



Notice

City Commission Regular Meeting

7:00 pm

Monday, September 20, 2010
Commission Chambers, Governmental Center
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, Michigan 49684
Posted: 09-16-10

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City Commission
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Welcome to the Traverse City Commission meeting!

Agenda

Any interested person or group may address the City Commission on any agenda item when recognized by the presiding officer or upon request of any Commissioner. Also, any interested person or group may address the City Commission on any matter of City concern not on the Agenda during the agenda item designated Public Comment. The comment of any member of the public or any special interest group may be limited in time. Such limitation shall not be less than five minutes unless otherwise explained by the presiding officer, subject to appeal by the Commission.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Roll Call

Announcements by the Mayor, City Manager, and City Commissioners

2. Consent Calendar

The purpose of the consent calendar is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Commission motion without discussion. Any member of the Commission, staff or the public may ask that any item on the consent calendar be removed therefrom and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected. If an item is not removed from the consent calendar, the action noted in parentheses on the agenda is approved by a single Commission action adopting the consent calendar.

- a. Consideration of approving minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7 and Study Session of September 13, 2010.
- b. Consideration of authorizing an amendment to extend the season for the horse-drawn carriage rides and the lease of a portion of city-owned building

- at 517 Wellington Street to store related equipment through October 2010. (Approval recommended) (Bryan Crough) (5 affirmative votes required)
- c. Consideration of authorizing a 3-year renewal contract for Westlaw Subscription for the City Attorney's Office. (Approval recommended) (Karrie Zeits) (5 affirmative votes required)
 - d. Consideration of initiating a special improvement district for paving of the east/west alley east of Pine Street between 13th and Griffin Street. (Adopt Resolution 1 to schedule for a public hearing on October 18, 2010. recommended) (Timothy Lodge, Debra Chavez)
 - e. Consideration of adopting to make permanent various Traffic Control Orders regulating parking on Barlow Street, Fern Street, Eighth Street, and Lake Avenue; speed limit signs on Sheridan Road; bus stops throughout the city and traffic light signal authorization at Eighth Street and Boardman Avenue. (Adoption recommended) (Makayla Vitous)

Items removed from the Consent Calendar

- a.
- b.
- c.

3. Old Business

- a. Public Hearing on a request from Village Press, Inc., for an Industrial Development District at 2779 Aero Park Drive, for a possible tax abatement to expand its business. (Debra Chavez)

The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the public an opportunity to express, and the opportunity for the City Commission to consider, the

public's support, opposition or general comments regarding this matter. To preserve the written record, members of the public are asked to state whether they are in support or opposition of this matter or whether they are expressing general comments. After such statement, the public is welcome to continue to elaborate on the matter.

- b. Consideration of adopting revised Tax Abatement Guidelines. (R. Ben Bifoss, Debra Chavez, Karrie Zeits)
- c. Consideration of adopting the Boardman River Dams Project Joint Resolution - Grand Traverse County and City of Traverse City. (R. Ben Bifoss)
- d. Consideration of adopting a Resolution Findings for Concurrence for the Traverse City Place Amended Brownfield Plan to add one additional parcel, 263 West Grandview Parkway. (R. Ben Bifoss, Bryan Crough, Jean Derenzy)

4. New Business

None.

5. Appointments

- a. Consideration of accepting the resignation of Harry Burkholder from the Parks and Recreation Commission and an appointment to the vacancy. (Mayor Christopher Bzdok)
- b. Consideration of accepting the resignation of Heather Smith from the Traverse City Housing Commission and the Mayor's appointment of an ad hoc interview committee to make a recommendation to fill the vacancy. (Benjamin Marentette)
- c. Consideration of appointment by the Mayor of an ad hoc interview committee to make a recommendation regarding appointments to the Traverse City Planning Commission. (Benjamin Marentette)

6. Reports & Communications

- a. From the City Manager.
- b. From other City officials, boards and committees.
 - 1. Report from the Mayor serving on the Downtown Development Authority.
 - 2. Report from Commissioners serving on the Light and Power Board.
 - 3. Report from the Mayor and Commissioner serving on the Planning Commission.
 - 4. Report from Commissioners serving on other boards.
 - 5. Minutes of the City Parks and Recreation Commission meetings of July 1 and August 5, 2010.
 - 6. Minutes of the Downtown Development Authority meeting of August 20, 2010.
- c. From non-City officials.
 - 1. Fractile Emergency Response Report - North Flight & Traverse City Fire Department for August 2010.
 - 2. Grand Traverse Conservation District Staff Report - August 2010.

7. Public Comment

- a. Reserved

None.
- b. General

- c. Mayor and City Commissioners

8. Adjournment

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