Minutes of the
Finance Committee
Troy City Council
June 15, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Council President Mantello and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dan Vincellete. President Mantello requested a moment of silence for the Orlando victims and the young boy.

Consideration of Ordinances:

ORD #46

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SALES BY THE PROPOSAL SALE METHOD OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTIES

McGrath agrees with the recommendations, however wanted to know how a City Engineer could approve the site as there in so City Engineer. Bodnar stated he participated in the meeting and was glad to see activity from the Land Bank.

Ordinance passes by a unanimous vote

ORD #47

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A LAWSUIT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TROY, NEW YORK v. 1776 SIXTH AVENUE, TROY, LLC, INDEX NO.: 229193

McGrath stated he will vote for this as one lump sum as this cannot be payments. Kevin stated the way it's structured it will be in escrow for ten days and after we provide the agreement he has twenty days to pay. Mantello made a motion to amend the section#4 of the ordinance and add pursuant to City Council approval. Mayor Madden stated the Office of the State Comptroller may direct what income line judgement settlements have to go to. Bodnar suggested that we have two weeks before the Regular Council meeting to get answers as to where the funds should go. Mantello stated she wanted to ensure the funding doesn't get comingled. Mantello withdraws her motion to amend upon getting answers. Doherty questions Mantello adding amending and Mantello reiterated that she withdrew the motion to amend.

Ordinance passes by a unanimous vote

ORD #48

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TROY, CHAPTER 270, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

McGrath explained about an incident a few weeks ago and they are revising this ordinance from 2000. He stressed that this is not a punitive ordinance. Kopka asked what the added language is and Glasheen will revise and underline the new material. Kopka stated it's more of an enforcement issue, the language is here and the enforcement needs to be addressed. Doherty asked for a recess to speak with a constituent. After the recess, Doherty stated we need to be reasonable about our enforcement and he would support the ordinance. Mantello stated we are not out to hurt we are looking to enforce against violators.

Ordinance passes by a unanimous vote

ORD #49

ORDINANCE APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED BY TROY WOODLAND LLC ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE CITY OF TROY

Vincellette explained that Fawn Ridge is a skilled care facility whose assessed value by GAAR is $5.9 million. He further explained that Fawn Ridge did not respond to GAAR. Bodnar met with the president of Fawn Ridge and shared a letter stating he plans to make over $1 million dollars in improvements. After much discussion about the residents, it was clarified that this is a tax issue. Vincellette further explained that these are valued by private pay versus public pay and this is what investors look at as a public census. He stated the settlement will save us $80, 000. Mantello asked if they would do the improvement s first and then come back. Donohue asked if there were consequences for not responding to GAAR. Vincellette state people just don't respond.

Ordinance passed 6 yes, 3 no (Mantello, McGrath and Ashe-McPherson.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

RES #62

Sullivan-Teta asked if this is spot zoning. Glasheen explained this is not spot zoning as it encompasses a 36 block area.

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

RES #63

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND UTILIZATION OF THE SERVICES OF COLLAR CITY AUCTIONS & REALTY INC. FOR AUCTIONEER SERVICES ON ALL CITY OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY

Bodnar asked why we have an auctioneer. Glasheen explained for surplus materials at the Police department. Gulli stated the online presence is good for revenue. Gulli asked what are the auctioneer's fees. Glasheen will let Council know before the Regular Council Meeting in July.

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

RES #64

Resolution Appointing Cindy Doran to the Special Committee on the Location of Troy City Hall

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

RES #65

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF TROY

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

RES #66

Resolution of the Troy City Council and City of Troy Adopting the "Think Differently" Initiative to Assist Individuals with Special Needs and Their Families

Mantello said if the Council passes we will be the first city in the state to adopt this initiative. Think Differently initiative will improve the access of community services and facilities for those with special needs.

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote.

Council Member Kopka acknowledged and recognized the passing of Jim Walsh, former Deputy Mayor or Troy.

Motion to Adjourn: Sullivan-Teta, 2ndMcGrath,
Meeting adjourned – 7:47 pm

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

Patricia O'Brien
City Clerk