



CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY

Minutes

Regular Meeting of City Commission

April 4, 2005

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.

The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Linda Smyka, Mayor Pro Tem Phillip E. Orth, Rick Csapo, Scott C. Hardy, Ralph L. Soffredine.

The following Commissioners were absent: T. Michael Jackson and Anne L. Melichar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Smyka presided at the meeting.

Announcements by the Mayor, City Manager, and City Commissioners.

Rick Buckhalter, 518 West 12th Street, requested that Agenda Item 2(h) be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed elsewhere on the Agenda for full discussion.

Commissioner Hardy requested that Agenda Item 2(b) be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed elsewhere on the Agenda for full discussion.

Mayor Smyka placed them to be considered as Agenda Items New Business 4(b) and Old Business 3(a), respectively.

Item 2 on the Agenda being Consent Calendar

Moved by Hardy, seconded by Orth, that the following actions as recommended on the amended Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda be approved:

- a. Minutes of the joint study session of March 14 and regular meeting of March 21, 2005, be approved.
- b. Moved to Old Business 3(a).
- c. The City Manager be authorized to execute the Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging Funding Agreement for a grant awarded to the Senior Center in the amount of \$5,428, to be effective from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005, for the production of bimonthly newsletters and the development of a countywide senior center network.
- d. The City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order to Unifilt Corporation in the amount of \$5,886 for filter media (anthracite) used to filter the City's drinking water with funds therefor available in the Water Fund.
- e. The competitive bidding process be waived and that the City Manager be authorized to issue service orders to Parrotts Tours in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000 for senior trips to a Detroit Tigers' baseball game in June 2005, and to Branson, Missouri in September 2005, with funds therefor available in the Senior Center Fund (received from a Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians grant).
- f. The City Manager be authorized to submit a grant application to the 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program on behalf of the Traverse City Fire Department for three electrocardiogram (EKG) monitors/defibrillators.
- g. The City Manager be authorized to approve payment to Snowden Companies in the amount of \$15,383.50 for the city's portion of costs associated with the

- installation of streetscape improvements along Park Street, with funds therefor available in the Parking Deck Bond Issue.
- h. Moved to New Business 4(b).
 - i. The City Manager be authorized to execute the grant application for the Cool Cities Neighborhoods in Progress Program for a grant in the amount of \$100,000, with a total project cost of \$216,048, for a theatrical lighting system, sound and communications equipment for the Traverse City Opera House.
 - j. The City Manager be authorized to execute the Michigan Coastal Management Program Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a grant in the amount of \$25,000, for the Boardman Lake Trail - West Phase I Project, with the Agreement subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; and further that a budget amendment be made to increase budgeted revenues and budgeted expenses by \$25,000 in the Public Improvement Fund.
 - k. The Resolution Establishing Fees for Clinch Park Zoo Admission and Train Rides be adopted.
 - l. The request from T.C. Cab Company to raise the maximum first mile fare from \$3.50 to \$3.85 and the maximum fare for each mile thereafter to be increased from \$1.75 to \$2.00 and increase the maximum fee for each minute of wait time from \$.50 to \$.55, be scheduled for a public hearing on April 18, 2005.
 - m. An ordinance for the Traverse City Code of Ordinances, *Cable Television*, Chapter 1048, which regulates cable television, be introduced and scheduled for possible enactment on April 18, 2005.
 - n. An Amendment to the Traverse City Code of Ordinances, *C-2 Uses Allowed in Certain Buildings in the Industrial (I) District on Woodmere Avenue, Boon Street, Carver Street and Beitner Street*, Section 1354.01, which will allow C-2 uses in the Industrial Zoning District in existing buildings in

certain areas, which was introduced on March 21, 2005, be enacted with an effective date of April 14, 2005.

- o. The request from I & W Industries, LLC, to establish an Industrial Development District at 2440 Aero Park Drive be scheduled for a public hearing on April 18, 2005.

CARRIED unanimously. (Jackson and Melichar absent)

Item 3 on the Agenda being Old Business

3(a).

The next item being from the Consent Calendar, “Consideration of authorizing Offer to Purchase Real Estate for the sale of city-owned property located at the southwest corner of State Street and Boardman Avenue,” the following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager
Peter Doren, City Attorney

Moved by Orth, seconded by Csapo, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Offer to Purchase Real Estate with Snowden Companies in the amount of \$305,000 for the sale of city-owned property at State Street and Boardman Avenue, subject to approval as to substance by the City Manager and form by the City Attorney.

CARRIED unanimously. (Jackson and Melichar absent)

Item 4 on the Agenda being New Business

4(a).

The next item being “Consideration of authorizing receipt of proceeds from

the Robert F. Thompson Trust to be designated for the Open Space and establishing the Robert Thompson Open Space Trust Fund,” the following individual addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager

Moved by Orth, seconded by Soffredine, that the proceeds in the amount of \$36,530.66 from the Robert F. Thompson Trust be accepted; and further that such proceeds be designated for the Open Space; and further that the Robert Thompson Open Space Fund be established with budgeted revenues and budgeted expenses in the amount of \$37,000.

CARRIED unanimously. (Jackson and Melichar absent)

4(b).

The next item being from the Consent Calendar, “Consideration of certifying facilities and real estate interests connected with the hydroelectric projects consisting of Brown Bridge Dam, Boardman Dam, and Sabin Dam unnecessary for Traverse City Light and Power purposes,” the following individuals addressed the Commission:

Rick Buckhalter, 518 West 12th Street
Richard Lewis, City Manager
Clayton Sporre, 642 Eastwood Avenue

Moved by Orth, seconded by Csapo, that the City Commission certifies that the facilities and real estate interests connected with the hydroelectric projects consisting of Brown Bridge Dam, Boardman Dam, and Sabin Dam, are unnecessary for Traverse City Light & Power purposes.

CARRIED unanimously. (Jackson and Melichar absent)

Item 5 on the Agenda being Appointments

5(a).

The next item being “Consideration of accepting resignation of Joan M. Davenport from the Civil Service Commission and appointment by the Mayor of an ad hoc interview committee to make a recommendation regarding appointment to fill the vacancy, subject to approval by the City Commission,” the following individual addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager

Moved by Hardy, seconded by Csapo, that the resignation of Joan M. Davenport from the Civil Service Commission be accepted to become effective April 15, 2005; and further that an ad hoc interview committee be established to make a recommendation regarding appointment to one six-year unexpired term (seat held by Joan M. Davenport) expiring September 1, 2005, and a subsequent six-year term expiring September 1, 2011, on the Civil Service Commission; and that the Mayor’s appointment of Commissioners Hardy and Soffredine and Mayor Smyka to serve upon such Committee be approved with Commissioner Soffredine to call the meetings.

CARRIED unanimously. (Jackson and Melichar absent)

5(b).

The next item being “Consideration of appointment by the City Commission of an ad hoc interview committee to make a recommendation regarding appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals,” the following individual addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager

Moved by Orth, seconded by Csapo, that an ad hoc interview committee be established to make a recommendation regarding three, three-year terms (seats

held by Elizabeth Murphy, Gary Olson, and Robert Peltz) expiring June 30, 2008, on the Board of Zoning Appeals; and further that Commissioners Csapo, Soffredine and Hardy be appointed to serve upon such Committee with Commissioner Soffredine to call the meetings.

CARRIED unanimously. (Jackson and Melichar absent)

Item 6 on the Agenda being Reports and Communications

The following were received and filed:

- a. From the City Manager.
 1. Bits & Pieces.
- b. From other City officials, boards and committees.
 1. Report from the Mayor serving on the Downtown Development Authority Board.
 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. Report from the City Attorney.
 6. Minutes of the ACT 345 Retirement System meeting of February 23, 2005.
 7. Minutes of the Traverse City Light and Power Board meeting of February 14, 2005.
- c. From non-City officials.

Item 7 on the Agenda being Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Adrienne Rossi, 312 West Seventh Street - commented on snow plowing.

Rick Buckhalter, 518 West 12th Street - commented on various issues.

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Benjamin C. Marentette, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)