

**TROY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
March 24, 2022
6:45 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Presentation of Agenda
Public Forum*

RESOLUTIONS

36. Resolution Endorsing An Application By The Commission On Economic Opportunity For A Grant To Be Awarded By The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation For An Expanded Early Childhood Education Center And A Youth And Young Adult Support And Training Center (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration) **Pending Finance Approval**

37. Resolution In Support Of The People Of Ukraine (Council President Mantello, Council Member Gulli, Council Member Ashe-McPherson, Council Member Steele, Council Member Menn, Council Member Conley-Wilson, Council Member Sorriento) (At The Request Of The Administration) **Pending Finance Approval**

*PUBLIC FORUM

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Due to the Governor's recent extension of the state of emergency (Emergency Order 11.4), the City Council will be conducting this meeting **both hybrid and in-person** and the meeting will be live-streamed on the City Council's [YouTube channel](#).

Troy residents who wish to comment through the Hybrid option 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. You must register for the meeting by 3 pm on the day of the meeting. Per Council rules, residents have 4 minutes to speak at the Special Meeting public forum. Comments must be regarding agenda items. There is a second public forum where residents have 3 minutes to speak at the end of the meeting for city government issues

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 maria.debonis@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 ENDORSING AN APPLICATION BY THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR A GRANT TO BE AWARDED BY THE NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION FOR AN EXPANDED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER AND A YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT SUPPORT AND TRAINING CENTER

WHEREAS, the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) is an established Community Action Agency that for over 56 years has provided low-income residents in Troy with a range of services such as Early Childhood Education programs, Senior programs, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and a variety of other programs designed to assist and address poverty; and

WHEREAS, CEO plans to utilize CDGB-CARES funds to construct a 2-story annex to their existing building located at 2328 Fifth Avenue in Troy in order to provide additional space for expanded classrooms and to offer programming initially created through the One Troy (ESPRI) project for support and training services targeted to high-risk youth and adults; and

WHEREAS, a grant opportunity has become available through the NYS Homes and Community Renewal/Housing Trust Fund Corporation that may provide up to \$5 million in funding that will support this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, without this grant funding, this project is unlikely to be built.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Troy City Council is in full support of CEO's grant application to New York State Homes and Community Renewal/Housing Trust Fund Corporation.

Approved as to form, _____, 2022

Richard T. Morrissey, Corporation Counsel



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To: City Council
From: Steven Strichman
Date: March 1, 2022
Re: Commission on Economic Opportunity – Support for Grant

CEO has developed plans for an Early Childhood Education Center and a Youth and Young Adult Support and Training Center. The project will provide critical services easily accessible to downtown, north central, and other city residents. It has received Planning Commission approval and was included as a Downtown Revitalization Project in our successful application.

Construction cost increases threatened the viability of this project, however there is funding available through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal program that may fund up to \$ 5 million. Use of this funding source allows for construction to commence in 2022.

The application is due on March 18th. I strongly urge support of this grant application.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

WHEREAS, on January 21, 1990, more than 300,000 Ukrainians called for unity and independence from the Soviet Union by forming a human chain between the cities of Kyiv and Ivano-Frankivsk; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1991, more than 90 percent of Ukrainian citizens voted in a national referendum in support of independence, with majorities in every region; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2013, the Euromaidan protests began in favor of signing the European Union-Ukraine Association Agreement, resulting in the Revolution of Dignity and the removal of President Viktor Yanukovich by the Verkhovna Rada; and

WHEREAS, in February and March of 2014, the Russian Federation invaded the peninsula of Crimea, illegally annexed the region, and claimed the territory to be a part of Russia; and

WHEREAS, beginning in April of 2014, the Russian Federation invaded the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Eastern Ukraine instigating violence, stoking conflict, arming separatists, and spreading disinformation on Ukrainian soil; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2014, Russian soldiers or Russian separatist fighters shot down the passenger flight MH17 flying over the Donbas with a surface-to-air missile provided by the Russian Federation, killing all 298 innocent passengers on board; and

WHEREAS, since February of 2015, Russia has continued to fail to live up to its agreements under the Minsk agreements, and the Russian-backed war in the Donbas has claimed approximately 14,000 lives; and

WHEREAS, the Russian military conducted a large-scale buildup in and around Ukraine in March and April of 2021 under the guise of military exercises, leaving significant military equipment behind; and

WHEREAS, the Russian military initiated its most recent much larger military buildup in October 2021 that culminated in approximately 190,000 forces by the time of Russia's renewed full-scale incursion on February 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2022, the State Duma of Russia passed a bill, approved by President Vladimir Putin, to officially recognize the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic and Donetsk People's Republic as independent; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2022, Vladimir Putin ordered Russian troops into the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic and Donetsk People's Republic after recognizing their independence; and

WHEREAS, the decision to recognize the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic and Donetsk People's Republic as independent and to order Russian troops into that territory was not only in violation of international law, Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and the Minsk agreements, but also tantamount to a declaration of war; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russian forces, enabled by Belarus, launched its unprovoked full-scale renewed brutal invasion of a peaceful, independent country, Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, it is the right of all countries to decide their own future, foreign policy, and security arrangements free from outside interference or coercion; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation repeatedly lied about their massive buildup of military forces around Ukraine and claimed that reports Russia would invade Ukraine were hysteria; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the G7 issued a statement condemning the "large-scale military aggression by the Russian Federation against the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine"; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2022, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) condemned "in the strongest possible terms Russia's horrifying attack on Ukraine", called on Russia "to turn back from the path of violence and aggression", and reaffirmed an "iron-clad" commitment to Article 5; and

WHEREAS, the European Commission, France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Canada joined with the United States, committed to coordinated economic sanctions, including severe restrictions, against Russia's Central Bank and full blocking sanctions against Vladimir Putin; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly by a vote of 141 to 5 condemned Russia for invading Ukraine and demanded that Moscow immediately stop fighting and withdraw its military forces; and

WHEREAS, Russian forces have targeted civilians and have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity, leading to an investigation by the International Criminal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court has stated that reasonable grounds exist to believe that war crimes have been committed by Russia in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice has ordered Russia to halt its invasion of Ukraine stating that there is no evidence to support its justification for war; and

WHEREAS, countless homes, businesses, schools, churches, hospitals and entire communities have been utterly obliterated by indiscriminate Russian shelling; and

WHEREAS, in excess of 3 million citizens of Ukraine have already been forced to flee their homeland as a result of the barbaric and illegal action perpetrated on the peaceful people of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, in the days since the renewed full-scale invasion began, Russian citizens have taken to the streets in cities and towns across Russia to protest Putin's illegitimate and destructive war waged against a peaceful and sovereign Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, along with allies in Europe, the Indo-Pacific, and others around the world, has been actively responding to Russia's unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine with critical military, humanitarian, and financial support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people; and

WHEREAS, the Ukrainians and Ukrainian-Americans in our community are valued neighbors and friends, and are at this time suffering greatly as a result of this grave injustice and are in need of our love, support and voices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Troy New York, joined by billions of people across the globe:

- (1) demands an immediate cease-fire and the full withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukrainian territory;
- (2) supports, unequivocally, Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- (3) supports the continued use of sanctions, in coordination with United States' allies and partners, to fully isolate the Putin regime economically for its unprovoked and vicious aggression against Ukraine;
- (4) urges the United States and its allies and partners to deliver additional and immediate defensive security assistance to help Ukraine resist the armored, airborne, and other threats Ukraine is currently facing from Russian forces;
- (5) Condemns any form of discrimination as it relates to the human right to safely flee and seek refuge and urges all nations to affirm our shared humanity, to recognize the extent of human suffering and to assist those fleeing this savage assault to the greatest degree possible without regard to their national origin, race, gender, or religious affiliation;
- (6) urges the United States of America to continue to support resistance by the Ukrainian people as long as the Russian Federation continues to violate Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- (7) emphasizes that NATO's relationship with Ukraine is a matter only for Ukraine and the 30 NATO allies;

(8) reiterates that Crimea and the territories illegally controlled by the illegitimate Russian-controlled governments in Donetsk and Luhansk are, in fact, sovereign Ukrainian territory;

(9) declares that the war in Ukraine, a democratic country, is the frontline of democracy and freedom versus authoritarianism represented by Putin's Russia;

(10) supports the right of the Russian people to protest, including the current protests against Putin's unprovoked war against Ukraine, and demands the immediate release of all those who have been unjustly detained in Russia for expressing their desire for peace;

(11) understands that strongmen, dictators, and authoritarians are watching the world's response to Putin's war against Ukraine and learning lessons for their own aggressive actions domestically and abroad, thereby making a strong and united response important to deter future territorial aggression by the use of military force beyond this crisis;

(12) states unambiguously that only the people of Ukraine can choose their leadership through free and fair democratic elections without foreign interference, intervention, or coercion;

(13) urges the United States Government to ensure that the illegitimate dictator of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, is held accountable for permitting the use of Belarusian territory for, and committing Belarusian forces to, Putin's unprovoked renewed full-scale invasion against Ukraine; and

(14) stands steadfastly, staunchly, proudly, and fervently behind the Ukrainian people in their fight against the authoritarian Putin regime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall send official copies of this Resolution to the Ukrainian and Russian Ambassadors to the United States and to their respective Ambassadors to the United Nations.

Approved as to form, _____, 2022

Richard T. Morrissey, Corporation Counsel