim Werner

Commissioner Gary Howe

Commissioner Jim Carruthers

There being no objection, Mayor Michael Estes declared the meeting  
adjourned at 10:01 pm.

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Benjamin C Marentette, MMC  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Initials)