

CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY

Minutes

Study Session of City Commission

February 12, 2007



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 7:01 p.m.

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

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

Mayor Smyka presided at the meeting.

Topics of Discussion:

1. **Discussion of draft park use ordinance.** The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager

Jim Carruthers, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, 218 West 11th Street

Makayla Vitous, Assistant to City Manager

Steve Morgan, Police Captain

Peter Doren, City Attorney

Rob Bacigalupi, Downtown Development Authority Deputy Director on behalf of the Downtown Traverse City Association

Brad Van Dommelen, Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau President, 101 West Grandview Parkway

Tom Anderson, Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce Board

Deb Lake, Traverse City Film Festival Manager

Michael Jackson, 217 Sixth Street

Adrienne Rossi, 312 West Seventh Street

Alex Mowczan, Best Western Four Seasons, 305 Munson Avenue
Chris Maxbauer, 503 West Eighth Street
Tom Menzel, National Cherry Festival Executive Director

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka declared a recess.

- 2. Discussion and update of city-owned property: Depot property and Wellington Street property (Boys & Girls Club).** The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager
Debra Chavez, City Assessor

- 3. Discussion of Charter Section 28 legal opinions.** The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager
Peter Doren, City Attorney
Cindy Warner, J&S Hamburg Restaurant owner, 17850 Smokey Hollow,
Peninsula Township
Jim Carruthers, 218 West 11th Street
Mark Ryan, 1118 Santo Street
Bob Foresman, Gourdie-Fraser President, 123 West Front Street
Gerry Snowden, Snowden Development, 1449 South Long Lake Road, Long
Lake Township
Grant Parsons, 6936 Mission Ridge, Peninsula Township
Rick Buckhalter, 518 West 12th Street

- 4. Discussion of West Front Street 145 Project.** The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager
Bob Foresman, Gourdie-Fraser President, 123 West Front Street
Peter Schmitz, 549 Quail Ridge Drive, Annie's and American Spoon Foods of
Traverse City owner

Cindy Warner, J&S Hamburg Restaurant owner, 1785 Smokey Hollow Road,
Peninsula Township
Jim Carruthers, 218 West 11th Street
Mark Ryan, 1118 Santo Street
Gerry Snowden, Snowden Development, 1449 South Long Lake Road,
Peninsula Township
Peter Doren, City Attorney
Rob Bacigalupi, Downtown Development Authority Deputy Director
Rick Buckhalter, 518 West 12th Street

5. Public comment. The following individual addressed the Commission:

Richard Lewis, City Manager

There being no objection, Mayor Smyka declared the meeting adjourned at
11:08 p.m.

Debra A. Curtiss, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)