

**Resolution Recommending Inclusion of the City Council's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in the Mayor's Proposed 2017 Budget**

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**WHEREAS**, the Office of the NYS Comptroller in November of 2015 and February of 2016 issued critical financial reports regarding the City of Troy, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the Troy City Council, as required by State Law, adopted and accepted a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) regarding said reports; and

**WHEREAS**, said CAP was submitted by the City Council to the Office of NYS Comptroller in May 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAP pertained solely to matter under the responsibility of the Troy City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, certain aspects of the CAP have been or are being adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Troy City Council recommends the duly adopted CAP be included as part of the Mayor's proposed 2017 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous suggestions regarding the CAP, if implemented, will help the City raise revenues, keep costs down, and provide an overall more effective city government; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council hereby recommends the following:

- 1) Revenue estimates from the sale of any real property exceeding \$100,000 be based on a signed contract with a closing date in 2017.
- 2) Revenue estimates from franchise fees must be based on signed agreements.
- 3) Revenue estimates from sales tax must be based on conservative and realistic analysis pursuant to the existing agreement with Rensselaer County.
- 4) All current fees for permits and other related matters should be reviewed and updated.
- 5) A public safety fee for private colleges should be negotiated based upon police and fire services provided.
- 6) Overtime and consultants should be reduced by ten percent from the current fiscal year.
- 7) A cost savings plan should be developed by sharing services with Rensselaer County and Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC)

- 8) A cost revenue analysis should be done to determine whether the City should consider leasing out the golf operations at the Frear Park Golf Course.
- 9) Do a cost-benefit analysis for the city run ambulance service.
- 10) Expenditures for future pension costs should be based on realistic estimates provided by the NYS Comptroller each year.
- 11) A realistic multi-year capital plan should be developed for 2017 and periodically updated.
- 12) A reserve fund should be established for future Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) expenditures.
- 13) A reasonable allocation for contingencies should be included in the 2017 budget.  
(Per NYS Comptroller's formula)
- 14) A costs savings hiring freeze for the first six months of 2017, which should be implemented and reevaluated. The Mayor may certify to the Council that a particular position is essential and needs to be filled within that six month period.
- 15) All non-reimbursable expenses in each and every City Department should be cut five percent.
- 16) Perform a cost benefit analysis for city run entities that generate significant revenue.

**BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that any request to exceed the tax cap for 2017 should be based on a demonstrated effort to include the City Council's CAP as set forth in this resolution.

Approved as to form, September 6, 2016

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