

TROY CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 6, 2024

CONVENING AT 9:00 A.M.

PERMITTED BY CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2024-01-019

For the Purpose of: City Manager Finalist Candidate Interviews

> Submitted By The City Manager

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk at (248) 524-3316 or via e-mail at <u>clerk@troymi.gov</u> at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.



500 West Big Beaver Troy, MI 48084 troymi.gov

The Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

City of Troy 500 West Big Beaver Troy, MI 48084

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

In this packet, you will find the agenda for the City Council meeting. To help facilitate an informed discussion, the packet provides you with agenda items and additional details. The packet also contains recommended courses of action for your consideration and seeks to aid you in adopting sound policy decisions for the City of Troy.

This comprehensive agenda has been put together through the collaborative efforts of management and staff members. We have made all attempts to obtain accurate supporting information. It is the result of many meetings and much deliberation, and I would like to thank the staff for their efforts.

If you need any further information, staff is always available to provide more information and answer questions that may arise. You can contact me at <u>CityManager@troymi.gov</u> or 248.524.3330 with questions.

Respectfully,

Mark F. Miller, City Manager



Chapter 14A – Elected and Appointed Persons' Ethics Ordinance Section 14.3 Annual Training and Acknowledgement

We, the undersigned Members of Troy City Council, have reviewed Chapter 14A – Elected and Appointed Persons' Ethics Ordinance, understand its contents, and agree to be bound by its provisions.

Signed this 4th day of December, 2023.

Mayor Ethan Baker

Council Member Theresa Brooks

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Council Member Hirak Chanda

Council Member David Hamilton

Council Member Rebecca Chamberlain-Creanga

Council Member Mark Gunn

Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Hodorek



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

April 6, 2024 – 9:00 AM

City Council Boardroom 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. Troy, MI 48084 (248) 524-3316

View the Meeting Live at: <u>www.troymi.gov/webcast</u> or on Local Access Cable Channels (WOW – Ch 10, Comcast – Ch 17, AT&T – Ch 99)

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

- a) Mayor Ethan Baker Theresa Brooks Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga Hirak Chanda Mark Gunn David Hamilton Ellen Hodorek
- (b) Absent Council Members:

Suggested Resolution Resolution #2024-04-Moved by Seconded by

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby EXCUSES the absence of	at the
Special City Council Meeting of April 6, 2024, due to	

Yes: No:

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. BUSINESS STATED IN THE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE:

D-1 City Manager Finalist Candidate Interviews

The order of interviews will be determined by the flip of a coin prior to the first interview time.

- Kurt Bovensiep
- Robert J. Bruner

E. OTHER BUSINESS:

F. ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Mark F. Miller City Manager

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April 17, 2024	

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April 2, 2024

- TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
- RE: City Manager Interviews

Thank you for the opportunity to assist the City of Troy in the recruitment and selection process for the position of City Manager. I look forward to the public interviews of the two internal candidates scheduled for 9:00 am, Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Troy City Hall. Please find enclosed information for the two candidates. Once it is finalized, a separate document of interview questions will be provided to City Council. I will also bring hard copies of the candidate information and the interview questions with me to the meeting.

During the April 6 public meeting, City Council will interview both candidates. The interview order will be determined by coin flip with the candidates before the first interview. At the conclusion of the interviews, it is expected that City Council will close the meeting, without commenting on the candidates. It is expected that City Council will discuss the candidates and identify its preferred candidate during the Monday, April 8, 2024 regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

As you are aware, public comment regarding the candidates is being received via survey. The survey will close at noon on April 8. After that time, I will prepare a report of the comments and email it to City Council in advance of its 7:30 pm meeting.

If you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information, please let me know.

I look forward to meeting with you soon!

Sincerely,

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Jaymes Vettraino Vice President GovHR USA, LLC

Kurt Bovensiep

Contact Information

Address:

Cell:

Email:

Education

- Bachelor of Science Business University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona
- Associate of Science Criminal Justice/Law Oakland Community College, Oakland County, Michigan

Work History

2000 to Present	City of Troy, Michigan (population 86,800)
2016 to Present	Public Works Director
2011 to 2016	Public Works Manager
2007 to 2011	Parks and Recreation Division Supervisor
2000 to 2007	General Laborer and Arborist

KURT BOVENSIEP

CITY OF TROY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

DEAR TROY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the City Manager position within the City of Troy — a city I have proudly served with dedication for the past 24 years. Not only was I raised in Troy, I am a second generation employee with deep roots in the community. I bring a wealth of experience and a strong connection with residents who know me and recognize my unwavering commitment.

Growing up in Troy has provided me with a unique perspective, blending a profound understanding of its history, values, and aspirations with 24 years of hands-on experience in various roles within the city. My active engagement in local initiatives reflects my family's long-standing tradition of contribution to Troy's residents and businesses. The example of my grandmother, who worked in the Troy School District, my father with nearly 40 years as a volunteer and career firefighter, a mother who worked for the Troy School District, and a spouse involved in the Avondale School District, instilled in me a commitment to public service and guides me in building meaningful relationships within the community.

Throughout my career, I've showcased effective leadership in budget management, community-sourced initiatives, sustainable practices, and valuable community partnerships. I take pride in leading and fostering a positive workplace culture, underpinned by strong communication skills which enable collaboration and allow my team to proactively address the community's needs. My robust community engagement facilitates open dialogue within and outside my organization, involving residents in decision-making processes. Most importantly, I uphold high ethical standards in all aspects of my professional life. Integrity and accountability are core principles that guide my decisions and actions, resulting in transparency and trust.

My dedication to the City of Troy transcends professional obligation; it's a personal investment in the community that ignited my passion for public service. As I look to the future, I am excited about contributing many more years to the City of Troy in a new leadership role, leveraging my demonstrated leadership skills at a higher level. My commitment to Troy is unwavering. I am eager to continue to serve and lead initiatives that redefine the quality of life for residents and businesses.

Thank you for considering my application. I am not only excited but inspired by the opportunity to contribute to the continued success of the City of Troy as its next City Manager.

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CITY OF TROY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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EDUCATION

University of Phoenix

Bachelor of Science in Business Major in Public Administration, 2012

Oakland Community College

Associates in Criminal Justice/Law Concentration in Psychology and Sociology, 2006

Central Michigan University Michigan Public Service Institute 2013

FEMA

Emergency Management Institute IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800, IS-2200, Winter Weather Hazards

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Vice Chair SOCRRA

Vice Chair City of Troy Employee Retirement System

Executive Committee Member Troy Family Daze

Member City of Troy Water System Advisory Council

Member Troy Police and Fire Benevolent Fund Board

WORK EXPERIENCE

Public Works Director

City of Troy

2016-Present

Manage all divisions and operations of the Department of Public Works including Water, Sewer, Streets, Drains, Refuse, Recycling, Fleet Maintenance, Parks, Transportation, and Facilities.

- Direct and oversee the operations of 149 union and non-union budgeted positions plus multiple department contractors, all of whom are responsible for the day- to-day tasks of the department as well as multi-year capital projects.
- Prepare and manage Department budgets totaling over \$134 million. Ensure fiscal responsibility through budgetary reviews, diligent monitoring, and ongoing expenditure approvals with added oversight of budget variances throughout the fiscal year.
 - Funding includes Internal Service Funds, Dedicated Millage, State Revenue, Enterprise Funds, Capital Fund, General Fund, and State and Federal grants
- Usher innovative programs and projects including:
 o Troy Trails and Pathways, a community sourced initiative;
 - First public dog park, financed through crowd-funding and a planned unit development (PUD) partnership;
 - Quality of life enhancements including Stine Community Park pavilion and ice-skating ribbon and Sylvan Glen Lake Park.
- Foster strong partnerships with various city leaders and teams, serving as a key liaison to promote cross-functional collaboration and seamless coordination for shared municipal goals.
- Actively engage with the community through public meetings, forums, and outreach initiatives to address concerns, gather feedback, and enhance overall public satisfaction with City services.

Public Works Manager

City of Troy

2011-2016

Managed the Parks Division and Streets and Drain Division at the administrative level.

- Managed and proposed division budgets, employee trainings, special department projects, and forecast future needs
- Oversaw the annual roads budget of over \$10 million

Parks and Recreation Division Supervisor

City of Troy

2007-2011

Managed the Parks Division front line staff.

- Provided maintenance in all 13 parks for organized sports and passive recreation
- Provided maintenance to all municipal grounds and urban forest

General Laborer and Arborist

City of Troy

2000-2007

Performed arboriculture and horticulture front line tasks

Robert J. Bruner

Contact Information

Address:

Cell:

Email:

Education

- Master of Public Administration Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
- Bachelor of Arts Political Science, Economics and Management Albion College, Albion, Michigan

Work History

2019 to Present	City of Troy, Michigan (population 86,800)
	Deputy City Manager
2014 to 2019	Michigan Municipal Services Authority Chief Executive Officer
4/2014 to 8/2014	<u>City of Mount Clemens, Michigan (population 16,000)</u> Interim City Manager
2011 to 2014	<u>City of Birmingham, Michigan (population 20,000)</u> City Manager
2007 to 2011	<u>City of Ferndale, Michigan (population 20,000)</u> City Manager
2004 to 2007	<u>City of Ypsilanti, Michigan (population 19,500)</u> Assistant City Manager
2001 to 2004	City of Oak Park, Michigan (population 30,000) Assistant to the City Manager

ROBERT J. BRUNER ICMA Credentialed Manager

https://www.linkedin.com/in/robert-j-bruner/

February 18, 2024

Jaymes Vettraino, Vice President GovHR USA

RE: Troy, MI - City Manager position

Dear Mr. Vettraino,

I am writing to express my interest in the City Manager position. My unique combination of past city manager experience and recent experience in Troy has prepared me well to be Troy's next City Manager. This includes more than 22 years of public service with more than seventeen years in city management, including:

- 7+ years as city manager of three cities
- 7+ years as assistant or deputy city manager of two cities

The table below includes challenges, opportunities, personal traits, and experience from the recruitment brochure and examples of my relevant experience.

Municipal Facilities	 Led a City Hall interior renovation and reorganization project in Ferndale to allow City staff to serve the community more effectively and efficiently. Worked with the Ferndale Library Board on renovating and expanding the Ferndale Public Library. Worked with the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham to develop a long-term vision of the building, leading to a three-phase renovation plan.
Public Safety Services	 Led the consolidation of Birmingham's and Beverly Hills' Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), saving both communities between 30% and 40% annually. Worked with the City Council and staff to replace Troy's volunteer firefighter incentive program. Currently working with Fitch & Associates and the Troy Fire Department to evaluate emergency medical services (EMS).
Communication	 Consistently and proactively communicated with the Ferndale community through various channels, including as a contributor to Ferndale Friends newspaper. Created Birmingham's first full-time communications position.
Retention and Recruitment	 Authored the attached 2018 Township Focus magazine cover story, Surviving the 'Silver Tsunami.'
Sustainability	• Worked with the Ferndale City Council to establish the Environmental Impact Commission in 2007. Renamed Environmental Sustainability Commission, extended its term and increased membership in 2011.

Robert J. Bruner, Jr. Page 2

Strategic Planning	 Coordinated a long-standing strategic planning process in Ypsilanti. Initiated Ferndale's first strategic planning process and used a resident satisfaction survey and priority-based budgeting to link strategic planning and performance measurement. Conducted a resident satisfaction survey and modified Troy's strategic planning process in 2021.
Economic Development	 Helped a digital marketing company based in San Diego open a new office in Ferndale by working with the City Council to provide personal property tax abatements and with the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) to give a \$3 million state income tax credit. Led Ferndale's effort to complete the Redevelopment Ready Communities® (RRC) program, a certification program supporting community revitalization and attracting and retaining businesses, entrepreneurs, and workers.
Revenue Enhancement	 Lead community engagement initiatives resulting in the following: May 3, 2011: Ferndale voters increased the general millage rate by nearly 38%. August 5, 2014: Mount Clemens voters increased the general millage rate by nearly 46%. November 3, 2020: Troy voters increased the library millage rate by nearly 62%.

Troy city government is much different today than when I joined in 2019. I am excited to work with the Mayor and City Council members to continue the progress without losing momentum. I want the City Council to understand my approach to city management. Specifically, I want to share how I will proactively engage with elected officials, employees, residents, and other community members.

Elected Officials: I will call the Mayor and each City Council member weekly. I will invite each council member to a monthly one-on-one meeting. This worked well for me in the past and is essential to successful council-manager relations.

Employees: I will regularly host meetings with employees at each City facility. These "Breakfast with Bob" meetings have helped me build relationships in the past. I will also spend time with individual employees and teams in the field. For example, I will ride with the Police Department, plow snow with Public Works, etc. This will require a significant investment of time, but I believe it is essential for the next City Manager to be approachable and engaged with employees.

I am uniquely qualified to be Troy's next City Manager, and I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bruner

ROBERT J. BRUNER ICMA Credentialed Manager

https://www.linkedin.com/in/robert-j-bruner/

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE

- An experienced local government executive committed to proactive communication, innovation, and best practices in leadership and management.
- An ICMA Credentialed Manager dedicated to the highest standards of integrity and committed to lifelong learning and professional development.
- A team-oriented public servant with experience in public safety management, employee • engagement, strategic planning, economic development, and revenue enhancement.
- An approachable leader who proactively engages with elected officials, employees, and community members.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Deputy City Manager: City of Troy, Michigan

Troy is a city of 34.3 square miles with a population of approximately 87,000 in Oakland County.

Duties & Responsibilities

Deputy chief administrative officer of the city government responsible to the City Manager for efficiently administrating assigned departments; Performs the Manager's duties in his absence.

Key Contributions

- Developed and executed the library millage community engagement plan in 2020. Voters increased the library millage by nearly 62% on November 3, 2020.
- · Worked with the City Council and staff to replace the volunteer firefighter incentive program and preserve the Fire Department's unique combination of full-time staff and volunteer members.

Chief Executive Officer: Michigan Municipal Services Authority The Authority is a public body created in 2012 through an Interlocal Agreement between Grand Rapids and Livonia. Its purpose is to engage in cooperative activities with local governments.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Chief Executive Officer of the Authority responsible to the Executive Committee for the administration of all programs, funds, personnel, contracts, and all other functions of the Authority.
- Administrator of the Local Community Stabilization Authority and responsible to the Authority Council for administrating the METRO Act, Act 48 of 2002, and the LCSA Act, Act 86 of 2014.

Key Contributions

- Secured a \$5 million grant from the Michigan Department of Treasury to help establish the Authority's Financial Management Services (FMS) Program.
- Distributed local community stabilization share (LCSS) revenue to local government units throughout Michigan under the LCSA Act. Collected annual maintenance fees for use of public rights-of-ways from telecommunications providers and distributed the fees to cities, villages, and townships throughout Michigan under the METRO Act.

08/2014 - 06/2019

06/2019 - Present

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Interim City Manager: City of Mount Clemens, Michigan

Mt. Clemens is a city of 4.2 square miles with a population of approximately 16,000 in Macomb County.

Duties & Responsibilities

 Chief administrative officer of the city government and responsible to the City Commission for the administration of all departments, including Assessing, City Clerk, Community Development, Diala-Ride (public transportation), Finance, Fire, Human Resources, Public Services, Purchasing, Treasury, and Utilities (water and sewer).

Key Contributions

Prepared the City's first Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and initiated community engagement. Voters increased the general millage by nearly 46% on August 5, 2014.

City Manager: City of Birmingham, Michigan

02/2011 - 02/2014

04/2014 - 08/2014

Birmingham is a city of 4.8 square miles with a population of approximately 20,000 and two AAA bond ratings (Fitch Ratings and Moody's) in Oakland County.

Duties & Responsibilities

 Chief administrative officer of the city government and responsible to the City Commission for the administration of all departments, including Building, City Attorney, City Clerk, Engineering, Finance, Fire, Historical Museum, Human Resources, Information Technology, Planning, Police, and Public Services.

Key Contributions

- Consolidated a neighboring community's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) with the City's, saving both communities between 30% and 40% annually.
- Worked with City staff, community members, and consultants to develop a Multi-Modal . Transportation Plan for the City to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

City Manager: City of Ferndale, Michigan

02/2007 - 02/2011

Ferndale is a city of 3.9 square miles with a population of approximately 20,000 in Oakland County.

Duties & Responsibilities

Chief administrative officer of the city government and responsible to the City Commission for the administration of all departments, including Assessing, Treasury, City Attorney, City Clerk, Community Development, Finance, Fire, Police, Public Works, and Recreation.

Key Contributions

- Led the City to complete the Redevelopment Ready Communities® (RRC) program, a certification program supporting community revitalization and attracting and retaining businesses, entrepreneurs, and workers.
- Prepared the City's first Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and initiated a public education campaign . regarding City finances consistent with the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. Voters subsequently approved a Headlee Override on May 3, 2011.

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Assistant City Manager: City of Ypsilanti, Michigan

08/2004 - 02/2007

10/2001 - 08/2004

Ypsilanti is a city of 4.5 square miles with a population of approximately 20,000 in Washtenaw County.

Duties & Responsibilities

 Assistant chief administrative officer and human resources director of a full-service government with more than 100 Full-Time Equivalent employees; Performed the Manager's duties in his absence.

Key Contributions

- Prepared the City's first multi-year budget and coordinated town hall meetings to solicit public input on recommendations that the City's Blue Ribbon Committee on City Finances prepared.
- Established an information technology partnership with Washtenaw County government that won Government Technology's 2006 Michigan Excellence Award for best IT collaboration.

Assistant to the City Manager: City of Oak Park, Michigan

Oak Park is a city of 5.5 square miles with a population of approximately 30,000 in Oakland County.

Duties & Responsibilities

Worked under the direction of the City Manager and served as a member of the Executive Team.

Key Contributions

- Employee engagement.
- Implemented a web-based citizen relationship management (CRM) system that helped reduce response time while service requests increased.

EDUCATION

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 | Phone: (734) 487-1849

Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202 | Phone: (313) 577-2424 or (877) WSU-INFO

- Graduate Certificate in Economic Development
- Master of Public Administration (MPA) with concentrations in Economic Development Policy and Administration and Urban Policy and Management, May 2004

Albion College, Albion, MI 49224-1887 | Phone: (517) 629-1000

Bachelor of Arts with majors in Political Science, and Economics & Management

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Part-time Faculty: Wayne State University Department of Political Science 09/2013 – Present

- Political Science 7375: Professional Development Seminar in Administrative Ethics
- Political Science 7250: Seminar in Urban Administration
- Political Science 7330: Public Budgeting and Finance