

# CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY



## Minutes

### Special Meeting of City Commission

**January 4, 2007**

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 7:00pm.

The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Linda Smyka, Mayor Pro Tem Scott C. Hardy, Jody Bergman, Matthew Schmidt, Denise Scrudato, Ralph L. Soffredine.

The following Commissioners were absent: None. (one vacancy)

Mayor Smyka presided at the meeting.

#### **1.**

The next item being “Consideration of interviews of City Commissioner Candidates and possible appointment,” the following individual addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager

The City Commission interviewed the following candidates:

Rick Buckhalter  
Chris Bzdok  
James Churchill Carruthers  
Mary Bevans Gillett  
Joseph Kau-Be-Naw  
Gary Kent Keyes  
Tom Mair

Todd McCall  
Scott W. Sieffert  
Fred Wilmeth

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka declared a recess.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Debra Curtiss, City Clerk  
Richard Lewis, City Manager

Moved by Hardy, seconded by Schmidt, that the field of candidates be narrowed to four and to continue tonight with one or two follow-up questions.

Roll Call:

Yes - Bergman, Hardy, Schmidt, Smyka.

No - Scrudato, Soffredine.

CARRIED.

The City Commission individually marked their selection up to four candidates as described in the meeting outline.

Richard Lewis, City Manager, announced the selections as follows:

Commissioner Schmidt - Chris Bzdok, James Churchill Carruthers, Mary Bevens Gillett, Scott Sieffert

Commissioner Bergman - Chris Bzdok, James Churchill Carruthers, Mary Bevens Gillett, Fred Wilmeth

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy - Chris Bzdok, James Churchill Carruthers, Mary Bevens Gillett, Fred Wilmeth

Commissioner Soffredine - James Churchill Carruthers

Mayor Smyka - Chris Bzdok, James Churchill Carruthers, Mary Bevans Gillett, Fred Wilmeth

Commissioner Scudato - James Churchill Carruthers

Debra Curtiss, City Clerk, tallied the selections.

Richard Lewis, City Manager, announced the following four candidates receiving the four highest number of marks:

Chris Bzdok  
James Churchill Carruthers  
Mary Bevans Gillett  
Fred Wilmeth

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka declared a recess.

The City Commission continued to interview the following candidates:

Chris Bzdok  
James Churchill Carruthers  
Mary Bevans Gillett  
Fred Wilmeth

Mayor Smyka opened the floor for nominations for the Office of City Commissioner.

Commissioner Soffredine nominated James Churchill Carruthers.

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy nominated Chris Bzdok.

Moved by Soffredine, seconded by Schmidt, to close the floor for nominations.

CARRIED unanimously.

Mayor Smyka called for a vote for James Churchill Carruthers for the Office of City Commissioner.

Roll Call:

Yes - Scudato, Soffredine, Smyka.

No - Hardy, Schmidt, Bergman.

Mr. Carruthers was not elected.

Mayor Smyka called for a vote for Chris Bzdok for the Office of City Commissioner.

Roll Call:

Yes - Schmidt, Bergman, Hardy, Smyka.

No - Scudato, Soffredine.

Mayor Smyka declared Chris Bzdok elected as City Commissioner to fill an unexpired term four-year term to serve until November 2007.

City Clerk, Debra Curtiss, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Bzdok.

Mr. Bzdok assumed his seat as a City Commissioner.

**2.**

The next item being "Public Comment," the following individuals addressed Commission:

Mark Ryan, 1108 Santo Street

Eartha Melzer, 1009 State Street

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

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Debra A. Curtiss, CMC, City Clerk

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