

**Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING
Troy CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by City Council President Kopka.

The roll call being called, the following answered to their names: Council members Kevin McGrath, Mark McGrath, Dean Bodnar, Bob Doherty, Ken Zalewski, Nina Nichols, Rodney Wiltshire, President Lynn Kopka.

Also present were Mayor Lou Rosamilia, Deputy Mayor Peter Ryan, Corporation Counsel Ian Silverman, Counsel to the Council Joe Liccardi

Harriet Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council President Lynn Kopka delivered the Legislative response to the State of the City address.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Others who spoke:

1. Patrick Jones of 60 Lori Jean Place in Lansingburgh spoke as a board member of his homeowners' association. He described problems with drainage and infrastructure and asked for support from the Council
2. James Spear spoke regarding the McClusky property on Cemetery Avenue. He described the dangers of a property in disrepair and asked for the Council to take action to clean it up.
3. Eric Wisher, President of the Troy Firefighters spoke regarding the increased response time for Engine 3 because of the Campbell Avenue detour. He has met with the Mayor to discuss possible solutions to this public safety issue.
4. Jeff Piero of 52 Second Avenue spoke against the proposed change in the landlord registry and requested a trimester check on property transfers. He spoke in favor of Resolution #4, as well.
5. Russell Ziemba of 1813 Highland Avenue spoke in favor of Resolutions 6 and 3. He urged caution in the administration of the measures in Resolution 5. He also urged the postponement of action on Ordinance 5 and asked for an independent assessment by a structural engineer.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Notice of Proposed Project Funding was read. Copies are available on line and in the planning department at City Hall.

City Council President Kopka invoked the emergency doctrine as set forth in the Troy City Code in order to act upon items passed in recent committee meetings and to accommodate the prompt and timely administration of the City Government.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Troy, Chapter 43 Ethics Code of, § 43-16 (B) entitled “Appointment of Ethics Commission Members; Term of Office. (Council President Kopka) (At the Request of the Administration).

Motion by Zalewski, seconded by Nichols

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote.

2. Ordinance approving settlement of certiorari proceedings instituted by various property owners located in the City of Troy and on the assessment roll of the City of Troy. (Council President Kopka) (At the Request of the Administration).

Motion by Nichols, seconded by Kevin McGrath.

Zalewski moved for executive session. In executive session, Dan Vincilette addressed the Council with regard to confidential information about assessments and procedures in the case. No action was taken. Executive session adjourned at 7:56 and the regular meeting resumed.

Ordinance was passed by the following vote:

6 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain.

3. Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Troy, Chapter 177 Landlord Registry, § 177-7 Entitled Landlord Registry Statement. (Council President Kopka)

Motion by Zalewski, seconded by Nichols.

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote.

4. Ordinance to accept 100% reimbursement from the NYS Department of Homeland Security/ Emergency Services Grant (NY DHSES); appropriated through the NYS Urban Area Supplemental Program (SUASP) FY-07. (Council President Kopka) (At the Request of the Administration).

Motion by Mark McGrath, seconded by Doherty

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote.

5. Ordinance amending the 2012 City Budget to transfer funds within the General Fund budget lines. (Council President Kopka) (At the Request of the Administration).

Motion by Nichols, Seconded by Mark McGrath

Ordinance passed by unanimous vote.

6. Ordinance amending the Troy City Code of Ordinances Chapter 216 “Parks and Recreation”. (Council President Kopka) (At the Request of the Administration).

Motion by Nichols, Second by Wiltshire

Ordinance passed by the following vote:

7 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution appointing Commissioners of Deeds for the City of Troy. (Council President Kopka) (At the Request of the Administration).

Resolution amended on the floor to include Mark Wojcik, Anthony Burke, and Kelly Burke, by unanimous vote.

**Motion by Nichols, seconded by M. McGrath.
Resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

2. Resolution appointing City Marshalls for the City of Troy. (Council President Kopka) (At the Request of the Administration).

**Motion by Nichols, seconded by Doherty.
Resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

3. Resolution opposing the Citizens United Supreme Court ruling, supporting an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and supporting public financing of elections. (Council Member Zalewski).

**Motion by Wiltshire, Seconded by Doherty.
Resolution passed by the following vote:
7 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain**

4. Resolution declaring March as American Red Cross Month. (Council President Kopka) (At the request of the Administration).

**Motion by Zalewski, Seconded by Kevin McGrath.
Resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

5. Resolution supporting an application to New York's Empire State Development Corporation for creation of the Land Reutilization Corporation of the Capital Region. (Council Member Bodnar)

**Motion by Mark McGrath, seconded by Nichols.
Resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

6. Resolution honoring Rose Moreno upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday. (Council President Kopka) (At the request of the Administration)

**Motion by Kevin McGrath, seconded by Mark McGrath.
Resolution passed by unanimous vote.**

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Zalewski moved for adjournment and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

A True record of the Troy City Council Minutes of March 1, 2012.

**Karla Guererri
City Clerk**