



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

**November 9, 2015**

An organizational 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 Jim Carruthers, Brian Haas, Gary L. Howe, Richard I. Lewis, Ross W. Richardson, Amy Shamroe, and Timothy M. Werner.

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette administered the Constitutional Oath of Office for City Commissioner to Brian Richard Haas.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette administered the Constitutional Oath of Office for City Commissioner to Richard Ivor Lewis.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette administered the Constitutional Oath of Office for City Commissioner to Amy Margaret Shamroe.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette administered the Constitutional Oath of Office for Mayor to James Churchill Carruthers.

Mayor Jim Carruthers presiding.

Roll Call

1.

Selection of the Mayor Pro Tem from the membership of the City Commission.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

Mayor Jim Carruthers opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Carruthers nominated Ross Richardson as Mayor Pro Tem.

Commissioner Lewis nominated Gary Howe as Mayor Pro Tem.

Moved by Werner, seconded by Shamroe, to close the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Carruthers called for a vote for Ross Richardson as Mayor Pro Tem.

The following voted in favor of the motion to elect Ross Richardson as Mayor Pro Tem:

Commissioner Howe, Commissioner Richardson, Commissioner Shamroe, Mayor Carruthers.

The following voted against the motion to elect Ross Richardson as Mayor Pro Tem:

Commissioner Brian Haas, Commissioner Richard Lewis, Commissioner Tim Werner.

Ross Richardson was elected as Mayor Pro Tem until November 14, 2016.

2.

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

Moved by Howe, seconded by Shamroe, that Commissioner Howe and Mayor Pro Tem Richardson be appointed each to a one-year term expiring November 14, 2016 on the City Planning Commission (seats previously held by Commissioner Easterday and Commissioner Werner).

Ann Rogers, 1236 Peninsula Drive – expressed support

CARRIED unanimously.

3.

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

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager

Moved by Lewis, seconded by Werner, that the Mayor's appointment of Jim Tuller to a two-year term expiring November 13, 2017, on the City Planning Commission, (seat previously held by William Twietmeyer), be approved.

CARRIED unanimously.

4.

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

Moved by Richardson, that the Mayor's appointments of Elizabeth Whelan and Camille Weatherholt each to a three-year term (seats previously held by Jody Bergman and Jan Warren), expiring November 12, 2018, on the City Planning Commission, be approved.

The motion was not seconded; and therefore it did not come before the Commission.

No action was taken.

5.

Consideration of appointment by the City Commission of two of its members to the City of Traverse City and Traverse City Area Public Schools

Collective Resource Committee.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Shamroe, that Commissioner Haas be appointed to one unexpired three-year term expiring February 17, 2018, on the City of Traverse City and Traverse City Area Public Schools Collective Resource Committee (seat previously held by Commissioner Easterday).

CARRIED unanimously.

6.

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

Moved Lewis, seconded by Haas, that Commissioner Werner and Commissioner Shamroe be appointed each to a two-year term expiring November 13, 2017 on the Traverse City Light and Power Board (seats previously held by Mayor-elect Carruthers and Mayor Pro Tem Budros).

CARRIED unanimously.

7.

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 Haas, seconded by Richardson, that Commissioner Haas be appointed as regular member and Commissioner Richardson be appointed as alternate member, each to a four-year term expiring November 11, 2019, on the Next Michigan Corporation Board, (seats previously held by Commissioner Easterday and Commissioner Howe, respectively).

CARRIED unanimously.

8.

Consideration of appointment by the City Commission of one of its

members to the Traverse City and Garfield Township Recreational Authority Board.

Moved by Werner, seconded by Howe, that Commissioner Howe be appointed to an unexpired three-year term expiring June 30, 2016, (seat previously held by Commissioner Easterday), on the Traverse City and Garfield Township Recreational Authority Board of Directors

CARRIED unanimously.

9.

Consideration of appointment by the City Commission of one of its members to the Arts Commission.

Moved by Lewis, seconded by Richardson that Commissioner Shamroe be appointed to an unexpired three-year term expiring April 20, 2018 on the Arts Commission (seat previously held by former Mayor Estes).

CARRIED unanimously.

10.

Consideration of appointment by the Mayor with approval of the City Commission of one member to the Housing Commission.

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

No action was taken.

11.

Consideration of appointment by the Mayor with approval by 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 Werner, seconded by Shamroe, that the Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Richard Lewis to the Grand Traverse County Department of Public

Works Board, to a one-year term effective January 1, 2016, expiring December 31, 2016, (seat previously held by Commissioner Werner), subject to approval by the Grand Traverse Board of Commissioners, be approved.

CARRIED unanimously.

12.

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 Shamroe, seconded by Howe, that the Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Brian Haas to a two-year term expiring November 13, 2017, (seat previously held by Mayor Pro Tem Budros), on the Grand Traverse County Township Association, be approved.

CARRIED unanimously.

13.

Consideration of establishing an ad hoc interview committee to make recommendation regarding one appointment to the Brown Bridge Advisory Committee.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Haas, that an ad hoc interview committee be established to make recommendation regarding one unexpired three-year term expiring October 3, 2016, on the Brown Bridge Advisory Committee (seat previously held by Larry Gerschbacher); and that Commissioners Howe, Shamroe and Haas be appointed to such Committee, with Commissioner Howe to serve as Chair.

CARRIED unanimously.

14.

Consideration of accepting the resignation of John Walton from the Election Commission and consideration of appointing an ad hoc interview committee to

make a recommendation to fill the vacancy.

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

Moved by Lewis, seconded by Howe, that an ad hoc interview committee be established to make recommendation regarding one unexpired three-year term expiring December 11, 2017, on the Election Commission (seat previously held by John Walton); and that Commissioners Lewis, Mayor Carruthers and Mayor Pro Tem Richardson be appointed to such Committee, with Commissioner Lewis to serve as Chair.

CARRIED unanimously.

15.

Announcements from the City Clerk

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

16.

Public Comment

The following addressed the Commission:

Commissioner Brian Haas

Commissioner Gary Howe

Ann Rogers, 1236 Peninsula Drive, Northwest Michigan Environmental  
Action Council Co-Chair

Marty Colburn, City Manager

17.

Adjournment of Organizational Meeting

There being no objection, Mayor Carruthers declared the Organizational Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Benjamin C. Marentette, MMC  
City Clerk

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