

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting
Troy City Council
April 7, 2016
7:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Approximately 50 people were in attendance. In attendance were Mayor Madden, Deputy Mayor Kurzejeski, Corporation Kevin Glasheen and Chief Tedesco.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Pavlic.

The roll being called the following answered to their names: Council Member Gulli, Council Member McGrath, Council Member Bodnar, Council Member Doherty, Council Member Kopka, Council Member Donohue, Council Member Sullivan-Teta, Council Member Ashe-McPherson and Council President Mantello.

Good News: The Council honored Berith Sholom on their Sesquicentennial anniversary. The Colonel Albert Pawling Committee was honored as well as the Troy High School Boys Basketball team.

Public Forum:

Kathy Sheehan of the Rensselaer County Historical Society spoke about the about the 1816 incorporation of City of Troy.

Bram Van Heuvein, 13 Woodrow Court, spoke regarding Resolution #34. On behalf of the Frear Park Conservancy, they have met with the developer Kevin Vandenburg and they are okay with the tree removal. They would like more details about bulldozing and chemicals. They would like more detailed language in place and a more detailed plan.

Rhonda Van Heuvein, 13 Woodrow Court, President of the Frear Park Conservancy said she spoke with Kevin and they have a verbal agreement. She also asked for more specifications. She proposed a plan a few years ago and it's finally time for the Council to recognize the trail.

Linda O'Malley, 9th Street had concerns about the trail, and it can fall between the cracks. There needs to be clarification and protection of the trail.

LOCAL LAW

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 (INTRO #1) 2016 FOR ENACTING AN AMENDMENT TO
SECTION C-70 (M) OF THE TROY CITY CHARTER**

Refer to Public Hearings, Wednesday April 20, 2016 at 5:30 pm, Thursday April 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm and Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:00 pm

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES:

ORD #18

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TROY CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CHAPTER 270, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 270-26.**

Ordinance Passed by Unanimous Vote

Council Member Doherty stated in fiscally challenging times, we may want to consider amending the ordinance to double in three week and not in two weeks. Doherty made a motion for an amendment, Jim Gulli 2nd the motion and the motion failed. Mantello stated the process is two weeks and this ordinance does not change the time frame.

ORD #19

**ORDINANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 62 DATED AUGUST 7, 2014 AND TO
REVISE ITS CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS AS PER SUPPLEMENTAL
AGREEMENT NO. 2 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TROY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON
PAWLING AVENUE**

Ordinance Passed by Unanimous Vote

ORD #20

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IN ORDER TO
APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT WILL BE RECEIVED FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Ordinance Passed by Unanimous Vote

ORD #21

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET TO
APPROPRIATE A NEW YORK STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A CANINE VEHICLE AND AN EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE**

Ordinance Passed by Unanimous Vote

ORD #22

**ORDINANCE APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS
INSTITUTED BY CRE JV MIXED FIFTEEN BRANCH HOLDINGS LLC ON THE
ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE CITY OF TROY**

Ordinance Passed 6 Yes, 3 No (McGrath, Ashe-McPherson, Mantello)

ORD #23

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM, TO WIT: PATRICIA
BURCH V. CITY OF TROY, INDEX. NO.: SC – 0000823 – 16/TR**

Ordinance Passed by Unanimous Vote

ORD #24

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 CITY BUDGET TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM
THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
FURTHERING THE EFFORTS IN THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE UNDER-
UTILIZED UNCLE SAM TRAIL IN NORTH TROY**

Ordinance Passed by Unanimous Vote

Mantello asks to strike out UNDERUTILIZED

ORD #25

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECT TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND
FUNDS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TITLE II ENTITLED LOCAL
WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

Ordinance Passed by Unanimous Vote

Mantello stated it is unfortunate that it is not handicap accessible. And hopes future projects are handicap accessible.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PARKING VIOLATION AMNESTY PROGRAM

Ordinance Passed 8 Yes, 1 No (Kopka)

Mantello states there is over \$1,000,000 in outstanding parking violations. The Amnesty program is from May through June 2016 and covers a period from January 2009 through March 2016. The city will capture 60% of the revenue. Mantello is asking Finance to put two large ads in the paper regarding the amnesty program. Kopka asked if this is at the request of the administration. Mantello states no, it is from the amnesty program I called for.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

RES #24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND UTILIZATION OF THE SERVICES OF FUNDAMENTAL BUSINESS SERVICE, INC. FOR PARKING VIOLATION COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT AND TO ADMINISTER A CITY PARKING VIOLATION AMNESTY PROGRAM

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FUNDAMENTAL BUSINESS SERVICE, INC.

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #27

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TROY TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TROY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION IN THE HIRING OF A CONSULTANT WITH EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #28

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TROY TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM FOR THE RENOVATION OF POWERS PARK

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #29

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TROY TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TROY URBAN TRAILS SYSTEM**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #30

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FRIENDS OF WASHINGTON PARK'S
APPLICATION FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL TROY ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #31

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE MOHAWK & HUDSON HUMANE SOCIETY**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

Doherty stated that we need a place to board dogs but this is expensive as the cost is increased from last year. Doherty noted they raised the cost and hope they are not passing their deficits on to us. Corporation Counsel Glasheen noted the memo in support and that we are governed by state statute.

RES #32

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TROY'S BICENTENNIAL OF ITS
INCORPORATION AND TO HONOR TROY'S FIRST MAYOR, COL. ALBERT
PAWLING**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #33

**A RESOLUTION RENAMING A PORTION OF 4TH AVENUE BETWEEN 113TH AND &
114TH AS MANUPELLA WAY**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #34

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR
LANDSCAPING EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT AT 171 OAKWOOD
AVENUE**

Resolution Passed, 8 Yes, 1 No (Kopka)

Bodnar stated he understood his constituents concerns about the trail and wished the point was raised a few weeks ago. He stated that we are not signing a contract with the developer but we are giving the Mayor the authority to enter into an agreement. Glasheen states this is a basic easement that allows the developer to cut trees. Kopka said there was no referral to Parks and Recreation committee and there are unanswered concerns. Kopka is concerned about the buffer. Mantello said it went through zoning and planning. McGrath noted that individuals from the conservancy were at the golf course and if they have concerns they should bring them to the Mayor. McGrath also stated that when they build the houses they will generate approximately \$200,000 in taxes for the city. Mantello stated we are passing a resolution allowing the Mayor to execute an easement. Mantello wants to also note that this has passed through planning and zoning. Gulli believes this will be an improvement and a positive thing and will increase property value. Mantello the two oak trees are staying. McGrath and the apple tree is staying.

RES #35

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PMA
MANAGEMENT CORP. TO PROVIDE THIRD PARTY CLAIM ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #36

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MONICA KURZEJESKI AS
DEPUTY MAYOR**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #37

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN GLASHEEN AS
CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #38

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ADAM J HOTALING'S APPOINTMENT TO THE
TROY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TROY IDA)**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #39

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF
TROY**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #40

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2016 AS EARTH DAY IN THE CITY OF
TROY AND DESIGNATING SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016 AS TROY EARTH DAY
CITYWIDE CLEANUP**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

RES #42

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF CONGREGATION
BERITH SHOLOM**

Resolution Passed by Unanimous Vote

Public Forum:

John Salka, Deputy Director of Public Information announced there is a community wide email list sign-up sheet.

Lynn Kopka, 195 2nd Street, announced a Healthy Pet Clinic on April 16, 2015 at Knickerbacker Ice Arena.

Kenneth Young, 391 9th Street spoke about his collapsed wall and the problems he having getting his issue resolved. Council President Mantello suggested he contact Corporation Counsel.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn – McGrath, 2nd Sullivan-Teta

Meeting Adjourned 8:41 pm

An audio recording of the meeting is on file in the City Clerk's Office

Patricia O'Brien

City Clerk