

**TROY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
May 21, 2020
6:45 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Presentation of Agenda
Public Forum*

LOCAL LAWS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

50. Resolution Recognizing The Career And Service Of Father James Vaughan (Council President Mantello, Council Member Steele, Council Member McDermott, Council Member Gulli, Council Member Ashe McPherson) **Pending Finance Meeting, May 21

* Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, this meeting shall be held remotely via videoconferencing. If you would like a statement added to the record as part of the public forum at the beginning of the meeting, please email your statement to the City Clerk at mara.drogan@troyny.gov at least 1 hour before the start of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF
FATHER JAMES VAUGHAN**

WHEREAS, Father James Vaughan, Pastor Emeritus at Sacred Heart Church in Troy, is celebrating his 70th anniversary in the priesthood on June 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Father Vaughan grew up in Troy and attended St. Michael's School on Stow Avenue and Catholic Central High School before attending St. Thomas Seminary in Connecticut, where he was ordained as a priest on June 3, 1950; and

WHEREAS, he served at many parishes throughout the region including St. Mary's in Troy, St. Ambrose in Latham, St. Patrick's in Athens, and St. Mary's in Hudson. But Sacred Heart in Troy is where he made his home. He served there as pastor from 1973-2000, and continues to serve as Pastor Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, he is well known in Rensselaer County and beyond, and loved by all. It was always, and still is, his joy to do God's work through the people. It was so important for him to know and be among the people; and

WHEREAS, he was admitted to Van Rensselaer Manor after a health setback in February of this year but continues to inspire us all; and

WHEREAS, he lives by 3 simple words ACCEPT, ADJUST and TRUST and feels that it is so very important for people to remember and live by those words, especially during this unprecedented health crisis and social isolation. He has had to accept his situation, remain positive, make adjustments and most importantly TRUST. He has been doing relevant sermons for years - and still continues to inspire people during this difficult time through his example of maintaining a positive spirit and most importantly trusting in God; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Troy, New York joins to recognize Father Vaughn for his long, distinguished, and inspirational service to our community.

Approved as to form, May 21, 2020

Richard T. Morrissey, Acting Corporation Counsel