



**Minutes of the**  
**City Commission for the City of Traverse City**  
**Special Meeting**  
**October 26, 2015**

A special 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 7:00 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, Ross Richardson, Tim Werner.

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Michael Estes presided at the meeting.

Topics of Discussion:

**1.**

Presentation by Mayor Michael Estes of a Mayoral tribute to McKeel Hagerty, CEO of Hagerty, in appreciation of their presence in downtown Traverse City as a transformative corporate citizen, creating tremendous economic development for the region.

The following addressed the Commission:

McKeel Hagerty, Hagerty CEO

**2.**

Consideration of authorizing a letter of intent to the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa

Indians Tribal Council, affirming the City's desire to complete the Boardman River Dams Deconstruction Project.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager  
Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

Moved by Howe, seconded by Werner, that Mayor Michael Estes and City Manager Martin Colburn be authorized to sign a letter affirming the City's intent to complete the Boardman River Dams Deconstruction Project as submitted with the packet materials for the City Commission's October 26, 2015, Special Meeting.

CARRIED unanimously.

**3.**

Consideration of entering into closed session to discuss an attorney-client communication in connection with a personnel matter regarding the incident involving former City Manager Jered Ottenwess.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Howe, that the City Commission enter into closed session immediately following the public comment portion of the agenda to discuss an attorney-client communication in connection with a personnel matter regarding the incident involving former City Manager Jered Ottenwess, as authorized by MCL 15.268(h).

Roll Call:

Yes - Carruthers, Easterday, Howe, Richardson, Werner,  
Budros, Estes.

No - None.

CARRIED unanimously.

4.

Announcements from the City Clerk.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

5.

The next item being "Public Comment," the following individuals addressed the Commission:

Matt Soltysiak, 315 Barlow Street  
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street  
Commissioner Tim Werner  
Commissioner Gary Howe  
Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk  
Marty Colburn, City Manager

The City Commission entered into closed session at 7:21 p.m.

The City Commission returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.

There being no objection, Mayor Estes declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Benjamin C Marentette, MMC  
City Clerk

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