Minutes of the Finance Meeting
Wednesday, March 30, 2016
5:30 PM

The Finance meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Council President Mantello. The

Pledge of Allegiance: Deputy Mayor Kurzejeski

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

In attendance were Mayor Patrick Madden, Deputy Mayor Kurzejeski ,Corporation Council Kevin Glasheen, Chief Tedesco and Deputy Director of Public Information John Salka. Approximately fifteen people from the public attended.

A PowerPoint Presentation by Fundamental Business Services (FBS) was held in the conference room. FBS is a parking violation Collection and management company. John Farrell of FBS demonstrated the handheld hardware and explained the efficiencies, data reporting and collection process. FBS is a performance based service with no start up fees. They will also handle all mailings at no cost.

After the presentation the meeting moved to Council Chambers.

LOCAL LAWS

LOCAL LAW #1

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

Mantello discussed how Local Law #1 will change the process to transfer funds from water to the general fund. A 2/3 vote will be required and a public hearing. Kopka asked what are you replacing the money with and stated since 1998, $30 million has been transferred. Mantello stated we can still transfer but it will be more transparent. McGrath said we are not banning we are asking for a public hearing and 2/3 vote. Corporation Counsel Glasheen noted that we must have three public hearings for input. Gulli stated it's a step forward.

No action needed – Passed 7 Yes 1 No (Kopka)

Consideration of Ordinances:

ORD #18

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TROY CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES,

CHAPTER 270, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 270-26.

Ordinance passed by a unanimous vote

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 a 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 a 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 a 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

McGrath asked Vincellete if this is a bank? Vincellete responded that it is Citizens Bank and we have done this in the past. Ashe-McPherson asked who is the current owner? Vincellete stated it's a holding company. Mantello asked if we did a pre GAR. Vincellete said yes, Bodnar stated that's's it's possible that the bank set up the holding company. Mantello stated if we voted no, would you litigate this? Vincellete responded yes.

Ordinance passed 5 Yes 3 No (McGrath, Ashe McPherson and Mantello)

ORD #23

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

Bodnar asked what happenend. Glasheen said it was in connection with the Turkey Troy, a sign was not visible to the operator.

Ordinance passed by a 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 a unanimous vote

ORD #25

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

Ordinance passed by a unanimous vote

ORD #26

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PARKING VIOLATION AMNESTY PROGRAM

Ordinance passed by a unanimous vote

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 a unanimous vote

RES #25

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

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

RES #26

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TROY, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL $510,391 IN SERIAL BONDS TO FINANCE A CAPITAL PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN

Bodnar asked Chris Wheland to explain the $34,000,000 over 15 years and if it is our net cost. Chris stated it is our estimated cost and that we have an application in in for more grants with EFC and EFC is interest free.

Resolution passed by a 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

McGrath made a motion to amend Resolution #27 and read Gulli asked the Mayor what happens if we are halfway through, what do we do with this position. Mayor Madden we need to reinstate this person, we need a budget, I will seek to fund this position through a grant. Gulli asked how this consultant will be different. Mayor Madden explained that a Comptroller is concerned with the present a Budget Director looks toward the future and trends. Ashe-McPherson asked what is the capacity of the consultant. Mayor Madden said the consultant is a Budget Director.

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 a 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 a unanimous vote

RES #31

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

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

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 a unanimous vote

RES #33

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

Resolution passed by a 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

Kopka asked if this reduces the buffer? Jamie Easton of MJ Engineering stated the buffer is not getting reduced. Easton stated they will clean up area, remove brush, landscape, add tall grasses and maintain the walking path. Kevin Vandenburgh stated it's city owned property and the homeowners association will maintain and keep the walking path. Mantello stated it is a private and public partnership.

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

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 a unanimous vote

RES #36

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MONICA KURZEJESKI AS DEPUTY MAYOR

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

RES #37

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN GLASHEEN AS CORPORATION COUNSEL

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

RES #38

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

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

RES #39

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF TROY

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

RES #42

RESOLUTION HONORING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF CONGREGATION BERITH SHOLOM

Resolution passed by a unanimous vote

Meeting Adjourn By Council Member McGrath
Seconded by Council Member Gulli
ADJOURNMENT 7:42 pm

An audio record of the Troy City Council Finance Committee meeting minutes is on file in the Troy City Clerks office.
Troy City Clerk
Patricia O'Brien