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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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January 23, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Mark F. Miller, City Manager  
Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager  
Beth Tashnick, Office Manager  
Meg Schubert, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: City Council Questions & Answers – 01.23.23

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**From:** Mayor Ethan Baker  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 22, 2023 4:54 PM  
**Subject:** Agenda Q & A  
**Question Regarding Item 1-6**

Can you please give some commentary in the budgetary impact if we approve I-6?

Also, I think additional context relating to this process is necessary. The newer council members may need more background information on policy and process.

Am I reading that the percentage requesting the paving is the exact same as it was when we denied last time?

Thanks,  
Ethan

### **Answer Robert Maleszyk, City of Troy CFO**

#### **Budget Impacts:**

In the 2023 budget, the fund balance was budgeted to have \$7 million remaining. This project would bring the balance down to near \$4 million. There are so many other competing projects (including major and local roads that would have a greater impact) that I would have some reservations with moving forward with this project. We would have to continue to push projects to future years as there is a finite amount of resources for Capital.

**Answer: Mark Miller, City Manager**

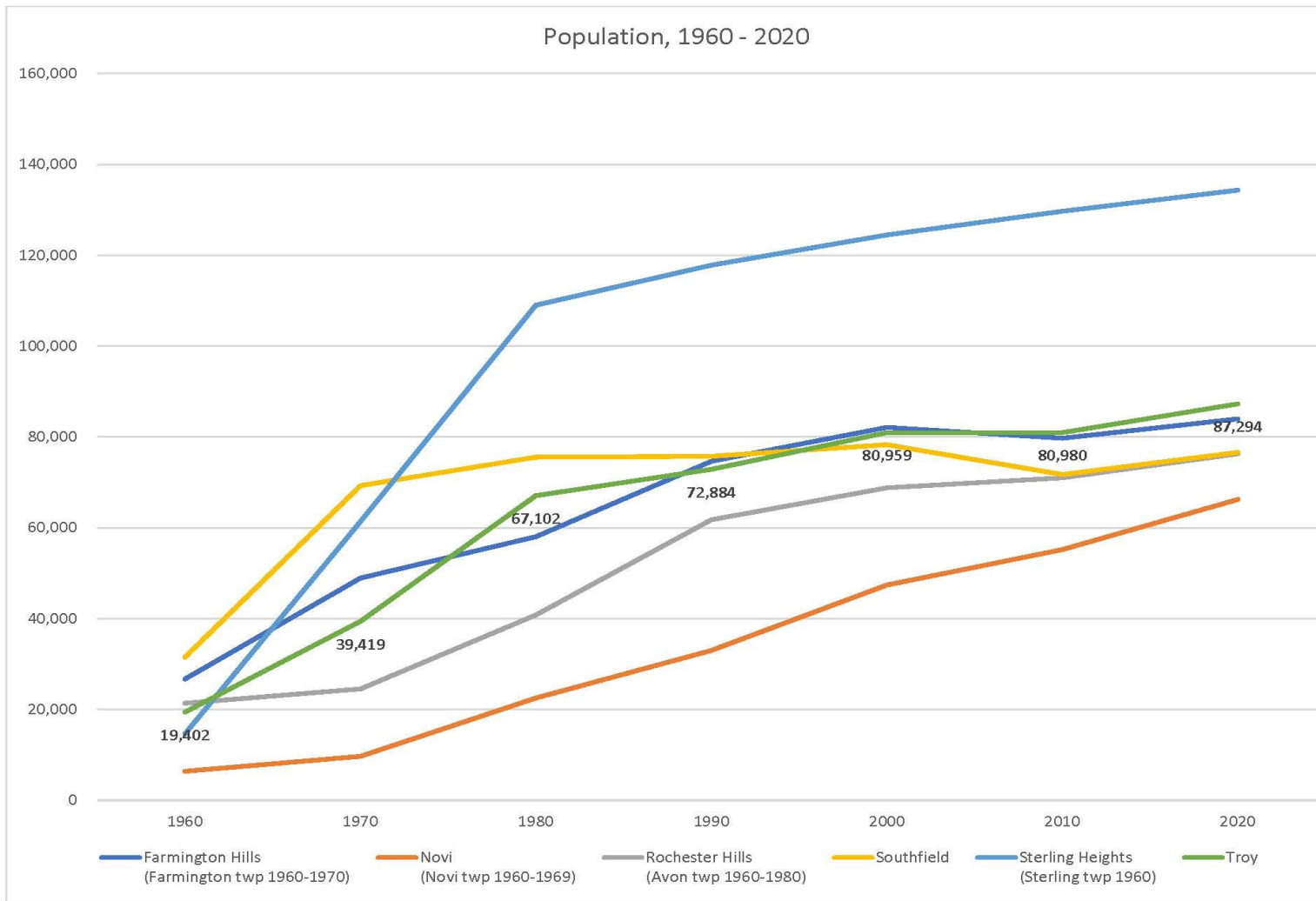
**Additional Background -**

City of Troy Administrative Memorandum 1-G-3 "Procedure for Special Assessments was last revised March 16, 1973. The City of Troy is very different community than it was 50 years later. The 1970's and 1980's presented the greatest growth of the City, both residential and commercial/industrial/office.

In addition the Ad Memo sets forth a policy that homeowners that are encumbered by Special Assessment District (SAD) will only be responsible for the actual pavement of the their road. The re-construction of a road includes many construction related aspects: Design & development, mobilization, sub-base, drainage, restoration, etc. This method is unheard of in other Michigan communities for SAD's.

Because of the fiscal impact on the City Capital Budget it is our recommendation that the City develop new Special Assessment rules and procedures.

(Attached below is a graph showing Troy's population from 1960-2020 and that of comparative municipalities)



**From:** Council Member Edna Abraham  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10:51 a.m.  
**Subject:** Agenda Q & A  
**Question Regarding Item 1-6**

I-6 / SAD

- If this new SAD proposal were to be approved, would any portion of the neighborhood remain unpaved?
- How is the cost share between city and residents calculated?

**Answer Scott G. Finlay, City Engineer, Traffic Engineer**

- If this new SAD proposal were to be approved, would any portion of the neighborhood remain unpaved?  
All public roads would be paved, the private portion of Lenox for 2734 & 2716 is not part of the SAD
  - How is the cost share between city and residents calculated?  
Residents are only assessed for the asphalt, all other costs have been City share.
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