

**Minutes of the
Finance Committee Meeting
Troy City Council
July 20, 2016
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Council President Mantello

Pledge of Allegiance: Steven Strichman

Roll Call: Council Member Gulli, Council Member Bodnar, Council Member Doherty, Council Member Donohue, Council Member Sullivan-Teta, Council Member Ashe-McPherson, Council President Mantello.

Absent: Council Member McGrath

In attendance were Mayor Patrick Madden, Deputy Mayor Kurzejeski, Corporation Council Kevin Glasheen, Acting Comptroller Andy Piotrowski, and Steven Strichman Director of Planning and Community Development. Approximately 5 members of the public were in attendance.

Steve Strichman was introduced by Council President Mantello. Strichman addressed the Council and shared his education, work history, accomplishments and goals for Troy. A brief question and answer period followed.

Local Laws

Mantello introduced Local Law #3

Consideration of Ordinances

51. Ordinance Amending The 2016 Special Revenue Budget To Accept A New York State Homeland Security Grant For The Purpose Of Purchasing Certain Communication And Personal Protective Equipment.

Ordinance passes 8 yes 0 no

52. Ordinance Amending The 2016 City Budget To Accept Funds From Federal Emergency Management Agency (Fema) For The Purpose Of Training Various Firefighters To Advance Emergency Medical Training.

Ordinance passes 8 yes 0 no

53. Ordinance Authorizing The Appropriation Of \$2,500 From The Celebrations Account To The Uncle Sam Celebration Committee In Order To Provide Financial Support For The Uncle Sam Celebration Events To Be Held On September 10, 2016.

Doherty asks if we need an ordinance if we have a celebration fund. Mantello says it has to be passed separately. The events won't take place in the short time period if we don't fund them. Gulli states next year we will have time to raise funds. Mantello explains there is civic fund and a Bicentennial fund and that there is a \$50,000 in the Bicentennial fund. This money is coming from the bicentennial fund. Ashe-McPherson states she understands there is a balance in the fund for neighborhoods. Monica responds that there is a balance and there will be an application process for the neighborhoods to apply for the funds. Kopka asks what is the balance and Monica will get back to her with the balance. Donohue asks what the timeline is for the application is and Monica says it's for 2016 but could carryover for a New Year or Winter celebration.

Ordinance passes 7 yes 1 no (Kopka)

RESOLUTIONS

73. South Troy Industrial Park Road– Adoption Of Determination And Findings Statement Under Article 2 Of The New York State Eminent Domain Procedure Law.

Mantello asks if we assessed the value of all of the property. Monica explains we are ending the public comment period and we get the notification out to the property owners. Glasheen further explains that we try to acquire the property with a volunteer sale then we do not have to go to eminent domain.

Resolution Passes 7 yes, 1 no (Ashe-McPherson)

74. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Finalize And Execute An Agreement Between The City Troy And Unity House Of Troy, N.Y., Inc. Relating To The Use Of A Parking Lot Beneath The Collar City Bridge.

Mantello asks to clarify the number of parking spaces. Glasheen says its 24 spaces and will correct the backup memo to reflect 24 parking spaces. Bodnar asks what lot this is. Glasheen states it is the Earl Street lot. Bodnar notes the term of the agreement is twenty years and wants to know who idea this was. Glasheen states it was mutual. Bodnar is concerned about this kind of arrangement, who deals with the problems, for example playing basketball with cars in the lot and wants to know how this will work. Glasheen says theoretically cars are parked during the day and basketball will be played after work and weekends. Glasheen will get more clarification of Bodnar's questions before the Regular Council Gulli added there was a lot of non basketball related congregating at this site. He asked if this area will be locked so we can make sure we are not creating a problem. Gulli stated fifteen years ago it was new and it turned out to be a place that had to be locked. Glasheen stated the Unity House is the responsible party. Mantello this may encourage kids to play basketball and be a benefit to the children. Doherty said this opportunity for our youth and we can't keep pushing away. Doherty asked who be responsible for snow removal? Glasheen states Unity House is the responsible party and refers to #5 in the agreement.

Resolution passes by a unanimous vote

75. Resolution To Amend Section 3 – 101 Of The City Of Troy Procurement Policy.

Doherty states he is voting against because he feels that there are differences in opinion regarding if it is necessary and there are different interpretation and characterizing it as a revoke privilege is a stretch as the Mayor is the executive of the City.

Resolution passes 5 yes, 3 no (Kopka, Sullivan-Teta, Doherty)

76. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Finalize And Execute A Contract With Financial Consultant, Owen Goldfarb.

Mantello looked over Goldfarb resume and wants to know who he worked for in Afghanistan. States she worked with the Mayor and refined the contract. Added that she appreciated the collaboration.

Resolution passes by a unanimous vote

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn Doherty/Ashe-Mcpherson 2nd Sullivan Teta

Adjourned 7:25 pm

A complete audio recording of the Finance Meeting is on file in the Troy City Clerk's Office

Troy City Clerk
Patricia O'Brien
