



Minutes of the
City Commission for the City of Traverse City
Special Meeting
June 27, 2016

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.

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 Jim Carruthers presided at the meeting.

Topics of Discussion:

1.

Discussion regarding a draft policy for in-street pedestrian signs.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager
Penny Hill, Assistant City Manager
Mike Coco, 325 Wellington Street
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street

2.

Discussion regarding a recommendation from the City Clerk and City Attorney for a November 2016 ballot proposal for a Charter amendment which would eliminate the requirement that petitions for an ordinance referendum or

initiative be accompanied by an affidavit and instead sign an acknowledgement provided by the City Clerk at the time of filings.

The following addressed the Commission:

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Marty Colburn, City Manager
Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street
Lauren Tribble-Laucht, City Attorney

3.

Discussion regarding the process for approving public art.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager
Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk
Mary Gillett, Traverse City Arts Commission Chairwoman, 1800 Wayne Street

4.

Consideration of authorizing a contract amendment to provide for additional professional services in connection with the Eighth Street Planning and Design Charrette.

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager
Russ Soyring, City Planning Director

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Shamroe, that the Mayor and City Clerk execute an amendment to the contract with Farr Associates for additional professional services associated with the planning and design charrette for the

Eighth Street Corridor (contract originally authorized February 16, 2016), in the amount of \$8,563, such amendment subject to approval as to its substance by the City Manager and its form by the City Attorney, with funds available in the Corridors Implementation CIP section of the General Fund.

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street

CARRIED unanimously.

5.

Consideration of entering into closed session to discuss the periodic personnel evaluation of City Attorney Lauren Tribble-Laucht as requested by Ms. Tribble-Laucht.

The following addressed the Commission:

Moved by Haas, seconded by Lewis, that the City Commission enter into closed session immediately following the public comment portion of the agenda to consider the periodic personnel evaluation of City Attorney Lauren Tribble-Laucht, as requested by the City Attorney, and as authorized by MCL 15.268(a).

Roll Call:

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

No - None.

CARRIED unanimously.

6.

Consideration of entering into closed session to discuss the periodic personnel evaluation of City Manager Marty Colburn, as requested by Mr. Colburn.

The following addressed the Commission:

Moved by Haas, seconded by Shamroe, that the City Commission enter into closed session immediately following the public comment portion of the agenda to consider the periodic personnel evaluation of City Manager Marty Colburn, as requested by the City Manager, and as authorized by MCL 15.268(a).

Roll Call:

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

No - None.

CARRIED unanimously.

7.

Announcements from the City Clerk.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

8.

Public Comment

The following addressed the Commission:

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street
Commissioner Tim Werner
Commissioner Amy Shamroe
Mayor Jim Carruthers

The Commission entered into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

The Commission returned to open session at 8:37 p.m.

9.

Adjournment.

There being no objection, Mayor Carruthers declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Benjamin C. Marentette, MMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)