

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A Regular Meeting of the Troy City Council was held electronically on Monday, November 23, 2020. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

B. ROLL CALL:

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

C. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

C-1 Proclamation for Small Business Saturday to Saturday, November 28 – December 5, 2020**Vote on Resolution to Waive the Rules of Procedure for the City Council, Rule #8 Proclamations and Congratulatory Certificates**

Resolution #2020-11-166
Moved by Baker
Seconded by Abraham

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **WAIVES** the Rules of Procedure for the City Council Rule #8 *Proclamations and Congratulatory Certificates* to approve and present a Service Commendation for Troy Library Director Cathy Russ on November 23, 2020.

Yes: All-7
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

C-2 Service Commendation for Troy Library Director Cathy Russ**D. CARRYOVER ITEMS:**

D-1 No Carryover Items**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

E-1 No Public Hearings

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Ben Stroich	Commented on unusually high water bill
Hannah Mullins	Commented on citation received, and First Amendment issues

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

Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director, commented that his department will reach out to Mr. Stroich regarding his water bill. He added that residents can call DPW with questions about their water bills, and ask for assistance in understanding how bills are calculated.

City Manager Mark Miller commented that he did not issue a citation to Mrs. Mullins. He said that the citation would have been issued by the Planning Department, specifically Code Enforcement.

City Attorney Lori Grigg Bluhm commented that since there is ongoing litigation, she cannot comment on the specifics of the situation with signs at Mrs. Mullins' house.

H. POSTPONED ITEMS:

H-1 No Postponed Items

I. REGULAR BUSINESS:

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

a) Mayoral Appointments: None

b) City Council Appointments:

Resolution #2020-11-167

Moved by Baker

Seconded by Abraham

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPOINTS** the following nominated person(s) to serve on the Boards and Committees as indicated:

Parks and Recreation Board

Appointed by Council

7 Regular Members and 1 Troy School Board of Education Representative

Regular Member: 3 Year Term / Troy School Board Member: 1 Year Term

Nominations to the Parks and Recreation Board:

Term Expires: 7/31/2021**Akshitha Sahu****Student Representative**

Yes: All-7

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

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

I-3 Request for Closed Session

Resolution #2020-11-168

Moved by Baker

Seconded by Hamilton

BE IT RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **SHALL MEET** in Closed Session, as permitted by MCL 15.268 (a) and (h)(MCL 15.243 (1)(g)).

Yes: All-7

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

I-4 Resident Engagement and Priority Study (*Introduced by: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager*)

(This Agenda Item will be submitted as a Late Submittal.)

I-5 City of Troy Master Plan – Proposal to Amend the City of Troy Master Plan (*Introduced by: Brent Savidant, Community Development Director*)

Resolution #2020-11-169

Moved by Hamilton

Seconded by Brooks

WHEREAS, The Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of 2008, grants the Planning Commission of a municipality the authority to prepare a master plan as a guide for land use and development; and,

WHEREAS, The Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires that at least every 5 years after adoption of a master plan, a planning commission shall review the master plan and determine whether to commence the procedure to amend the master plan or adopt a new master plan; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Troy Master Plan was last amended on August 22, 2016. The determination of whether to update the Master Plan or adopt a new Master Plan must be made prior to August 22, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Troy has utilized the consulting services of Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. since 2001 and under this contract, Carlisle/Wortman, Inc. has provided a range of planning services including preparation and amendment of the City of Troy Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. prepared the Master Plan Update Proposal to assist the Planning Commission in amending the City of Troy Master Plan. The proposal includes a summary of proposed revisions, public engagement strategies and project scope; and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission has determined that the City of Troy Master Plan should be amended as per the Master Plan Update Proposal;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **APPROVES** the Master Plan Update Proposal prepared by Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. to assist the Planning Commission in amending the City of Troy Master Plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **AUTHORIZES** the commencement of the Master Plan amendment process.

Yes: All-7
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Meeting **RECESSED** at 9:18 PM.

The Meeting **RECONVENED** at 9:25 PM.

J. CONSENT AGENDA:

J-1a Approval of "J" Items NOT Removed for Discussion

Resolution #2020-11-170-J-1a
Moved by Abraham
Seconded by Hamilton

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

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 #2020-11-170-J-2

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

- a) City Council Minutes-Draft – November 9, 2020
- b) Special City Council Minutes-Draft – November 16, 2020

J-3 Proposed City of Troy Proclamations: None Submitted

J-4 Standard Purchasing Resolutions:

- a) **Standard Purchasing Resolution 4: Oakland County Purchasing Cooperative – 52-4 District Court Exterior Envelope Repairs**

Resolution #2020-11-170-J-4a

RESOLVED, That, in the best interest of the City, Troy City Council hereby **WAIVES** the bid process and **AWARDS** a contract to *National Restoration of Milford, MI*, for the 52-4 District Court Exterior Envelope Repairs for a not to exceed total amount of \$100,000 as per the Oakland County Purchasing Cooperative Contract #005106.

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

- b) **Standard Purchasing Resolution 4: Oakland County Purchasing Cooperative – Community Center Exterior Envelope Repairs**

Resolution #2020-11-170-J-4b

RESOLVED, That, in the best interest of the City, Troy City Council hereby **WAIVES** the bid process and **AWARDS** a contract to *National Restoration of Milford, MI*, for the Community Center Exterior Envelope Repairs for a not to exceed total amount of \$100,000 as per the Oakland County Purchasing Cooperative Contract #005106.

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

c) **Standard Purchasing Resolution 4: US Communities/OMNIA Cooperative – City Hall LED Wall Washer Fixture Controls Upgrade**

Resolution #2020-11-170-J-4c

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council in the best interest of the City **WAIVES** the bid process and hereby **AWARDS** a contract to *Graybar of Belleville, MI*, to purchase LED Wall Washer Fixture Controls for City Hall for an estimated cost of \$24,246.24 at prices detailed in the quote and as per the US Communities/ OMNIA Purchasing Cooperative Contract #EV-2370; not to exceed budgetary limitations.

d) **Standard Purchasing Resolution 4: Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative – Hoist Equipment**

Resolution #2020-11-170-J-4d

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** a contract to purchase a Rotary Service Hoist Lift C/P/Q series which includes installation as detailed in the attached quote #2020567 from *Rotary Lift of Madison, IN*, as per the Sourcewell awarded Contract #061015-RRL for an estimated total cost of \$65,676.70.

J-5 Request for Acceptance of Four Permanent Easements From Emergency Egress, LLC – Sidwell #88-20-23-352-050 and -051

Resolution #2020-11-170-J-5

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **ACCEPTS** four permanent easements for storm sewers and surface drainage, and sidewalks from Emergency Egress, LLC, owner of the properties having Sidwell #88-20-23-352-050 and -051.

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

J-6 Request for Acceptance of a Permanent Easement From Ratneswar Bardoloi and Juri Bardoloi – Sidwell #88-20-25-152-023

Resolution #2020-11-170-J-6

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **ACCEPTS** a permanent easement for storm sewers and surface drainage from Ratneswar Bardoloi and Juri Bardoloi, owners of the property having Sidwell #88-20-25-152-023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is hereby **DIRECTED** to **RECORD** the permanent easement with Oakland County Register of Deeds, a copy of which shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting.

J-7 Troy Reopens for Business – A Resolution to Extend Additional Temporary Signage Allowances

Resolution #2020-11-170-J-7

WHEREAS, As a result of the pandemic, on June 1, 2020, Troy City Council approved Resolution #2020-06-079 which permits every Troy business owner to place one additional temporary sign on their property or structure to advertise their business; and,

WHEREAS, These temporary signs assist Troy business owners in keeping their businesses open during the coronavirus pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution #2020-06-079 requires that temporary signs shall be removed within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of the resolution, which is December 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, To protect Michigan residents from the coronavirus, the Governor of the State of Michigan issued numerous restrictions on November 15, 2020 which will likely negatively impact businesses in the City of Troy; and,

WHEREAS, These restrictions shall expire on December 8, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that the coronavirus pandemic will continue to negatively affect Troy businesses after December 8, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council's action, as a result of the current pandemic to allow temporary signage, as set forth in Resolution #2020-06-079, is hereby **EXTENDED** for an additional 180 days.

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 No Council Referrals

O. REPORTS:**O-1 Minutes – Boards and Committees: None Submitted**

O-2 Department Reports:

- a) Forensic Accounting Investigation Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Update
 - b) Recreation Department Update
 - c) City of Troy Recognized by UM-Dearborn's iLab's eCities as a Five-Star Community
 - d) Released Plante & Moran Investigative Report
- Noted and Filed
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O-3 Letters of Appreciation:

- a) To Cindy Stewart from Wendy Tiller
 - b) To Chief Nastasi from David Bradford Regarding Sergeant Jason Clark
 - c) To Aileen Dickson from Diane Dettloff
- Noted and Filed
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O-4 Proposed Proclamations/Resolutions from Other Organizations: None Submitted

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**P-1 Council Comments**

Council Member Hodorek commented on the Plante & Moran Investigative Report as the final step in the recovery process after the troubles the City of Troy faced in the recent past. She thanked City Attorney Bluhm, and City staff, for their dedication during the difficult times and for working to help the City of Troy regain its footing to get on solid ground.

Council Member Erickson Gault thanked Recreation Director Elaine Bo for the comprehensive report regarding the challenges faced by the Recreation Department during the Covid-19 pandemic. She thanked Director Bo and her staff for their hard work to keep the Recreation Department going.

Council Member Abraham commented that it's ironic that the same week the Plante & Moran report is released is the same week Council discusses a survey in which there is a trust in government gauge. She said she is very pleased that Council approved the investigation, and she is pleased to be able to use the results report during discussions in 2021 about ethics. She said she wants to see the benchmark score for trust in local government higher than the 50's in Troy's survey results. She said she hopes the trust will continue to improve between residents and the City.

Council Member Hamilton commented that the goal is to use the Plante & Moran report to improve the ethics codes for City Council and the boards & committees.

Council Member Chamberlain-Creanga commented that she has people who are dear to her who were affected by the unethical activities described in the Plante & Moran report. She commented that the tone at the top needs to be that Council is here to serve, not to be served.

She said that being a servant leader is always a work in progress. She said she is thankful to serve the City of Troy with fellow Council Members who also see themselves as servant leaders.

Mayor Pro Tem Brooks commented that she was struck by how the City of Troy is still feeling the effects of the troubles from the recent past. She said she is very encouraged, however, that Troy is turning the corner and the current City Council is working to improve trust along with the current City Administration between residents and the City.

Mayor Baker commented that the City went through a tough time with the former city manager. He said he is thankful for what the City employees tolerated and that they stood together to recommended Mark Miller as city manager. He said City Manager Miller took over during a dark time and he is very impressed with his steady leadership as city manager. Mayor Baker commended City Attorney Bluhm for providing an even hand and care in protecting the City. Mayor Baker said the investigation of City Council was the final investigative piece to determine City Council's role in the situation with the former city manager. He said City Council has a meeting scheduled to discuss the ethics policy, and he would also like clarify best practices on the relationship between City Council and the City Manager and City Attorney.

Council Member Hodorek commented on the Letters of Appreciation.

Council Member Hamilton wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and he recommended that residents limit gatherings due to the COVID virus.

Mayor Baker commented that Segment 2 of the Trails and Pathways is open at Sylvan Glen Lake Park.

Mayor Baker commented that he was contacted by the Mayor of Troy, NY about participating in a virtual Turkey Trot. Visit www.TroyTurkeyTrot.com for more information.

Mayor Baker commented that there is another Special Meeting to discuss budget strategies on November 30, 2020.

Mayor Baker wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and he is thankful for frontline responders and healthcare heroes.

The Meeting **RECESSED** at 9:58 PM

The Meeting **RECONVENED** at 10:04 PM

Q. CLOSED SESSION

Q-1 Closed Session Requested

R. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 12:27 AM.

Mayor Ethan Baker

M. Aileen Dickson, MMC, MiPMC II
City Clerk