

**TROY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
October 22, 2020
6:45 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes
Presentation of Agenda
Public Forum (*see end of agenda for instructions)

LOCAL LAWS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

105. Resolution Authorizing The City Of Troy To Accept A Grant Of \$225,000.00 From The Local Initiatives Support Corporation For The “Zombie” And Vacant Properties Remediation And Prevention Initiative - Round 2 (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

***PUBLIC FORUM**

Due to the current COVID-19 crisis and pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Executive Order No. 202.1, this meeting shall be held remotely via videoconference and live-streamed on the City Council’s [YouTube channel](#). Troy residents who wish to comment during the public forum at the beginning of the meeting must have the ability to join the Zoom meeting via computer or phone and will be required to pre-register for the meeting. The link to register for the meeting will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting on the Council [Agenda and Minutes](#) page and sent out through the City Clerk’s public notices [email list](#). You must register for the meeting by 3 pm on the day of the meeting.

Per the City Council, written comments will not be read aloud at this meeting but will be added to the meeting minutes. Written comments to be added to the meeting minutes should be sent to mara.drogan@troyny.gov and must be received by 3 pm on the day of the meeting. You must include your full name and residential address, as required by Council rules. Written comments received after 3 pm shall be treated as correspondence and forwarded to the Council for their review.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TROY TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$225,000.00 FROM THE LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION FOR THE “ZOMBIE” AND VACANT PROPERTIES REMEDIATION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE - ROUND 2

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2019-17, the Troy City Council previously supported the City of Troy’s grant proposal to the Local Initiative Support Corporation for the “Zombie” and Vacant Properties Remediation and Prevention Initiative - Round 2; and

WHEREAS, the Local Initiative Support Corporation has approved a grant to the City of Troy in the amount of \$225,000.00, for the purpose of funding a Code Enforcement Officer and outside legal consultants to prosecute non-compliant lien-holder owners of “Zombie” properties, as well as for technical assistance and other tracking, training, and outreach initiatives pertaining to “Zombie” properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Troy is hereby authorized to accept the grant of \$225,000.00 from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation for funding the second round of the “Zombie” and Vacant Properties Remediation and Prevention Initiative.

Approved as to form, _____, 2020

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To: City Council
From: Steven Strichman
Date: October 19, 2020
Re: Accept Zombie Grant - \$225,000

Code Officer/Zombie Enforcer Eric Ferraro and I have been working with the Local Initiatives Support Corp (LISC) on setting up the Zombie 2.0 which was approved but never accepted by the City Council.

The Grant runs from May 2020 through October 2021 and funds the following as outlined in our application last year:

Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 68,333
Legal Consultants for Prosecution	117,490
Building Blocks Software	10,927
Outreach (mailings) to potentially impacted owners for counseling by TRIP – (not included)	12,000
Training	5,000
<u>Technical Assistance (LISC)</u>	<u>11,250</u>
Total	\$ 225,000

While the legal expenses look fairly high, to date, we have negotiated or litigated \$278,000 in settlements – not all yet paid, which includes \$80,000 to the land bank as part of an agreement to take 3325 Sixth Avenue from the bank and return it to productive use.

The prosecution process is timely, but we began making steady progress in May of 2019. The process slowed as the courts closed in March due to COVID, but we are starting to make headway again.

Some of these expenditures will require budget modification in the near future.