

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

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

Approximately people were in attendance. In attendance were Mayor Madden, Deputy Mayor Kurzejeski, Corporation Kevin Glasheen, Chief Tedesco, Andrew Piotrowski and Steven Strichman.

Council President requested a moment of silence for Acting City Comptroller Joe Mazzariello.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeanette Nicholson

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. All Present.

Good News: The Council honored Troy High School Girls Softball Team, Troy High School Valedictorian Swetha Thiagarajan and Amaya George and Amyah Mesado of Rensselaer Park Elementary for raising money for those in need.

Public Forum: Peggy Kownack, Marie Gavazzi read a letter on behalf of Andrea Daley, Dylan Medlock & Neil Pelone and Jack Cox, Jr.

Consideration of Ordinances

ORD #46

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

McGrath states is very happy and content with what was done with the property on 4th Street. Mantello thanked the Council for the work they did. Kopka noted the Land Bank had its first closing and we are pleased. 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**

Mantello notes a member of the public noted the payment methods of the past and thanked Corporation Counsel on his work with the payment terms. Gulli what if Gulli doesn't pay, is there a penalty? Glasheen explains that if he doesn't pay we have the right go after the property and have a couple of fall backs. All indications are that he wants to pay. Mantello asks Glasheen to let Council know when he pays. Ordinance passes by a unanimous vote

ORD #48

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

McGrath explains that this was passed in 2000 however with today's technology you can open a business in the city in residential lot and they can park on city streets. McGrath worked with Chief Tedesco, Code enforcement and Kevin Glasheen. He further explains this is very fair and not to punish. Mantello explains these are called "ghost/phantom" businesses. Mantello notes that Kopka is right that laws need to be enforced.

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**

Ordinance passes 7 Yes 2 No (Mantello, Ashe-McPherson)

ORD #50

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND THE 2016
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE
PROJECT/ACCOUNT AND TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF A 10% COMMITMENT OF THE TOTAL COST FOR NEW YORK
WORKS ROUND II- ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM, SCOLITE –
UPPER HUDSON RIVER**

Ordinance passes by a unanimous vote

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

RES #62

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TROY CITY COUNCIL AS LEAD AGENCY
PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT IN
CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED ACTION OF REZONING THE HILLSIDE
AND BEMAN PARK NEIGHBORHOODS FROM R-3 TO R-2 ZONING**

Bodnar explains that the previous Council passed this however it was vetoed on December 31, 2015. He further states the composition of the district overwhelmingly supports an R2 designation.

Resolution passes 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**

Resolution passes by a unanimous vote

RES #64

Mantello states that Resolution #64 was withdrawn at the Finance Committee Meeting

RES #65

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF TROY

Resolution passes 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 explains that the Dutchess County Executive came up with the “Think Differently” Initiative for individuals with special needs where they now host movie nights and have playgrounds for special needs children. Mantello states we have one handicap swing in Troy and she plans to put together a panel to make our city more user friendly.

Resolution passes by a unanimous vote

RES #67

RESOLUTION BY THE TROY CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE CITY OF TROY, NY IN ITS APPLICATION TO NYS HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR FUNDING UNDER THE NEW YORK MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Resolution passes by a unanimous vote

RES #68

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Mantello explains that under the new Charter there are new Standing Committees

Resolution passes by a unanimous vote

RES #69

RESOLUTION TO AMEND § 3 -103 G. OF THE CITY OF TROY PROCUREMENT POLICY TABLED

RES #70

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ALL UNCLE SAM CITIZEN ORIENTED EVENTS IN 2016 AS BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Kopka asked Deputy Mayor Kurzejeski to explain. Kurzejeski explained \$50,000 was set aside and RFP went out and the Troy Culture Alliance is helping us lead the way as this is spearheaded for neighborhoods. Ashe-McPherson said we are also marketing Lansingburgh and Gulli added that we are carrying on with an Uncle Sam event. Kopka added we would like to see money go to South Troy and the Eastside, too.

Resolution passes 8 Yes, 1 no (Kopka)

RES #71

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE CITY CLERK’S FILING OF LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2016 ON JUNE 29, 2016 IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Mantello explains that we are renumbering form Local Law #3 2016 to Local Law #2 2015.

Resolution passes by a unanimous vote

RES #72

Resolution Appointing a Special Committee on the Location of Troy City Hall

Mantello explains CAP recommended looking at possible relocation of City Hall. Mantello reads the list of the committee as follows: Chairperson Teri Kippen, John Cubit, Andrea Daley, Councilman Doherty, Councilman Donohue, Cindy Doran, David Graham, Councilman Gulli, Frank LaPosta, Michael Lashway, Alex Nichols and Kevin Vandenburg.

Mantello states a report is due December 31, 2016 and the Committee will meet within two weeks. Gulli explains the purpose of this study is to explore the possibilities and it's a strategic plan.

Resolution passes 8 yes, 1 no (Kopka)

Public Forum – Peggy Kownack

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn McGrath, 2nd Ashe-McPherson
Meeting Adjourned 8:20 pm