



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

January 23, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

Subject: City Council Member Questions and Responses

I have discussed questions advanced by Mayor and Council with Staff, and responses are attached. Thank you for asking questions in advance of the meeting.

Subject: E-01 PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL (FILE NUMBER SP JPLN 2016-0021) - PROPOSED PARKVIEW ON BEACH, SW CORNER OF BEACH AND LONG LAKE (4909 BEACH)

- Does the cluster ordinance restrict the size of the homes?
- Who would be responsible for maintaining the mulch path, the bocce ball court, and the bio-retention pond?

Response:

- No, it does not. It incentivizes - but does not require - homes that are 1500 SF or smaller.
- The homeowner association would be responsible for these tasks.

Subject: E-02 PUBLIC HEARING-ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DIST FOR ASPHALT PAVING PORTION OF MIDDLESEX COUNTRY HOME SITES-SECTION

(Correspondence received from residents regarding this item are attached at the end of this document)

- It will be helpful based on the emails we are receiving to find out how many (if any) trees may be affected. Also, one of the emails from last week indicated the road location is in question. Is the location not in the right location? If not, is it possible to pave the road without moving its current path, and what is the process for re-writing the plan to keep the road in its current location?
- What is the projected change in home values if the roads were to be paved?
- What is the projected change in property taxes paid by owners?
- Is there a history of speeding / shortcuts through this neighborhood to get to Adams?
- Is it possible to have a map of the Sussex/Lenox area that shows what will be paved and also include a dot with the houses that have objected OUTSIDE of the area? I think that would help to show that most of these emails we are getting are from outside the area.

Response:

- Regarding trees, at this stage we do not do a topo survey. This would be done only if council approves the project, or we are otherwise directed to do so. We do not know the number of trees that would be removed. In our responses to residents we have said that the ROW line is approximately 18 feet from the edge of road. You can expect that trees and shrubs in that area will be removed to allow for ditch grading and catch basins. Trees that are on the ROW line may be less impacted having only some roots being cut. We would not remove any tree on private property, unless permission is obtained from the owner.

We know from a previous survey near Sussex and Arlund Way that the road is off set approximately 10 feet to the east. With the paving project we would re-center the road, as we've done on all paving SAD projects. This is done so as to treat both sides equally, not favoring one side at the expense of the other. It is also necessary to allow enough space on both sides of the road for installation of perforated drain pipes, ditching and catch basins. Space will also be need if storm sewers are ever installed; currently this sub has none.

At Sussex and Arlund there are some trees (see pic below) that will have to come out, less trees if the road stays put. The property on the west side of the street is where the senior living center is located. They constructed a berm with evergreens on their property to provide screening. They may not care one way or the other if those trees come out. If I am directed to look into the feasibility and impacts of keeping the road where it is at this location, I can do that and report back. However, I would caution against trying to accommodate every such request as it may result in more impacts on one side of the road than the other, depending on where the road ends up. For example, if there's not enough room on one side for ditching, we'd be forced to enclose the ditch with a pipe, while the neighbor across the street has trees taken out to allow for ditch construction. The ROW on one side would be relatively flat, while the other side has a ditch. Centering the road treats both sides equally.



Additional note about the trees along the senior center, the senior center was granted a sidewalk waiver for sidewalks along the west side of Sussex, south from Arlund Way. Their waiver request

cited saving the trees. The committee agreed and granted the waiver, based in large part on saving the trees, and to a lesser extent that there's no other sidewalks in that area.

Steven Vandette, P.E. | City Engineer City of Troy

- There's no way to tell what, if any, change in value will occur with the paving. Any increase in value will take several years to show on the assessments.

The Taxable Values will remain capped by the CPI, so any change in taxes will be limited to that.

In short, there is no immediate change in valuation from an SAD.

- January 1, 2014 thru January 23, 2017, on Sussex, there were no traffic complaints. On Arlund Way, we received one complaint of speeders in November of 2016, and conducted "Two" Directed enforcement periods with several tickets being issued.
- We are working on a map, and will forward it to you asap.

Responses to Questions from Mayor Slater:

Staking:

1. Staking ROW, only in proposed paving area; \$5,000, 5 days.
2. Staking ROW in rest of the sub; \$10,000, 10 days.
3. Staking ROW in the entire sub; \$15,000, 15 full days.
4. Timewise, staking the proposed paving area would take about 1 ½ weeks. The entire sub about 3 weeks.

Snow accumulation would expand the schedule, depending on amounts. Some of the property irons must be physically located, which will take longer under snow conditions. Older subs tend to have more buried irons and that could add time to the schedule. If directed we will focus our efforts on staking, right now. We could have the SAD area done in time for the Feb 6th council meeting. The entire area could be done in time for the Feb 20 meeting.

Answers on paving:

1. If approved, the proposed SAD area would be paved this summer after July 1 or in the fall. Cost would be budgeted in 2017-2018 budget.
2. If the entire sub is to be paved the project would need to include storm sewers.
3. Contrary to my statement this morning, storm sewer cost would be city's cost, not spread to the assessment district.
4. The City's share of the project cost including storm sewers, last estimated in 2003, was \$1,156,000. The SAD district share was \$315,000, but that was when asphalt was \$45/ton. Now it's about \$85/ton.
5. Paving and storm sewer in the entire sub could not be done this year. It could be done, at the earliest, after July 1 of 2018.

6. In the proposed paving district, no storm sewers exist. We will be using perforated pipes and dry wells for drainage. This area is somewhat sandy, has few ditches or swales, so it's the sandy, well drained soils that help with drainage.
7. If paving is done in segments, we may reach a point where dry wells won't work, due to encountering poor soils, too much road runoff for absorption to work. Storm sewers at some point may be needed throughout the sub, including the road segments that have already been paved.
8. Sussex Ct. and Rabben Ct. in the southeast corner of the sub are both asphalt. They will be resurfaced this spring as part of a larger project we will have out for bid soon.

Subject: H-01 APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

- What were the list of activities/events budgeted for and paid for by taxpayer dollars before the downturn/Great Recession and what were those dollar amounts?
- How does that list/number compare to what is being proposed with this resolution.
- Benchmarking perspective: is there a list of other cities that have adopted a similar practice?
- Page 46 of the MML magazine has an article related to this that it may be good to share with the council: *(A copy of this page from the MML magazine is attached below)*

Response:

- In order to facilitate this request and meet the inherent timeline we inquired several employees of long history with the City. General opinion is that the Employee Picnic, Focus Groups, Retreats, Special Council Meetings, Safety Awards, Holiday Party, Extended Meetings (such as Union Negotiations and JD Edwards Implementation), Extended Shifts/Extreme Conditions and the Volunteer Firefighter Banquet were present to some degree. New programs designed to meet interpreted City Council directives include City Council Agenda Review, Milestone Celebration, Public Service Recognition Week, Veterans Recognition and Lunch & Learn.

Although we are unable to assess with certainty at this time the amount used from "taxpayer" dollars, vending commissions and employee contributions, it would be a fair generalization that we currently budget and expend more than in the "Pre" Recession era.

- Addressed in the question above.
- Most communities have food expenditures to some extent. Some other known municipalities from a brief poll include:

Farmington, Novi, Wixom and Rochester Hills. We are still awaiting responses from some other communities.

- Yes, this article appears to be to some great extent a reiteration of Appendix H from the Audit Manual for Local Units of Government in Michigan. These guidelines were extensively reviewed and referred in the development of the proposed recommendation. It would be fair to say that it is

because of these guidelines that management feels should City Council deem it appropriate for these type of expenditures, a policy as indicated in the memo should be adopted.

Subject: J-07 Suggested Resolution to Schedule the Council/Staff Retreat on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 8:00 AM at Troy Beaumont Hospital

- Are DDA members and Planning Commissioners included in the retreat this year?

Response:

- The Planning Commission members are invited.

Subject: J-09 TSP SERVICES V CITY OF TROY

- Is TSP correct regarding soil contamination from the aquatic center, and is there a good chance they will win a differing condition case?

Response:

- After meeting with our Engineering Department and our outside consultants, we have information and documentation that refutes TSP's allegations. There were contract modifications and accommodations made before this contract was closed out. Unfortunately, TSP was deficient in a number of aspects in the performance of this contract.

Subject: P-02C CREATIVE ENDEAVORS REPORT

(Please see correspondence and responses received regarding this item below):

From: "Joanie Ugelow" <ugelow@comcast.net>

To: mayorslater@troymi.gov, "ellen hodorek" <ellen.hodorek@troymi.gov>, "edna abraham" <edna.abraham@troymi.gov>, "dave hend61" <dave.hend61@outlook.com>, "paul mccown" <paul.mccown@troymi.gov>, "ed pennington" <ed.pennington@troymi.gov>, "b kigchnick" <b.kigchnick@troymi.gov>

Cc: dlavoys@yahoo.com

Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 4:42:10 PM

Subject: Creative Endeavors Agenda item: P-02

I noticed that Creative Endeavors store is on the Jan 23 board agenda. Does the possibility of it's closure remain?

I read the information sent by Elaine Bo. Here are my reactions to her material.

Regarding the % of non residents in the gift store. How does that differ from nonresidents in all community center programs?

For all activities there is a fee and a higher fee for these not living in ?Troy.

I do not see this is a valid objection for being in Creative Endeavors.

I imagine that both residents & non residents would be using any venture going into the space vacated by Creative Endeavors.

Sales history chart:

Since Creative Endeavors does return some money to the city of Troy/Community center Recreation Program

(not operating at a loss), the decision to be made is whether the city values "non money" reasons for it's continuing.

It does serve community seniors and store customers many who sent supporting emails last month.

I would recommend some store operational changes rather than closure. Having been in the store since it's opening

and seeing these details for the first time and only because I checked the Council agenda.

Perhaps the lower sales figures reflect the general economic trends of several years ago. 2016 sales are higher.

Sincerely,
Joanie Ugelow
2183 Stratford Drive
Troy, Mi

Good Afternoon,
Here are the answers to Ms. Ugelow's questions:

The Recreation Department has completed our investigation and report about Creative Endeavors. The store will remain open and we will continue to monitor its operation.

Non-Residents do pay more (\$5-10) to participate in recreation programs, classes and fitness memberships. This policy was instituted in 2007-08 in attempt to be cost neutral with the cost of our programs.

In other senior (50+) programs the non-resident participation ranges from 7-35%. Swing & Ballroom dance lessons has 35% non-residents but computer classes have only 7%. It varies across the board. Our fitness memberships are 87% Troy residents.

Going forward we will be contacting and updating the vendors of the Creative Endeavors store. We will no longer purchase merchandise to be sold in the store. It will feature only hand-made items.

We will continue to look for innovative programs and services to meet the needs of this changing and growing population with new interests.

Thank you,

Elaine S. Bo | Recreation Director

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----- Original message -----

From: Ethan Baker <Ethan.Baker@troymi.gov>
Date: 1/23/17 1:50 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Brian M Kischnick <B.Kischnick@troymi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Creative Endeavors

Brian,

I think the below email should go out to everyone and I can't send it!

Ethan D. Baker

From: Sharon King <flashkings3@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Creative Endeavors
Date: January 23, 2017 at 12:59:35 PM EST
To: Ethan Baker <Ethan.Baker@troymi.gov>

I very much appreciate your response. You are the only one who has responded to my e-mail thus far.

Based on your response, am I correct in assuming that all the plans for closure of Creative Endeavors were initiated outside of council and without council having any prior information that the shop could be in jeopardy? I am not sure understand how that can be since it appears that financial reports are presented to council? Does council have the authority to establish a required format/procedure whereby any concerns related to the sustenance of existing city services/programs are to be well-publicized with meetings scheduled to present status reports so citizens and city management can problem-solve to find ways to preserve them? It seems that other events and services have been saved in this way but without the public having knowledge of the issues, the public is not given opportunity to find a way to salvage.

I look forward to getting answers to my questions.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2017, at 12:27 PM, Ethan Baker <Ethan.Baker@troymi.gov> wrote:
Dear Ms. King,

I am working to get answers to your good questions.

I've been disappointed, as have you and many others, with how this process has been handled.

It reflects poorly on our city, and I frankly, do not like that.

Best regards,
Ethan

From: Sharon King <flashkings3@yahoo.com>

Date: January 11, 2017 at 2:43:32 PM EST

To: Dane Slater <MayorSlater@troymi.gov>

Subject: Creative Endeavors

Mayor Slater,

I have communicated with you before, both in e-mails and directly at the council meeting where I spoke on the proposed closure of the Creative Endeavors shop.

As I indicated when I spoke before council on this issue, I am most concerned about how the proposed closure occurred. In other words, who started this action and was council aware of the decisions and actions being taken towards the closure.

It seems to me that if council is being informed of the financial issues in the city, council would have been aware of the plans for the closure of the Creative Endeavors shop.

What I would like to know is why the citizens are not first informed as soon as city management sees evidence that a community resource/service may not remain viable due to loss of revenues. It seems that it would be a good practice for the public to be made aware of falling revenues and possible need for closures, changes, etc. early on so that the citizens are given ample opportunity to understand and voice their thoughts, feelings and suggestions for sustaining services. In so many other areas, I have seen that the city holds meetings where the public can participate in future planning so I don't know why this is not established as a practice whenever the city management is considering a future change or closure that will impact its citizens, including such major changes as closing the Creative Endeavors shop as was, and possibly still is, being planned at the community center.

I expect that you will be able to answer this question for me. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Good Afternoon,

For your information I've attached a copy of my report regarding Creative Endeavors (below) that is going to City Council tonight. The store will remain open and we will continue to monitor its operation like we do with our programs and fitness memberships. We will be contacting the store vendors/crafters and updating them.

Thank you,

Elaine S. Bo | Recreation Director

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MEMO

Date: January 17, 2017

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

From: Mark F. Miller, Director of Economic and Community Development
Elaine S. Bo, Recreation Director

Subject: Creative Endeavors Report

HISTORY

Creative Endeavors has been in operation since March of 2002 when it took over the space originally built for a Wellness Center and was designed to feature Troy seniors' hand-made crafts. Currently there are 119 passionate artisans that have product in the senior store of which 42% are non-Troy residents.

ACTION

The Recreation Department has completed a comprehensive evaluation of the Creative Endeavors store and included the information in this report.



MEMO

Creative Endeavors Report

Creative Endeavors has been in operation since March of 2002 when it took over the space originally built for a Wellness Center and was designed to feature Troy seniors' hand-made crafts. Over the last five years the store has seen a decline in participation and revenues.

Sales History (Fiscal year is July 1 – June 30)

Year	Total Sales	Revenue to Rec Dept
09/10	\$36,100	\$9,363
10/11	\$32,053	\$9,487
11/12	\$27,068	\$8,788
12/13	\$28,207	\$6,052
13/14	\$28,012	\$6,050
14/15*	\$26,825	\$1,347
15/16	\$29,723	\$3,544

*Paid staff member to run the store -\$4,160

Total number of vendors as of 12/1/16: 116

42% of the vendors (crafters) are non-Troy resident.

45% of those that sold product made less than \$50.

11% of the vendors sold nothing.

8 people who made money are leaving the store.

37% of the total sales are from merchandise that the Recreation Department has purchased.

Types of product we have purchased to stock store:

- College themed pot holders
- Tigers & MSU playing cards
- College & professional sport themed puzzles
- Candy
- Wine bottle covers
- Webkinz
- Ornaments (teacher, grandma, daughter, etc.)
- Fairy Garden items
- Sewing box
- Mini purses
- State of Michigan themed products
- Lost tooth boxes
- Misc boxes
- Magnets

Vendors are paid 70% of the sale of each of their items that are sold.



MEMO

The Recreation Department also pays all sales taxes, purchases bags, gift boxes, tissue paper, display material, mailing of the checks to vendors.

Checks are cut for the vendors six times per year.

13 vendors received checks for \$10 or less and 14 vendors received checks for \$11-\$20.

City staff time includes:

Treasurer department office work includes:

- Daily import of receipts from RecTrac, verify cash/checks/charges, data entry to bank deposits in New World, deposit cash/checks to bank. Takes 15-20 minutes/day.
- Print checks (cost of special paper & ink), process the associated positive pay and/or ACH file to the bank, print check file copy that includes bar code for finance department to scan to Onbase, match checks to backup to verify name/address/amount and attach to check file copy, and seals check to mail. Takes an additional 15-20/check.
- Cost of postage and bank fees for processing checks.

Finance department office work includes:

- Enter vendor information in New World.
- Record all the payments in a spreadsheet that is used to reconcile at year end for tax purposes.
- Data entry and preparation work to create payment file.
- Scan all back-up material to Onbase.
- Balances outstanding check list.
- We request a W-9 Form for any of the vendors that have over \$600 in sales during the year. At tax time typically finance mails 1099 forms to about 5-6 vendors/per year.
- Enters their "invoices" into New World quarterly.
- Check the AP Edit List to verify they're being paid correctly.

Municipal Expenditures

Q: What are the restrictions for municipalities regarding paying for public celebrations and events? Or giving money to the local Little League team?

A: There are very specific guidelines regarding local government expenditures. Appendix H of the *Audit Manual for Local Units of Government in Michigan* (revised February 2012) by the state's Department of Treasury is very helpful in explaining the restrictions. The complete document can be found at www.michigan.gov.

Here is an excerpt:

Planning the compliance portion of an audit

Local units of government in Michigan are only allowed to incur expenditures for a valid public purpose. The local unit is the steward of public resources, and they may not be used for a private purpose. Determining whether an expenditure is for a valid public purpose is a legal consideration. Often the local unit's legal counsel can be helpful in making this determination.

There are numerous state statutes, court cases, and attorney general opinions that define allowable expenditures. As a guide, the following is a list of the more common types of questionable expenditures:

1. Charitable Donations to Nonprofit Organizations:

Unless the payment is in exchange for the provision of a governmental service that the local unit could have provided itself, this is not a valid public purpose. In general, such expenditures should be documented through a written agreement. This prohibition includes churches, veterans' organizations, community organizations, Little League, Boy Scouts, Big brothers/Big Sisters, etc.

2. Public Celebrations and Events:

MCL 123.851 specifically allows cities, villages, and townships to expend money for observances of Armistice (Veterans), Independence and Memorial Days, and Diamond Jubilee or Centennial celebrations. It is improper for a unit of government to expend public money for an annual picnic or other celebration that is not specifically authorized by law and does not serve a public purpose. The Michigan Supreme Court in *Wayne County v Hathcock*, 471 Mich 445; 684 NW2d 765 (2004), defined "public purpose" as having "for its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, general

welfare, security, prosperity, and contentment of all the inhabitants or residents within the municipal corporation, the sovereign powers of which are used to promote such public purpose."

3. Providing Coffee, Food, etc.:

The purchase of coffee, food, etc., must be for a public, not an individual or private group or purpose. These expenditures for use at a regular or special meeting where the public is also participating in the coffee, food, etc., for firefighters, volunteer or full-time employees, when working an extended period of time or when dedicating public buildings are normally considered expenditures for a public purpose. Coffee, food, etc., for employees use during normal working hours is considered personal, not for a public purpose, and improper unless specifically provided for in a collective bargaining agreement or duly adopted employment policy of the governmental unit (fringe benefit). See the definition of "public purpose" above.

4. Retirement/Recognition Functions and Employee and Retiree Gifts:

Retirement functions, gifts or plaques for employees or officials, recognition dinners for volunteer firefighters or ambulance staff are usually not for a public purpose, therefore, not an allowable expense. Travel and meals as part of the cost of training volunteers to perform emergency services within the local unit are deemed a public purpose, payable as an expense when properly budgeted, authorized, and approved. See the definition of "public purpose" in item 2 above.

5. Flowers to the Sick or Departed:

Local governments do not have authority to expend money for floral gifts. (Attorney General Opinion Number 2346 dated July 18, 1956)

6. Training and Education:

Registration fees, lodging, travel, and meals while in attendance at useful public informational or educational workshops and seminars are appropriate.

The League's Information Service provides member officials with answers to questions on a vast array of municipal topics. Send your municipal inquiries to info@mml.org, or call 1-800-653-2483.

Subject: FW: Sussex/Lenox SAD -Steve Zagacki

From: Steve Z [<mailto:zag3058@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Nino A Licari <Nino.Licari@troymi.gov>
Subject: Sussex/Lenox SAD -Steve Zagacki

Mr. Licari,

I would like to take a quick moment of your time to submit a written documentation of my objection to paving the roadway from the front of Mr. Gosselin's house out to Adams and Arlundway. Mr. Gosselin has pointed out in past meetings that he continues to try and have the road paved because he has dirt in his driveway. This is a sizeable cost for someone who bought a house on a dirt road, built another house on a dirt road, and now wants everyone else to pay the cost of paving the dirt road.

It should be pointed out that Mr. Gosselin, who keeps submitting requests to pave the road, currently has both of his houses for sales. So the concern is the person responsible for changing the dynamics of the neighborhood, appears to be selling his properties and sticking the rest of the neighbor's with the bill.

I request that the road is not paved, now or in the future.

Thank you for your consideration

Steve Zagacki in the SAD
5810 N. Adams Rd.
Troy, Mi 48098

Subject: FW: Sussex Rd paving

-----Original Message-----

From: karlasw75@gmail.com [mailto:karlasw75@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Nino A Licari <Nino.Licari@troymi.gov>
Cc: Kathy Mills <kathymills001@aol.com>
Subject: Sussex Rd paving

Dear Mr. Licari

I am writing to you regarding the proposed paving of Sussex Rd. in Middlesex Subdivision.

Middlesex subdivision is a unique area of Troy with "up north" charm. It is the reason many of the residents purchase homes there and live there for long periods of time. The turnover rate of homes there is very low. My husband and I bought our home at 5717 Sussex in 1989 from the ORIGINAL homeowner, and raised our children there. We bought it for the winding dirt roads, treed lots and abundance of nature. Recently, we sold our home to our newly married daughter, Maggie Williams(Gratson). Maggie and Michael bought our home, after looking at many other for sale homes, for the same reason we bought it, the "up north charm". They plan to raise their family in the home in which Maggie was raised.

The dirt roads, though muddy and uneven at times, are a safety feature for the children who play in the beautiful natural setting of their yards. People drive slower and many drivers do not use the road as a cut thru because it is a dirt road. Speed bumps do not deter speeding drivers and those wanting a cut thru like a dirt road!!!

Those buying homes in Middlesex know they are buying on a dirt road. The longtime residents of Middlesex do not want the road paved and neither do many of the newer owners! Why should the new "builders" be able to change the look and feel of the neighborhood just to help their bottom line?

I am writing this letter for my daughter and her husband who are on their honeymoon, out of the country, and unplugged. I am also writing this letter as a long time resident of Middlesex. I want to see my grandkids play in the unique and charming, dirt road subdivision, as my own children did!

Sincerely,
Karla Williams
5717 Sussex Dr
Troy, MI 48098

Sent from my iPad

Subject: FW: This resident FW: Middlesex Subdivision Road Paving Project

From: Nino A Licari

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:20 AM

To: City Council Email <CityCouncilEmail@troymi.gov>

Cc: Brian M Kischnick <B.Kischnick@troymi.gov>; Lori G Bluhm <BluhmLG@troymi.gov>; Steven J Vandette <VandetteSJ@troymi.gov>; Scott G Finlay <FinlaySG@troymi.gov>

Subject: This resident FW: Middlesex Subdivision Road Paving Project

This resident is 7 houses outside of the district

Nino Licari | City Assessor

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From: Lori G Bluhm

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 11:02 PM

To: Nino A Licari <Nino.Licari@troymi.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Middlesex Subdivision Road Paving Project

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dane Slater <MayorSlater@troymi.gov>

Date: January 22, 2017 at 10:49:58 PM EST

To: Lori G Bluhm <BluhmLG@troymi.gov>, Brian M Kischnick <B.Kischnick@troymi.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Middlesex Subdivision Road Paving Project

Dane M. Slater | Mayor

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MayorSlater@troymi.gov | Mobile: 248.885.1935 | Office 248.524.3500

“We believe a strong community embraces diversity, promotes innovation, and encourages collaboration. We strive to lead by example within the region. We do this because we want everyone to choose Troy as their community for life. We believe in doing government the best”

From: Josh Barney <jtbarney@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 10:45 PM

Subject: Middlesex Subdivision Road Paving Project

To: Edna Abraham <edna.abraham@troymi.gov>, Nino A Licari <nino.licari@troymi.gov>, Dave Henderson <davehend61@outlook.com>, Ethan Baker <ethan.baker@troymi.gov>, Paul McCown <paul.mccown@troymi.gov>, Ed Pennington <ed.pennington@troymi.gov>, Dane Slater <mayorslater@troymi.gov>, Ellen C Hodorek <ellen.hodorek@troymi.gov>

Cc: <nkbromley@yahoo.com>, <kathymills001@aol.com>

Our family moved to Lenox Drive more than 20 years ago due to the tree lined streets and large wooded lots. We enjoyed raising our two sons in this beautiful, charming neighborhood. We are saddened to learn that the City of Troy is considering removing much of what has surrounded us for so many years. Make no mistake, paving any portion of the roads in this neighborhood will have a detrimental effect. Removing *any* trees will unquestionably increase the noise coming from I-75, which has become deafening since trees were removed for the highway expansion project. Further, traffic in the subdivision would surely increase as motorists find the deterrent for cutting through has been removed. The proposed changes are not improvements. We ask you not to allow a small number of individuals to destroy our neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration and noting our **strong** objection to the proposed road paving project.

Sincerely,

Patrick and Keri Barney
2716 Lenox Dr.
Troy, MI 48098

Subject: FW: Middlesex Subdivision Paving Project

From: Nino A Licari

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:19 AM

To: City Council Email <CityCouncilEmail@troymi.gov>

Cc: Brian M Kischnick <B.Kischnick@troymi.gov>; Lori G Bluhm <BluhmLG@troymi.gov>; Steven J Vandette <VandetteSJ@troymi.gov>; Scott G Finlay <FinlaySG@troymi.gov>

Subject: FW: Middlesex Subdivision Paving Project

This resident is 6 house outside of the district.

Nino Licari | City Assessor

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From: Lori G Bluhm

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 11:03 PM

To: Nino A Licari <Nino.Licari@troymi.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Middlesex Subdivision Paving Project

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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: January 22, 2017 at 10:48:14 PM EST

To: Lori G Bluhm <BluhmLG@troymi.gov>, Brian M Kischnick <B.Kischnick@troymi.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Middlesex Subdivision Paving Project

Dane M. Slater | Mayor

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From: Floy Boose <fwb010130@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 10:43 PM

Subject: Middlesex Subdivision Paving Project

To: Edna Abraham <edna.abraham@troymi.gov>, Dave Henderson <davehend61@outlook.com>, Ethan Baker <ethan.baker@troymi.gov>, Paul McCown <paul.mccown@troymi.gov>, Ed Pennington <ed.pennington@troymi.gov>, Dane Slater <mayorslater@troymi.gov>, Ellen C Hodorek <ellen.hodorek@troymi.gov>

Cc: <nkbromley@yahoo.com>, <kathymills001@aol.com>

My name is Floy Boose and I live at 2734 Lenox Drive in the subject Middlesex Subdivision. I am an 87 year old widow who moved to the area in 1989 because my husband and I very much appreciated the beautiful quiet, wooded neighborhood.

I'm writing this letter because I am not able to attend the council meeting on January 23rd, but I do want to state my steadfast opposition to the proposal to pave roads in the Middlesex Subdivision.

I very much enjoy the beautiful landscape, trees and wildlife in this area. Recently, since many trees have been removed for its widening, the road noise from I-75 has increased greatly. I feel that the removal of the many trees and other landscape to pave the subdivision roads, would only increase the noise level.

Additionally, traffic in the subdivision would surely increase because drivers would find that they could cut through on paved, rather than the current unpaved ones. We don't need more traffic through our neighborhood.

There are a number of other changes that have been made in the area of the subdivision, most notably the construction of the assisted living building at the intersection of Adams/Square Lake/Arlund Way/Sussex, about which the local residents were not and are not very happy.

My concern has always been (and always will be) the detriment that these "improvements" will make to the environment of the neighborhood in which I live.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and note my OBJECTION to the paving project.

Sincerely,

Floy W. Boose

Subject: FW: Sussex Subdivision Paving Approval

From: Nino A Licari
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 11:25 AM
To: 'Chas. Gabor' <cgabor17@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Sussex Subdivision Paving Approval

Mr. Gabor,

I forwarded your letter on to the City Manager and to the City Council so they will have it prior to Monday night. Thanks for your input!

Nino Licari | City Assessor

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From: Chas. Gabor [<mailto:cgabor17@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Nino A Licari <Nino.Licari@troymi.gov>
Subject: Sussex Subdivision Paving Approval

c: Mark Miller, Director of Economic and Community Development
Tom Darling, Financial Services Director
Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney
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