

**Minutes of the
TROY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 4, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and pursuant to NYS legislation S.50001/A.40001, this meeting was held remotely via videoconference.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Council President Mantello.

Roll Call: The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Council Member Gulli, Council Member Ashe-McPherson, Council Member Steele, Council Member Cummings, Council Member Zalewski, Council Member McDermott, Council President Mantello, Chair.

In attendance were Mayor Patrick Madden, Corporation Counsel Richard T. Morrissey, Comptroller Andrew Piotrowski, and Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development Steven Strichman.

Council Member Zalewski made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the prior meeting and approve as posted. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nos.

Public Forum:

Sharon Jacobs and Bonnie Engelman submitted written statements. See Appendix A.

88. Ordinance Amending The 2021 Garbage Fund Budget To Accept Funds From The United States Department Of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service For Funding Related To The City Of Troy's Environmental Stewardship Initiative (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

Ordinance passed 7 ayes, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.

89. Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Personal Property As Surplus And Directing The Office Of The City Comptroller To Dispose Of The Surplus Property (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

Ordinance passed 7 ayes, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.

90. Ordinance Transferring Funds Within The 2021 Water Fund Budget (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

Ordinance passed 7 ayes, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.

83. Resolution Of Troy City Council Authorizing A Change Of Traffic Direction On Rensselaer Street Between 6th Avenue And River Street (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

Resolution passed 7 ayes, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.

84. Resolution Of Troy City Council Authorizing A Change Of Traffic Direction On Washington Street Between 5th Avenue And River Street (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

Resolution passed 7 ayes, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.

85. Resolution Supporting And Endorsing The City's Application For A Grant To Fund Construction Of A Municipally Owned District Geothermal Utility System (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

Resolution passed 7 ayes, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.

86. Resolution Appointing Kimberly Ann Mazor To The Board Of Assessment Review Of The City Of Troy (Council President Mantello, Council Member Zalewski)

Resolution passed 7 ayes, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.

87. Resolution Appointing Commissioners Of Deeds For The City Of Troy (Council President Mantello)

Resolution passed 7 ayes, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.

88. A Resolution To Proclaim November 2021 As "Epilepsy Awareness Month" (Council President Mantello, Council Member McDermott, Council Member Ashe McPherson, Council Member Zalewski, Council Member Steele, Council Member Gulli, Council Member Cummings)

Resolution passed 7 ayes, 0 nos, 0 abstentions.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

A video recording of this meeting is on file at the City Clerk's office.

Appendix A

Re: Washington Street One-Way

As a lifetime resident of Troy and living on this street, I whole heartedly continue to support the street being made one way as soon as possible. Thank you.”

Thanks!
Sharon D. Jacobs
Troy, Ny

Dear Council Members,

I am a six year Troy resident and a life long animal activist. I have written to you previously, and addressed you through your last zoom meeting on the topic of the establishment of a dog park, to be located in Prospect Park in downtown Troy. Since that time, although I have emailed several council members, I have not received any updates on where in the decision making process this determination lies. I am, as I said in my letters, like a dog with a bone,

I don't give up. It was obvious to me from listening to the amount of work and decision making that had been done in 2019, that the specifics of a dog park were well on their way to becoming a reality. Because I was not involved at that time, I'm not sure what factors were at work in forestalling that process. The fact remains, however that there are hundreds and hundreds of dogs in downtown Troy, of all shapes and sizes and breeds, and they all require a place to run and be free and socialize. Most dog owners treat their pets as family members and would not restrict their children from these basic liberties. Dogs need them even more. In addition to the benefits to the animals, a dog park would create a space for their humans to get together and form their own community. I work as a pet sitter and I approach people walking their dogs in Monument Square, ask if I can pet their animal, present them with my business card, and more often than not, take photos. It's amazing how happy this makes the owner, full of parental pride, and often, lively conversation ensues. This would certainly occur at a dog park, where people are deliberately bringing their canines for recreation and socialization. My understanding is, most communities in the Capital District do have dog parks – why is Troy, which is trying so hard to become a more progressive and desirable place to live, lacking in this one simple, but essential, area?

I've spoken to many, many dog owners and without exception, all have fully endorsed the development of a dog park. We have a perfect site for it, strong community backing behind it, and a budget to cover it. So let's do it!! If there is anything I, as a resident, can do, to implement this, such as getting a group of “Friends of the Park” together, or initiating a petition, I'm happy to do it. Just let me know.

Thank you.
Bonnie Engelman
Troy, NY