

# CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY



## Minutes

### Study Session of City Commission

**August 8, 2005**

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 6:28 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Linda Smyka, Mayor Pro Tem Rick Csapo, Jack Boynton, Scott C. Hardy, T. Michael Jackson, Anne L. Melichar (departed at 7:40 pm), Ralph L. Soffredine.

The following Commissioner was absent: None.

Mayor Smyka presided at the meeting.

Topics of Discussion:

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka modified the order of the agenda to consider item 5 as the first item and to consider the remaining items in consecutive order.

- 1. Discussion of “blight” ordinances.**
  - Parking motor vehicles in the front yard and prohibit storage of unlicensed or inoperative vehicles.**
  - Damaged buildings.**
  - Grass over 8 inches in height as a public nuisance.**
  - Escrow of fire insurance proceeds.**

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager  
Peter Doren, City Attorney  
David Weston, Zoning Administrator

Jasper Weese, 1121 Hastings Street  
Cecil McNally, 911 South Union Street  
Riley Messer, 3924 Incochee Road, Garfield Township

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka declared a five-minute recess.

Commissioner Melichar departed the meeting.

2. **Discussion and update of proposed 425 Agreement with Garfield Township regarding the Incochee Woods/Wayne Hill area.** The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager  
Debra Chavez, City Assessor  
Jacob Troyer, 3710 Incochee Road, Garfield Township  
Pat Raven, 3844 Incochee Road, Garfield Township

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka modified the order of the agenda to consider item 4 as the next item and to consider the remaining items in consecutive order.

3. **Discussion of City Primary elimination.** The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager  
Peter Doren, City Attorney  
Debbra Curtiss, City Clerk

4. **Discussion of City fees for services.** The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager  
Debbra Curtiss, City Clerk  
Robert Cole, Public Service Director  
Edward Fisher, Fire Chief

David Weston, Zoning Administrator  
Timothy Lodge, City Engineer  
Michael Warren, Police Chief

- 5. Discussion of Historic Districts Ordinance.** The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager  
Rob Bacigalupi, Downtown Development Authority Deputy Director

- 6. Public comment.** The following individual addressed the Commission:

Commissioner Soffredine - commented on the Senior Center Shuffle Board  
Champion Mayor Linda Smyka.

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Debra A. Curtiss, CMC  
City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Date) (Initials)