

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A Regular Meeting of the Troy City Council was held electronically on Monday, June 1, 2020. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

B. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Ethan Baker
Edna Abraham
Theresa Brooks
Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creangă
Ann Erickson Gault
Mayor Pro Tem David Hamilton
Ellen Hodorek

C. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

C-1 Proclamation to Declare June 5, 2020 National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Troy

D. CARRYOVER ITEMS:

D-1 No Carryover Items

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

E-1 No Public Hearings

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Justine Galbraith	Thanked City Council for the Wear Orange Day proclamation
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G. CITY COUNCIL/CITY ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE/REPLY TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Baker	Thanked Ms. Galbraith for her comments
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H. POSTPONED ITEMS:

H-1 No Postponed Items

Vote on Resolution to Waive the Rules of Procedure for the City Council, Rule #5A – Regular Meeting Agenda to Add Items on the Agenda, Rule #8 Proclamations and Congratulatory Certificates; and, Rule #20 Agenda Items Submitted by Council Members

Resolution #2020-06-077

Moved by Baker
Seconded by Hodorek

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **WAIVES** the Rules of Procedure for the City Council, Rule #5A *Regular Meeting Agenda* to add Items on the Agenda; Rule #8 *Proclamations and Congratulatory Certificates*; and, Rule #20 *Agenda Items Submitted by Council Members*.

Yes: All-7
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

I. REGULAR BUSINESS:

I-1 Board and Committee Appointments: a) Mayoral Appointments – None; b) City Council Appointments – None

a) **Mayoral Appointments: None**

b) **City Council Appointments: None**

I-2 Board and Committee Nominations: a) Mayoral Nominations – None; b) City Council Nominations – Election Commission

a) **Mayoral Nominations: None**

b) **City Council Nominations:**

Resolution #2020-06-078
Moved by Hamilton
Seconded by Abraham

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **FORWARDS** the following nominated person(s) to serve on the Boards and Committees as indicated to the next Regular City Council Meeting for action:

Election Commission

Appointed by Council
2 Regular Members and 1 Charter Member
1 Year Term

**Unexpired Term Expiring:
1/31/2021**

Raymond Watts Republican
(Recommended by GOP)

Term currently held by: Vacancy - Dave Anderson resigned
4/22/2020

Yes: All-7
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

I-3 No Request for Closed Session

I-4 TROY REOPENS FOR BUSINESS – A Resolution for Additional Temporary Signage Allowances (*Introduced by: Mark F. Miller, City Manager*)

Resolution #2020-06-079
Moved by Abraham
Seconded by Erickson Gault

WHEREAS, The City of Troy, Michigan, has an ordinance that regulates signs in the City of Troy, including temporary signs; and,

WHEREAS, The ordinance that regulates signs is Chapter 85 Signs in the City of Troy Code of Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, The intent of Chapter 85 Signs is to eliminate the proliferation of signs in the City for many reasons including but not limited to public safety, community character and maintaining property values; and,

WHEREAS, The coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness and death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease; and,

WHEREAS, To protect Michigan residents from the coronavirus, the Governor of the State of Michigan issued numerous Executive Orders which negatively impacted businesses in the City of Troy; and,

WHEREAS, The City recognizes many of the challenges faced by Troy businesses as a result of Executive Orders, including reduced building capacity, limitations on gathering size and “by appointment” limitations; and,

WHEREAS, Numerous business owners have reached out to City Council and City Administration, asking for assistance in keeping their businesses open in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, The Troy City Council desires to assist local businesses to get back up and running, attract patrons, and to provide more flexibility to offset reduced hours of operation and interior seating that have resulted from social distancing protocols;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Each business in the City of Troy is hereby **PERMITTED** one temporary sign not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area and four (4) feet in height (if attached to the ground). Said sign may be attached to the ground or a structure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Said temporary signs shall not **REQUIRE** a Sign Permit from the City of Troy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The additional sign is **IN ADDITION** to the temporary signage allowed under Chapter 85.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City will not **TAKE ANY ACTION** to enforce the temporary sign provisions of the ordinance provided there is compliance with the terms of the ordinance and all other applicable ordinances and regulations and those set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Said temporary signs shall be **PLACED** on private property in non-residential zoning districts in such a manner as to not pose threats to public health, safety and welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This resolution **DOES NOT MODIFY OR IMPACT** any private contractual agreements nor will the City be enforcing any private contractual rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City Administration **MAY REMOVE AND DESTROY** temporary signs that are a hazard or are in the right of way or in violation of laws or regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Said temporary signs shall be **REMOVED** within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **DIRECTS** City Administration to initiate a process to inform Troy business owners of this temporary sign option.

Yes: All-7
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

I-5 Relocation of Absent Voter Counting Board for Elections in 2020 (*Introduced by: M. Aileen Dickson, City Clerk*)

Resolution #2020-06-080
Moved by Baker
Seconded by Hamilton

WHEREAS, There is expected to be a dramatic increase in absentee ballots in 2020 due to no-reason absentee voting, the mailing of absentee ballot applications by the Michigan Secretary of State, and the already peak interest in voting due to the Presidential Election; and,

WHEREAS, Due to COVID-19, the 50 or more workers needed in the Absentee Voter Counting Board must be socially distanced while processing a record-number of absentee ballots at both the August and November, 2020 elections, and the space previously used in City Hall will not accommodate them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AUTHORIZES** the City Clerk to relocate the Absent Voter Counting Board to the Troy Community Center for both the August 4, 2020 and November 3, 2020 elections.

Yes: All-7
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

J. CONSENT AGENDA:

J-1a Approval of “J” Items NOT Removed for Discussion

Resolution #2020-06-081-J-1a
Moved by Hamilton
Seconded by Brooks

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** all items on the Consent Agenda as as printed.

Yes: All-7
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

J-1b Address of “J” Items Removed for Discussion by City Council

J-2 Approval of City Council Minutes

Resolution #2020-06-081-J-2

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** the following Minutes as submitted:

- a) City Council Minutes-Draft – May 18, 2020
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J-3 Proposed City of Troy Proclamations: None Submitted

J-4 Standard Purchasing Resolutions:

- a) **Standard Purchasing Resolution 2: Award to Low Bidder Meeting Specifications – Hauling and Disposal of Dirt and Debris**

Resolution #2020-06-081-J-4a

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AWARDS** a contract for one-year requirements for the Hauling and Disposal of Dirt and Debris with an option to renew for one (1) additional year to the low bidder meeting specifications; *Maloney Trucking of Troy, MI* for items #1, #2, #3, and #4 for an estimated total cost of \$168.625.00 at the unit prices contained in the bid tabulation

opened May 21, 2020, a copy of which shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting, with the contracts expiring April 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the award is **CONTINGENT** upon the contractor's submission of properly executed bid and proposal documents, including insurance certificates and all other specified requirements.

b) Standard Purchasing Resolution 2: Award to Low Bidders Meeting Specifications - Transit Mixed Concrete

Resolution #2020-06-081-J-4b

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AWARDS** a one (1) year contract to provide Transit Mixed Concrete with an option to renew for one (1) additional year to the low bidder meeting specifications; *Paragon Ready Mix of Utica, MI* as the primary supplier and *Superior Materials, LLC of Farmington Hills, MI* as the secondary supplier as per the unit prices listed in the bid tabulation opened May 21, 2020; a copy of which shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting; to be ordered on as needed basis with contracts expiring April 30, 2022.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the awards are **CONTINGENT** upon the contractors' submission of properly executed bid documents, insurance certificates and all other specified requirements.

c) Standard Purchasing Resolution 3: Exercise Renewal Option – Workers' Compensation Renewal

Resolution #2020-06-081-J-4c

WHEREAS, Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund is currently and successfully providing the City of Troy's Workers' Compensation Insurance; and,

WHEREAS, The City is in receipt of a renewal package from the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund which includes a dividend credit attributable to Fund members overall, with a 1.16 Experience Modification factor and a dividend credit of \$246,693; a copy of which is attached; and,

WHEREAS, The City's annual premium will be \$530,956; City Management recommends approval of the one year renewal is in the best interest of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council **AGREES** to renew the Agreement with the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund for Workers' Compensation Insurance and **AUTHORIZES** payment in an amount not to exceed the annual premium of \$530,956 for one (1) year and **AUTHORIZES** the City Attorney to execute any documents necessary for the renewal of the Agreement with the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund; contract to expire June 30, 2021.

J-5 Request for Acceptance of a Warranty Deed and Four Permanent Easements – Hopedale Site Condominium, Sidwell #88-20-11-277-024

Resolution #2020-06-081-J-5

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **ACCEPTS** a warranty deed for the extended Viking Drive right of way and four permanent easements for sanitary sewers, water mains, storm sewers & surface drainage, and a rain garden, from GFA Development, Inc., owner of the property having Sidwell #88-20-11-277-024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is hereby **DIRECTED TO RECORD** the Warranty Deed and four permanent easements with Oakland County Register of Deeds, copies of which shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting.

K. MEMORANDUMS AND FUTURE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

K-1 Announcement of Public Hearings: None Submitted

K-2 Memorandums (Items submitted to City Council that may require consideration at some future point in time): None Submitted

L. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

M. CITY COUNCIL/CITY ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE/REPLY TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

N. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

Items Advanced to the City Manager by the Mayor and City Council Members for Placement on the Agenda

N-1 Council Referral Submitted by Council Member Brooks

Resolution #2020-06-082

Moved by Brooks

Seconded by Hamilton

WHEREAS, The people of the City of Troy are dedicated to two equally important propositions: First, that all people are created equal and, secondly, we do not live for ourselves alone – our country, our community, and our friends have a share in us; and,

WHEREAS, The people of the City of Troy recognize that Justice and Freedom have never come easily; that justice demands we demonstrate equity and empathy towards others; and that without action, words have little meaning; and,

WHEREAS, The people of the City of Troy recognize that we are a community where all citizens, regardless of their background, must be treated fairly in the eyes of the law; and,

WHEREAS, The racial, cultural, and religious diversity of the City of Troy makes it unique in the State of Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Troy lauds the Troy Police Department for taking its commitment to protect and serve seriously; for its outreach to residents; and for affirming its responsibility to listen to the diverse experiences of the people of Troy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Troy pledges itself to growing stronger as a community to serve as an exemplar of how strength and unity are quintessential American commitments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Troy will continue to focus on the best hiring and training practices at all levels of government, to ensure the best possible outcomes for all citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Troy dedicates its government to embodying integrity, accountability and professionalism, while respecting the U.S. Constitution and its laws in order to ensure justice for all.

Yes: All-7
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

O. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

O-1 Council Comments

Mayor Baker asked City Manager Miller to provide an update on the peaceful protest that took place in Troy this evening. Mr. Miller described that about 400 people gathered at Coolidge and Big Beaver, then they walked 2 miles along Big Beaver to the Civic Center, escorted by the Troy Police Department to ensure the safety of the protestors. He said that there, they held a gathering on the lawn near the Aquatic Center, and afterwards, they dispersed. He said the Troy Police Department continued to provide protection to the protestors as they returned to their starting place at Coolidge and Big Beaver. Mr. Miller said the protest was very peaceful.

Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton commented that on June 8, 2020 there will be a Special City Council Meeting to discuss funding of the Troy Public Library. He said the Governor has ordered that libraries can open next week once the Stay Home order is lifted, and he asked if the Troy Public Library will open, and if Council meetings will go back to being in-person. City Manager Miller deferred to City Attorney Bluhm regarding the Governor's order. City Attorney Bluhm commented that electronic meetings are allowed until the end of June, and it is up to Council when in-person meetings resume. Mr. Miller said that City Management is working on the presentation for the June 8 Special Meeting.

Mayor Baker said that if the Governor's order allows electronic meetings until the end of June, it makes sense to keep holding virtual meetings until everyone feels comfortable being in-person in Council Chambers again, including giving City Administration time to plan for those meetings.

Council Member Erickson Gault agreed that Council meetings should continue to be virtual, until it's comfortable and safe for Council to return to interacting with each other and the public during in-person meetings. She said that it may be uncomfortable for Council to only meet virtually, but the public seems to be embracing it at this time.

Council Member Chamberlain Creanga commented that it is realistic to take this month to make sure in-person meetings can be restarted safely for Council and residents. She said that she would like to see a joint meeting scheduled between City Council and the Global Troy Advisory Committee so Council can listen to diverse residents.

Mayor Baker said that it is timely to hold a joint meeting, but he has concerns on how to hold a meaningful meeting with the additional people electronically. He said that he does not want to wait much longer.

City Manager Miller said he would like to give some thought on what they will potentially do to have a joint meeting. He said the current situation is not normal and they need to start moving forward on things that need to get done.

Council Member Brooks commented that she asked City Management about mental health resources, and was informed that there are links on the City of Troy website for anyone to use. She said that she is interested in exploring ways to accomplish reaching out to the community. She encouraged all residents of Troy to complete their Census 2020 forms, especially because tax funding for the City and schools is based on Census data.

Mayor Baker commented that Troy’s response rate for the Census is in the high 70’s or 80’s, which is higher than the national average. He said he would also like to engage in online community engagement sessions where 3 or fewer members of Council could interact with residents to hear concerns, answer questions, or share information. He said that the pop-up surveys that were done regarding parks were very successful, and he would like to see a survey like that for Troy when it’s possible. Mr. Miller commented that at the next Regular City Council Meeting, there will be a request to hire a survey firm that specializes in municipal surveys.

P. REPORTS:

P-1 Minutes – Boards and Committees: None Submitted

P-2 Department Reports:

- a) Policies and Procedures for Returning to In-Person Work
- b) Interim Financial Report 3rd Quarter For the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2020
Noted and Filed

P-3 Letters of Appreciation: None Submitted

P-4 Proposed Proclamations/Resolutions from Other Organizations: None Submitted

Q. CLOSED SESSION

Q-1 No Closed Session

R. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:35 PM.

Mayor Ethan Baker

M. Aileen Dickson, MMC, MiPMC2
City Clerk