

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

A Special Meeting of the Troy City Council was held electronically on Monday, April 19, 2021. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

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

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT:****D. BUSINESS STATED IN THE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE:**

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**D-1 Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget**

(Budget is available for review on the City's website <http://www.troymi.gov/budget>)

City Manager Miller presented the 2021-2022 Budget Presentation.

Chief Financial Officer Maleszyk discussed the 2021-2022 General Fund.

Assistant City Manager Bruner discussed the 2021-2022 Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds.

Chief Financial Officer Maleszyk discussed the 2021-2022 Capital Projects Fund.

City Manager Miller discussed the 2021-2022 Internal Service Funds.

Chief Financial Officer Maleszyk discussed the 2021-2022 Debt Service Fund.

City Manager Miller concluded the discussion and requested any questions from Council.

Council Member Chamberlain-Creangă asked about the costs associated with Police bodycams, including technology upgrades and media storage. Chief Nastasi commented that the Police Department tested a number of vendors, and they are proposing a high-end product. He said the costs for these include some upgrades and cloud-based storage, and they have a 3-5 year life for the storage. Council Member Abraham asked if there is an option to extend the storage period beyond 5 years. Chief Nastasi said that the Police Department would own the data, and could transfer it if needed. Mayor Pro Tem Brooks asked if there is a warranty and Chief Nastasi responded that there is a warranty on the cameras included in the costs. Council Member Chamberlain-Creangă complimented the Troy Police Department for their proactive patrols through businesses in Troy.

Council Member Chamberlain-Creangă asked about the funding for the upgrades to Sylvan Glen Lake Park. Public Works Director Bovensiep commented that there is a request for funding to develop the pathway, and upgrade the parking lot and play structure at Sylvan Glen Lake Park, along with other upgrades.

Council Member Chamberlain-Creangă asked what has been done to develop placemaking throughout the city. City Manager Miller commented that while there haven't been specific efforts toward placemaking, there have been opportunities in other parks. Public Works Director Bovensiep commented that there are several vacant parcels throughout the city where we could create places that area residents want to go to. He said that there has also been a concentration on making community parks more of destinations for all residents. He said they are looking for ways to make opportunities in the parks for residents to enjoy. City Manager Miller commented that Council will receive ideas in the fall when it's time to discuss future budget priorities. Assistant City Manager Bruner commented that some placemaking opportunity ideas will come out of the community surveys, also. Council Member Chamberlain-Creangă commented that residents' requests for a downtown could possibly be satisfied by some placemaking.

Council Member Hamilton asked about the timeline for the capital expenses for the Community Center and Library. Dennis Trantham, Facilities Supervisor, commented that the Community Center roof is expected to begin in early fall. He said that the Community Center HVAC is expected next spring. He said the Library HVAC work will be done by in-house staff. He said he doesn't anticipate any full closures of the Community Center or Library, just possibly a single entrance or small area closing during work.

Council Member Hamilton asked if the City would consider a pathways committee who could interact with the community and develop a pathways master plan. He said he wants to work on a plan to form a committee, and develop a long-term plan. Mr. Miller commented that it seems there might be enough support built up for the trails within parks that we could branch out to trails outside of parks. Mr. Bovensiep said that the City of Troy did have an ad-hoc committee to look at trails. He said that there is an extensive plan that includes trails, along with parks and other recreation components. He said Council will receive a report at the next Council meeting that contains community engagement about the pathway in Jaycee Park, and beyond.

Council Member Hamilton said that he is proud of this budget, and feels like for the first time in many years, the budget is moving the City forward.

Council Member Hodorek commented that we are in a good place between this budget and the Rescue Plan. City Assessor Licari commented that there will be tribunal appeals because of the pandemic, and we budget for appeals. Council Member Hodorek said that she remembers the recession and its impact on the City, but she doesn't feel like recovering from the pandemic will be the same experience. She said she is confident that the City is in a good place even with the impending impact from the pandemic.

Council Member Abraham commented on the correlation between underspent fund balance and unassigned fund balance. Mr. Maleszyk said that the City comes underbudget every year in a normal year, but this year is different and CARES Act dollars helped the City's budget significantly this year. Council Member Abraham said she does not want people to take the

budget numbers out of context and that they are planning carefully and constantly monitoring the budget.

Council Member Abraham commented that it is good to see the State shared revenue numbers stable, but what would the number be if we were to be made whole. Mr. Maleszyk said that he hasn't done the calculation, but it's a losing battle to look back at what we could have and it's better to just look forward.

Council Member Abraham commented that she supports the budget for the Aquatic Center this year, but she would like to see future budgets to include improvements. Mr. Miller said they will address the Aquatic Center in the fall and they are releasing increased rates soon. Mayor Baker asked if there is consideration to only allow residents to use the facility. City Attorney Bluhm commented that there are restrictions because of funding we receive from State and Federal government, but that can be a future discussion. Recreation Director Goul commented that rates are higher for non-residents vs residents. He said that if current restrictions remain, only the main pool would be allowed to open this summer and entrance will be by registration of time slots. He said members will get first bid on registrations, then it would be open to daily visitors.

Council Member Erickson Gault asked if we are in a residential property value bubble again. Mr. Licari said we are definitely in a bubble, and buyers are highly competitive for residential property while commercial property is not active. He said this isn't like the previous bubble, and he isn't worried about a recession in the housing market after it levels off.

Council Member Erickson Gault asked if making Troy a green community is represented in this budget or will it be discussed in the fall. Mr. Miller commented that aside from some recycling efforts, there hasn't been a focus on being sustainable but Council can provide direction to Management to make it a focus.

Council Member Erickson Gault commented that she is excited to see the plans for the Library, and asked about a timeline for the improvements. Library Director Dumas said that some plans can be started even prior to the new fiscal year. She said that other improvements such as glass wall dividers can be put in place this summer to create study rooms quickly. She said that there is an adult services study that will help guide the improvements. She said that once a community gets below 3% COVID positivity rate, the Library could open, but we are far from that number at this point. She said that vaccinations will hopefully start to improve the case numbers, and she is monitoring the case numbers daily and is looking forward to opening the Library as soon as it's possible to do so.

Council Member Erickson Gault commented on State shared revenue. Mr. Maleszyk responded that the Fund balance allows flexibility with shortages in State shared revenue.

Council Member Erickson Gault commented that the majority of money collected from tax bills does not go toward the City of Troy and she requests that the City provide information to educate the public. Mr. Bruner commented that the tax dollar bill info graphic has been updated on City social media accounts and they will add new features in the Troy Today to communicate the City's financial issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Brooks commented that she is pleased that the budget is spending dollars towards things that the resident's value and that are in align with the community survey. She commented on the funding for roads. City Engineer Huotari said the Modernize I-75 project is

wrapping up the project in Troy and they will begin landscaping in the fall. He said the City has partnered with the County for repairs to county major roads this year and repairs to city major roads will occur next year.

Mayor Pro Tem Brooks commented on the Pension, the VFIP and the Retiree Health Care Funds, and she asked if it is possible to reallocate money from the overfunded accounts to the underfunded accounts. Mr. Maleszyk said they are separate plans and they will need to research this more thoroughly in the future. City Attorney Bluhm said they need to research options because there are hurdles that will need to be worked around.

Mayor Baker commented on the streamlined process. He asked if the Troy Nature Society and Troy Historical Society will need additional funding. Mr. Bruner commented that they have not received any requests for additional funding.

Mayor Baker commented on concerns with the increase with the Aquatic Center fees. He asked for consensus to have City Administration provide a report on the fees. Mr. Bruner said they will have a budget discussion item on the next meeting agenda.

Council Member Hodorek asked about the fire trucks included in this year's budget. Fire Chief Riesterer commented on the two fire apparatuses budgeted this year.

There was a consensus of City Council to cancel the April 22, 2021 Special Meeting due to the fact that the discussion this evening was thorough and answered all their questions.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**F. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:17 PM.

  
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Mayor Ethan Baker  
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M. Aileen Dickson, MMC, MiPMC II  
City Clerk