



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

Regular Meeting

January 4, 2016

A regular 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.

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Carruthers presided at the meeting.

2. Consent Calendar

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Shamroe, that the following actions as recommended on the Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda be approved:

- a. the minutes of the December 21, 2015, Regular Meeting, be approved.
- b. that an amendment to the Traverse City Code of Ordinances, Section 863.17, Civil Infraction, which would align the fee for those violating the ordinance with other ordinance violation fees, be introduced and scheduled for possible enactment on January 19, 2016.
- c. a 2002 Freightliner FL80 truck be declared surplus and the City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries in the amount of \$295,152 for a 2017 Western Stare 4700SB cab and chassis with an Altec Model D4055B Digger/Derrick and five year extended warranty period, with funds available in the Garage Fund.
- d. the City Commission officially establishes the Public Arts Trust Fund with

such Fund to have revenues of \$35,000 and expenses at \$35,000 for the current fiscal year.

- e. the Mayor and City Clerk execute a two-year agreement with Manpower International, Inc. (d/b/a Manpower) for temporary staffing services at the rate of 36% above mark-up, with the agreement to expire January 3, 2018, with funds available in the respective departmental budgets, such agreement subject to approval as to its substance by the City Manager and its form by the City Attorney.

CARRIED unanimously.

3. Old Business

3(a).

Consideration of authorizing an agreement with Traverse Area Rowing Club for the placement of a fence and rowing programming at Hull Park.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager

Moved by Lewis, seconded by Howe, that the Mayor and City Clerk execute a three-year agreement with Traverse Area Community Rowing for it to provide community rowing programming at Hull Park and to construct a fence, with terms consistent with the documentation submitted with the packet materials for the January 4, 2016, City Commission meeting, subject to further review by the City Manager and City staff; and that the City Manager be authorized to renew the agreement for one subsequent three-year term at the City Manager's discretion, such agreement subject to approval as to its substance by the City Manager and its form by the City Attorney.

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street – expressed support

Dr. Nancy Rye, 2465 Carroll Road, Peninsula Township – made general comments

Bridget Green, 304 Waxwing Drive, East Bay Township – expressed support

Dustin Ordway, 3055 Shorewood, Peninsula Township - Traverse Area
Community Rowing Club Chairman – made general comments
Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

CARRIED unanimously.

3(b).

Consideration of enacting an amendment to the Traverse City Code of Ordinances which would increase the impervious surface limit for schools, as recommended by the City Planning Commission.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager
Russell Soyring, City Planning Director

Moved by Shamroe, seconded by Howe, that the amendments to the Traverse City Code of Ordinances, Section 1364.08, Special Land Use Permits Granted by the City Commission, which would increase the impervious surface limits for schools, as recommended by the Planning Commission, which was introduced on December 21, 2015, be enacted with an effective date of January 14, 2016.

Timothy Lodge, City Engineer
Scott Jozwiak, Project Engineer for Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools
Mike Buell, 3848 Parker Place, Garfield Township, Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools Superintendent – expressed support
T.J. Andrews, 619 Webster Street, The Watershed Center – made general comments
Jody Bergman, 110 Boughey Street – expressed support
Pat Heintz, 580 Hidden Valley, Peninsula Township, City business owner, Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools – made general comments
Joel Myler, 403Sixth Street – expressed support
Lauren Tribble-Laucht, City Attorney

Roll Call:

Yes - Howe, Lewis, Shamroe, Werner, Richardson, Carruthers.

No - Haas.

CARRIED.

4. New Business

4(a).

Consideration of a request from Commissioner Gary Howe for the City Commission to consider an ordinance amendment that would allow flashing, rotating and intermittent lights on certain marquees; and consideration of referring the request to staff for a recommendation by February 1, 2016.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager
Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

Moved by Howe, seconded by Shamroe, that the request from Commissioner Howe regarding running, blinking and rotating lights on marquees, be referred to staff for a report and recommendation at the February 8, 2016, Study Session.

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street – made general comments
Deb Lake, 1022 Lake Ridge Drive, Traverse City Film Festival Executive Director – expressed support
Len Price, 4313 Ridgemoor Drive, Garfield Township – expressed support

Roll Call:

Yes - Haas, Howe, Lewis, Shamroe, Werner, Carruthers.

No - Richardson.

CARRIED.

4(b).

Presentation by City Clerk Benjamin Marentette of the 2015 *Performance Document*, which overviews a variety of accomplishments by the City of Traverse City.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk
Marty Colburn, City Manager

5. Appointments

None.

6. Reports and Communications

The following were received and filed:

- a. Reports, announcements and correspondence from the City Manager.
- b. Announcements from the City Clerk.
- c. Reports, announcements and correspondence from the Mayor and City Commissioners.
- d. Reports and correspondence from other City officials, boards and committees.
 1. Reports from members of the Commission serving on boards.
 2. Minutes of the Traverse City Light and Power Board meeting of October 27, 2015, and November 24, 2015.
 3. Minutes of the Traverse City Arts Commission meeting of November 18, 2015.

- 4. Minutes of the United States Coast Guard Committee meetings of November 5, 2015, and November 19, 2015.
- e. Reports and correspondence from non-City officials.
 - 1. Minutes of the Traverse Area District Library Board of Trustees meeting of November 19, 2015.

7. Public Comment

The following addressed the Commission:

- 1. Reserved.

Ty Schmidt, representing Norte! regarding the unveiling of “Winter Walk Wednesdays,” a community-wide celebration of people – big or small – walking to work, school or just for fun in Traverse City.

- 2. General.

Adam Devaney, 1488 McGregor Way, Grawn

- 3. Mayor and City Commissioners.

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk
Marty Colburn, City Manager
Commissioner Amy Shamroe
Mayor Jim Carruthers

8. Adjournment

There being no objection, Mayor Carruthers declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Benjamin Marentette, MMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)