



**Minutes of the**  
**City Commission for the City of Traverse City**  
**Study Session**  
**December 14, 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.

Mayor Jim Carruthers, Mayor Pro Tem Ross Richardson, Brian Haas, Gary Howe, Richard I Lewis, Amy Shamroe, and Tim Werner.

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

Mayor Jim Carruthers presided at the meeting.

1.

Presentation of the final report from the consultants regarding the Traverse City Public Pier Project and general discussion, including a change of scope for a Rotary Charities grant to instead focus on public engagement for various potential projects along East Front Street.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager  
Russ Soyring, Planning Director  
Missy Luick, Planning and Engineering Assistant  
Pat Doher, SmithGroup JJR  
Marsha Smith, Rotary Charities, 529 Washington Street  
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street

There being no objection, Mayor Carruthers declared a recess.

2.

Discussion regarding a two-year strategic plan for the City.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager  
Tim Lodge, City Engineer  
Carol Hale, 240 Washington Street, Unit 12  
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street

3.

Announcements from the Deputy City Clerk.

The following addressed the Commission:

Katie Zeits, Deputy City Clerk

4.

Public comment.

The following addressed the Commission:

Commissioner Gary Howe  
Chris Maxbauer, 503 W. Eighth Street

There being no objection, Mayor Jim Carruthers declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

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Katelyn Zeits, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

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(Date) (Initials)