

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

A Special Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on April 10, 2023, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

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

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Blaine Coleman	Commented on the need for a resolution supporting Palestine, and opposing military aid for Israel.
Mozhgan Savabieasfahani	Commented on the need for a resolution supporting Palestine, and opposing military aid for Israel.

**D. BUSINESS STATED IN THE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE:**

**D-1 Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget**

Budget is available for review on the City’s website at

[https://troymi.gov/departments/city\\_manager/financial\\_services/index.php](https://troymi.gov/departments/city_manager/financial_services/index.php)

City Manager Mark Miller, Assistant City Manager Bob Bruner, and Chief Financial Officer Rob Maleszyk discussed the 2023/2024 Budget presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Chamberlain-Creanga asked about maintenance costs, and maintenance endowments established with community foundations funded by private donors. City Manager Miller commented that there was a facilities assessment done a few years ago that is still being referenced, and is about due to be redone in the next 2 to 3 years. He said there have been endowments established for some facilities such as the Library. Public Works Director Kurt Bovensiep commented on the use of software that tracks maintenance and depreciation of vehicles in the Fleet Division. Mayor Pro Tem Chamberlain-Creanga asked about sidewalk maintenance in relation to the concerns about a concrete shortage. Mr. Bovensiep commented that there is not a concern at this time with a concrete shortage. Mayor Pro Tem Chamberlain-Creanga asked about budgeting for placemaking. Mr. Miller commented that the new ice-skating ribbon with surrounding park is a project that would accomplish some placemaking. Mr. Maleszyk commented that there is a constant struggle with red-tape involved with Federal grants. Mayor Pro Tem Chamberlain-Creanga commented that she would like to see a Budget infographic again this year. She commented that she wants to see community engagement

regarding the Troy Family Aquatic Center. Mr. Maleszyk commented that the auditor is going to review the expenditures of TFAC and other facilities, and they might make some decisions to move facilities to the General Fund.

Council Member Hamilton asked about the status of trails and pathways funding. Mr. Bovensiep commented that there are upcoming discussions and meetings regarding the trail from Wattles to Long Lake, connecting to Sylvan Glen. Council Member Hamilton asked about the struggles with filling positions. Mr. Maleszyk commented that there is still a struggle to find qualified applicants, but Troy has high standards.

Council Member Erickson Gault asked if the City is still pursuing grants in spite of the red-tape. Mr. Miller said that Troy is absolutely pursuing every grant opportunity that is offered, and Mr. Maleszyk commented that the Finance Division is doing a great job getting Federal grants and working through the red-tape. Council Member Erickson Gault asked if the increase in property taxes is from new houses, or increases on existing houses. Assessor Kelly Timm commented that 1.9% of the increase is from uncapping taxes and new construction. Council Member Erickson Gault asked about the future of the funding of the Aquatic Center. Mr. Maleszyk commented that it has not been moved into the General Fund yet because we need to highlight the needs of the facility, and the costs associated with those needs, and the question of rebuilding versus repairing needs to be addressed.

Council Member Brooks asked about the expiration of union contracts that were settled at lower rates, and if there is concern for when those contracts expire. Mr. Maleszyk said that yes, there is concern about increases in order to keep up with inflation, and that there will be discussions as those contract negotiations get set to begin.

Council Member Hodorek asked about the impact inflation had on the plans for the Library Youth Services Section. Mr. Maleszyk said the money is in the Fund Balance and is ready to spend on that project when.

Council Member Abraham asked that Human Resources Director Jeanette Menig be at the TFAC Study Session. She commented that she is happy to see that both State and Federal elected officials are coming to Troy with interest in projects to fund with grants.

Mayor Baker asked if there is a plan to fund signage throughout the City, for example in the parks and City borders. Mr. Miller commented that funding for signs is not in this Budget, and City Management will provide City Council with more information.

Council Member Hodorek commented that even though Public Safety wasn't mentioned a lot at tonight's discussion, everything related to Public Safety is a top priority throughout the Budget.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS:**

## **F. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:19 PM.



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Mayor Ethan Baker



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M. Aileen Dickson, MMC, MiPMC II  
City Clerk