

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
January 8, 2009**

ROLL CALL:

MR. WOJCIK, MR. MCGRATH, MR. RYAN, MR. DUNNE, MR. ZALEWSKI, MR. GALUSKI, MR. BROWN,
MR. BAUER, PRESIDENT CAMPANA
ABSENT:

Local Law # 1 & 2 cannot be introduced until the February 2009 meeting because of the 7 day waiting period. (c-36)

- 1 Local Law No. 3 (Intro #3) for 2008 Creating Article XI of Chapter 257 “Taxation” to the Troy City Code entitled: “ Article XI: Cold War Veterans Exemption”. (Council President Campana) (At the Request of the Administration).
2. Local Law No. 1 (Intro #1) for the year 2009 amending the Troy City Charter. (Council President Campana).

Local Law # 3 was amended the night of the meeting. Moved to February 2009 meetng.

3. Local Law No. 2 (Intro #2) for the year 2009 amending the Troy City Charter. (Council President Campana).

**Ordinance No. 1 Date January 8, 2009
Introduced by Council Member President Campana Motion McGrath
At the request of Administration Seconded by Dunne**

ORD. #1

**ORDINANCE FIXING THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF THE 2009 FISCAL YEAR BOND
COVERING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY FISCAL OFFICERS**

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section C-14 and C-68 of the City Charter a blanket bond covering all city employees will cover the City Clerk, the City Comptroller, the City Treasurer, the City Purchasing Agent, the City Auditor and department heads.

Section 2. The amount of the bond shall be as follows:

\$250,000 per employee

Section 3. A copy of the bond shall be filed in the office of the Rensselaer County Clerk.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Ordinance ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

Troy City Clerk

Executive Action

Sent to the Mayor 1/09/2009

Approved x Date 1/12/2009

Received from the Mayor 1/13/09

Veto _____ Not Endorsed _____

City Clerk _____

Mayor _____

Memorandum in Support

Title: Ordinance Fixing the Amount and Form of the Bond Covering the City Clerk and City Fiscal Officers.

Summary of Provisions: This legislation would cover all city employees with one "blanket" fidelity bond for the sum of \$250,000.

Present Law: N/A

Purpose: A fidelity bond protects the City from monetary loss through the dishonesty of its employees. There are two City Charter provisions that require the City Council to set the form and the amount of the bond. Section C-14 states that the City Clerk is required to give a bond in the amount and form set by the City Council. Charter Section C-68 requires the City Comptroller, the City Treasurer, the City Purchasing Agent, the City Auditor and department heads to give a bond in the amount and form set by the City Council. For years, the City has purchased a "blanket" bond covering all city employees including those employees that the Charter doesn't specify. A blanket bond does not require the City to specify the covered employees. All city employees are covered. For example, the city's existing bond would cover a loss from a dishonest city employee accepting money at the Frear park golf course, despite the fact that the Charter doesn't require it.

Fiscal Impact: None

Council Committee: Finance

Ordinance No. 2 Date January 8, 2009

Introduced by Council Member President Campana Motion Ryan

At the request of Administration Seconded by Dunne

ORD. #2

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY TAKEN BY THE CITY OF TROY THROUGH THE IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROCESS

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. The City of Troy, through the In-Rem Foreclosure process, by Court Order and Treasurer’s Deed, took legal title to real property located at 60 Ninth Street (S/B/L: #101.23-5-2).

Section 2. Pursuant to City Code Section 83-5, “Reconveyance of foreclosure property”, former owner, Mr. Chepito Hilton, tendered application for reconveyance and a copy of his application is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 3. Pursuant to City Code Section 83-5(A), the City Council, in its discretion, may convey all of the property, right, title and interest of the City in any property hereinafter acquired by the City by virtue of any In-Rem Foreclosure action, to any person...which...had been vested with title thereto. A copy of City Code Section 83-5(A) is also attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 4. The City Council of the City of Troy hereby authorizes the reconveyance of the above defined real property, by Quit Claim Deed, to former owner, Mr. Chepito Hilton, as soon as practicable.

Section 5. This act will take effect immediately.

Ordinance ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

Troy City Clerk

Executive Action

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Veto _____ Not Endorsed _____

City Clerk _____

Mayor _____

Ordinance No. 3 Date January 8, 2009

Introduced by Council Member President Campana Motion Galuski

At the request of Administration Seconded by Zalewski

ORD. #3

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM AGAINST TROY BY METROPOLITAN INSURANCE COMPANY A/S/O: THOMAS HUGHES

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority contained in Section C-74 of the City Charter, the following banks, including their successors institutions, if applicable, are designated as official depositories of city funds:

M&T BANK

PIONEER COMMERCIAL BANK

FIRST NIAGARA

BANK OF AMERICA

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

Troy City Clerk

Executive Action

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Received from the Mayor 1/13/09

Veto _____ **Not Endorsed** _____

City Clerk _____

Mayor _____

Resolution No. 2 **Date** January 8, 2009
Introduced by Council Member President Campana **Motion** Brown
At the request of Administration **Seconded by** Dunne

RES. # 2

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS
FOR THE CITY OF TROY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appoints the following persons, as identified in Schedule "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, Commissioners of Deeds for the City of Troy for the terms identified in Schedule "A".

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

Troy City Clerk

Executive Action

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Veto _____ Not Endorsed _____

City Clerk _____

Mayor _____

Resolution No. 3 Date January 8, 2009

Introduced by Council Member President Campana Motion _____

At the request of Administration Seconded by _____

RES. #3

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the City of Albany, as Lead Applicant, and the City of Troy and the City of Schenectady as Co-Applicants, are in mutual support of submitting a Local Government Efficiency Grant Program application to the New York State Department of State, Division of Local Government Services for the 2008 - 2009 program year; and

WHEREAS, the respective responsibilities of the lead applicant and the co-applicants are enumerated in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the police agencies in the aforementioned municipalities, together with other law enforcement agencies in Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties, have successfully applied for a \$3.6 million COPS Technology Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to implement a regional Records Management System (RMS) that allows law enforcement agencies in the Capital region to effectively and efficient share data with one another; and

WHEREAS, the COPS Technology Program grant requires a 25% match (\$1.2 million); and

WHEREAS, Local Government Efficiency Program funding is eligible as match for the COPS Technology grant; and

WHEREAS, the project title shall be the "Capital Region Law Enforcement Integrated Management Project"; and

WHEREAS, the "amount of grant requested" will not exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany, the City of Troy and the City of Schenectady will each contribute One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) in LGE Program match through law enforcement "forfeiture monies"; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the City of Troy authorizes the Mayor to submit an application, as a co-applicant, for funding not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) to the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program and to execute all financial and administrative processes relating to the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the City of Troy will commit One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) in match from its law enforcement forfeiture monies.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

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City Clerk _____

Mayor _____

Resolution No. 4 Date January 8, 2009
Introduced by Council Member President Campana Motion McGrath
At the request of Administration Seconded by Dunne

RES. #4

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush, as Lead Applicant, and the City of Troy, the City of Rensselaer, the Town of North Greenbush, the Town of Schodack and the Town of Sand Lake, as Co-Applicants, are in mutual support of submitting a Local Government Efficiency Grant Program application to the New York State Department of State, Division of Local Government Services for the 2008 - 2009 program year; and

WHEREAS, the respective responsibilities of the lead applicant and the co-applicants are enumerated in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned municipalities have previously formed a consortium and successfully developed a shared Assessment Information System (AIS) to provide assessment and parcel level data to the six participating municipal departments and to the public via the Web; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant application is to create additional operational efficiencies and further reduce municipal costs through the funding of carefully considered enhancements to the AIS; and

WHEREAS, the project title shall be the "Assessment Information System Enhancement Project"; and

WHEREAS, the Town (City) designates Tina Dimitriadis, Assessor for the City of Troy as contact person for the City with responsibility for attending project meetings, furnishing all necessary information to the Town of East Greenbush and informing the City Council regarding the project's schedule and progress; and

WHEREAS, the "amount of grant requested" will not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the "local share," in dollars, of a successfully funded Local Government Efficiency Grant Program application shall be a ten percent (10%) cash match of the grant award;

and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush, the City of Troy, the City of Rensselaer, the Town of North Greenbush, the Town of Schodack and the Town of Sand Lake, will each contribute one-sixth of the 10% match (1.667%); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the City of Troy authorizes the Mayor to submit an application, as a co-applicant, for funding not to exceed \$200,000 to the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program and to execute all financial and administrative processes relating to the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the City of Troy will commit one-sixth of the required 10% local share, an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Three Dollars and 33/100 (\$3,333.33), from its general revenues, towards the local project share.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

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City Clerk _____

Mayor _____

Resolution No. 5 Date January 8, 2009
Introduced by Council Member President Campana Motion Zalewski
At the request of Administration Seconded by Dunne

RES. #5

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED
ARTICLE VII LEGISLATION (S.57/A.157, PART B) MERGING THE
NEW YORK STATE THEATRE INSTITUTE WITH THE EGG**

Be it resolved that the Troy City Council respectfully requests that proposed Article VII legislation (S.57/A.157, Part B) merging the New York State Theatre Institute with The Egg be withdrawn from further consideration.

Added by unanimous consent night of meeting by the City Council.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9
Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

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City Clerk _____

Mayor _____