

Mayor Baker performed the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

- Mayor Ethan Baker
- Theresa Brooks
- Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga
- Hirak Chanda
- Mark Gunn
- David Hamilton
- Ellen Hodorek

**C. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

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**C-1** Proclamation in Recognition of Athens High School 2023-2024 Student Council  
*(Presented by: Mayor Ethan Baker)*

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**C-2** Recreation Senior Programming Presentation *(Presented by: Brian Goul, Recreation Director)*

**D. CARRYOVER ITEMS:**

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**D-1** No Carryover Items

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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**E-1** No Public Hearings Requested

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FROM TROY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:**

Bill Rhodes	Spoke about senior programs and thanked Mr. Goul for the expanding senior programs through the Recreation Department and thanked Mr. Goul for his efforts.
Fabrice Smieliauskas	Spoke about I-4 Appointment of City Manager

**G. CITY COUNCIL/CITY ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE/REPLY TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FROM TROY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:**

Mayor Pro Tem Hodorek commented on the transparency of the selection process and asked Mr. Vettraino to explain the process. Mr. Jaymes Vettraino explained the selection process and said it was consistent with other communities. City Manager Miller added that the City Manager applicants had the option of remaining confidential until the interview.

## H. POSTPONED ITEMS:

H-1 No Postponed Items

## I. REGULAR BUSINESS:

I-1 Board and Committee Appointments: a) Mayoral Appointments – Global Troy Advisory Committee; b) City Council Appointments – None

a) Mayoral Appointments:

Resolution #2024-04-048

Moved by Baker

Seconded by Chamberlain-Creanga

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

[Global Troy Advisory Committee](#)

Appointed by Mayor

12 Regular Members

3 Year Term

Nominations to the Global Troy Advisory Authority:

Term Expires: 7/31/2024

Vinaya Gunasekar

Term currently held by: Sharanya Swaminathan (graduated)

Yes: All-7

No: None

### MOTION CARRIED

b) City Council Appointments: None

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

a) Mayoral Nominations: None

b) City Council Nominations: None

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**I-3 No Closed Session Requested**

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**I-4 Appointment of City Manager (*Introduced by: Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney*)**

Resolution #2024-04-049  
Moved by Baker  
Seconded by Hodorek

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPOINTS** Robert J. Bruner as City Manager, contingent upon the approval of an employment agreement negotiated between the appointed candidate and McGraw Morris, the City's outside labor and employment counsel. The employment agreement **SHALL INCLUDE** the starting date and compensation, and **SHALL BE PRESENTED** to Troy City Council at the April 29, 2024 City Council meeting.

Yes: All-7  
No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Meeting **RECESSED** at 8:38 PM.  
The Meeting **RECONVENED** at 8:47 PM.

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**I-5 Request for Salary Increase (*Introduced by: Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney*)**

Resolution #2024-04-050  
Moved by Baker  
Seconded by Hodorek

RESOLVED, That as a result of a favorable personnel evaluation, as of July 1, 2024, the City Attorney's salary **SHALL BE INCREASED** in an amount commensurate with the percentage increase provided to all other classified and exempt employees receiving personnel evaluation scores that fall within the highest tier.

Yes: All-7  
No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**I-6 Standard Purchasing Resolution 4: Sourcewell Cooperative Contract – Water Slide Repairs at the Troy Community Center, and Budget Amendment (*Introduced by: Brian Goul, Recreation Director*)**

Resolution #2024-04-051  
Moved by Chamberlain-Creanga  
Seconded by Brooks

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AWARDS** a contract to furnish all equipment, material, and labor to repair the water slides at the Troy Community Center to *Rain Drop, LLC of Ashland, OH*, for an estimated total cost of \$110,000 and a 20% contingency for a not to exceed total amount of \$132,000 at prices contained in proposal #1910211 and as per Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #010521-RDP; a copy of which shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **APPROVES** a budget amendment to the Community Center Buildings and Improvement Annex Renovation Capital Fund and Project Number 2024C0053 in the amount of \$42,000.

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

Yes: All-7  
No: None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **J. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

Resolution #2024-04-052  
Moved by Hamilton  
Seconded by Chamberlain-Creanga

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

Yes: All-7  
No: None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

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#### **J-1b Address of "J" Items Removed for Discussion by City Council**

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#### **J-2 Approval of City Council Minutes**

Resolution #2024-04-052-J-2

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

- a) City Council Minutes-Draft – March 18, 2024
- b) City Council Special Meeting Minutes-Draft – April 1, 2024

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**J-3 Proposed City of Troy Proclamations: None Submitted**

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**J-4 Standard Purchasing Resolutions:****a) Standard Purchasing Resolution 2: Award to Low Bidders Meeting Specifications – Department of Public Works Employee Parking Lot Maintenance and Fence Replacement**

Resolution #2024-04-052-J-4a

RESOLVED, That in the best interest of the City, Troy City Council hereby **AWARDS** contracts for the Parking Lot Maintenance and Fence Replacement to the lowest responsive bidders meeting specifications; *Peake Asphalt, Inc. of Shelby Twp., MI* for Proposal A, for an estimated cost of \$118,385.00, plus a 20% contingency, and *Kimberly Fence and Supply of Warren, MI* for Proposal B and Alternate Proposal B, for an estimated cost of \$35,557.80, plus a 20% contingency, for an estimated total project cost of \$185,000; at unit prices contained in the bid tabulation opened on March 14, 2024, a copy of which shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the award is **CONTINGENT** upon the contractors' submission of properly executed bid and contract documents, including bonds, insurance certificates, and all other specified requirements.

**b) Standard Purchasing Resolution 4: Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative – Haulmark Cargo Trailer**

Resolution #2024-04-052-J-4b

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** a contract to purchase one (1) Haulmark GRHD716T4 Cargo Trailer from *Trailer Capital USA LLC of Middlebury, IN*, the authorized dealer for American Cargo Group, as per the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract 092922-AGO for an estimated total cost of \$14,053.00, not to exceed budgetary limitations; a copy of which shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting.

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**J-5 Bid Waiver – Golf Course Equipment**

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Resolution #2024-04-052-J-5

RESOLVED, That in the best interest of the City, Troy City Council hereby **WAIVES** the bid process and **APPROVES** a contract to *Midwest Golf and Turf of Commerce Township* for the purchase of three (3) pieces of golf course equipment for Sanctuary Lake Golf Course for an estimated total cost of \$55,178.39, utilizing the TROON National Account pricing; a copy of which shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting.

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**J-6 2024 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program**

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Resolution #2024-04-052-J-6

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** the agreement between SMART and the City of Troy for the Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program that includes \$30,676 in revenue, which will be used for the Troy R.Y.D.E transportation service, and the Mayor and City Clerk are **AUTHORIZED** to execute the necessary documents; a copy of this agreement shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting.

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**J-7 Safet and Arban Stafa and Tollbrook et. al v City of Troy**

Resolution #2024-04-052-J-7

RESOLVED, That the City Attorney is hereby **AUTHORIZED** and **DIRECTED** to represent the City of Troy in any and all claims and damages in the matter of *Safet Stafa et. al. v Troy* (Case No. 2:24-cv-10419).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Attorney is also **AUTHORIZED** to pay necessary costs and fees in the defense of the action.

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**J-8 Authorization for Grant Submittal – Local Bridge Program**

Resolution #2024-04-052-J-8

WHEREAS, The City of Troy wishes to submit Local Bridge Program Application; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Troy wishes to actively seek participation in the replacement and/or repair of the Beach Road bridge, structure #13611; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Troy believes it to be appropriate to apply to the Local Bridge Program in the amount of 95% of construction and the City Council has identified sources of funding to contribute the required local match and any cost overruns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Troy hereby **RESOLVES** to take all actions necessary to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program in connection with the above referenced bridge on Beach Road, as outlined in the application.

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**J-9 Request to Grant an Underground Utility Easement Over a City-Owned Property to DTE Electric Company, Sidwell #88-20-27-402-027, Robinwood Park**

Resolution #2024-04-052-J-9

RESOLVED, That City Council hereby **GRANTS** an underground easement to DTE Electric Company over the City of Troy owned property identified by Sidwell #88-20-27-402-027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **DIRECTS** the Mayor and City Clerk to **EXECUTE** the easement document on behalf of the City.

**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 FROM TROY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:**

Diane Cipoletti	Spoke about air quality alert days (AQA) and fire code enforcement during the summer months.
James Naeger	Spoke about air quality issues during the summer months and encourages fire code officials to enforce outdoor burning regulations.
Kira Taylorelms	Spoke requesting City Council to forward a letter to legislators requesting an end to the events in Palestine.
Fabrice Smieliauskas	Spoke requesting City Council contact federal and state representatives and forward a letter expressing the discontent on the current foreign affairs policies.
Sophia Lorenzetti	Spoke requesting a cease fire resolution

**M. CITY COUNCIL/CITY ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE/REPLY TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA FROM TROY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:**

Council Member Hamilton asked City Management to respond regarding the public comment on fire code enforcement. Assistant City Manager Schubert commented that City Management has reported several times on the questions and responses and provided information on the current ordinance, the current load of enforcement, and the policies in place. There was consensus of City Council to have City Management recompile the previous questions and responses for the new City Council to review.

Mayor Baker commented that he is happy to forward an email to state and federal legislators on behalf of a resident. He said doing so does not provide his stamp of approval.

**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 Submitted**

**O. REPORTS:**

**O-1 Minutes – Boards and Committees:**

- a) Planning Commission-Final – January 23, 2024
- b) Planning Commission-Final – February 13, 2024
- c) Traffic Committee-Final – February 21, 2024  
Noted and Filed

**O-2 Department Reports:**

- a) First Quarter 2024 Litigation Report  
Noted and Filed

**O-3 Letters of Appreciation:**

- a) To Chief Nastasi and Troy PD Staff from Kellie Bauss, Clawson Chief of Police
- b) To Brian Goul from Lori Palmer  
Noted and Filed

**O-4 Proposed Proclamations/Resolutions from Other Organizations: None Submitted**

**P. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**P-1 Council Comments**

Council Member Chamberlain-Creanga asked City Administration when the budget books will be delivered. Assistant City Manager Schubert said they will be delivered on Friday, April 12, 2024.

Council Member Chamberlain-Creanga commented on the welcome signs along Big Beaver. Assistant City Manager Schubert said there are 120 signs in the DDA corridor and an additional 17 signs in the Civic Center complex. City Manager Miller said the signs were utilized using the Community Promotion budget.

Mayor Baker thanked Council Member Gunn for bringing up the senior scam education. He said the Attorney General is doing an event in Troy, and he said the Police Department has presented educational information on scams on social media.

Mayor Baker commented that the Budget Study meeting on April 15, 2024.

Mayor Baker announced the State of City has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

**Q. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OUTSIDE OF TROY (NOT RESIDENTS OF TROY AND NOT FROM TROY BUSINESSES):**

Gerald Dodson	Spoke about events occurring in Gaza.
Ian McClure	Spoke about the political views in Troy; requested a cease fire resolution and a change to the City Council rules.



R. CLOSED SESSION

R-1 No Closed Session

S. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting ADJOURNED at 9:15 PM.



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Mayor Ethan Baker



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Cheryl A. Stewart, CMC, MiPMC II  
City Clerk