



Minutes of the
City Commission for the City of Traverse City
Study Session
January 9, 2017

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 Gary Howe, Brian Haas, Michele Howard, 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.

1.

Presentation by City Manager Marty Colburn of the 2016 Employee of the Year Award and 2016 Department of the Year Award.

The following addressed the Commission:

City Manager Marty Colburn presented the 2016 Employee of the Year Award to Police Chief Jeffrey J. O'Brien

Jeff O'Brien, Police Chief

City Manager Marty Colburn presented the 2016 Department of the Year Award to Human Resources Director Kristine Bosley

Kristine Bosley, Human Resources Director

2.

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Audit.

The following addressed the Commission:

William Twietmeyer, City Treasurer/Finance Director
Doug Vredeveld, Vredeveld Heffner

3.

Presentation by Morgan McGrew and others from Mayor Pro Tem Howe's Adopt-A-Commissioner students regarding a proposed policy regarding trees.

The following addressed the Commission:

Emerson Holmes, Adopt-A-Commissioner Student
Bell Payette (sp?), Adopt-A-Commissioner Student
Lucy Voss (sp?), Adopt-A-Commissioner Student
Lanie Kurkiss (sp?), Adopt-A-Commissioner Student
Morgan McGrew, (sp?), Adopt-A-Commissioner Student
Marty Colburn, City Manager

4.

Update regarding the proposed West Boardman Lake Loop and Boardman Lake Drive (formerly referred to as Boardman Lake Avenue).

The following addressed the Commission:

Marty Colburn, City Manager
Russ Soyring, City Planning Director
Jean Derenzy, Grand Traverse County Planning and Development
Julie Clark, TART Trails Executive Director
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street

Steve Nance, 1701 Wayne Street, Oryana General Manager
Todd Kloepper, 9781 East Avondale Lane, Elmwood Township, City
business owner
Mary Burget, 1010 Cass Street, Old Town Neighborhood Association
Nathan Griswold, 116 South Elmwood
Tom Auer, 6757 Franklin Woods Drive, Peninsula Township
Bob Otwell, Washington Street
Andy Silk, 713 Lake Street, Apartment B, Old Town Condominium
Association
Julie Clark, 604 West 12th Street
Jalene Moore, 618 Lake Avenue

5.

Announcements from the City Clerk.

The following addressed the Commission:

Benjamin Marentette, City Clerk

6.

Public comment.

The following addressed the Commission:

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street
Hannah Ellery, 3477 Silver Farms Lane, Garfield Township
Bill Wiesner, 7998 East Fouch Road, Elmwood Township
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Howe
Commissioner Amy Shamroe
Mayor Jim Carruthers
Marty Colburn, City Manager

There being no objection, Mayor Jim Carruthers declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Benjamin C. Marentette, MMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)