

Aileen Bittner

From: Beth L Tashnick
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 4:27 PM
To: Dane Slater; Dave Henderson; Doug Tietz; Janice Daniels; Jim Campbell; Maureen McGinnis; Wade Fleming
Cc: Mark F Miller; Lori G Bluhm; Aileen Bittner
Subject: 01.23.12 - Responses to Council Questions



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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

January 23, 2012

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: John Szerlag, City Manger

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Szerlag", written over the printed name.

Subject: City Council Member Questions and Responses

Question #1

From: Janice Daniels

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 8:32 AM

To: Cynthia A Stewart

Cc: John Szerlag

Subject: Service Commendation to Jay Reynolds

Hi Cindy:

Please revise the final lines of the Service Commendation to Jay Reynolds to the following (adding ... the Mayor and ... (in two places) ... change TAKES to take ... and changing ITS to their):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy take this opportunity to express their appreciation to Officer Jay Reynolds for his many contributions to the betterment of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy, on behalf of themselves, City Management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, extends wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to Jay during his retirement years.

Could you please send me a revised copy before the meeting so that I can see that these changes have been made.

Thanks for all of your help,

Janice

Response:

From: Cynthia A Stewart

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 9:06 AM

To: Janice Daniels

Cc: John Szerlag

Subject: RE: Service Commendation to Jay Reynolds

Hi Janice

Here is the revised proclamation.

Cindy

SERVICE COMMENDATION

JAY REYNOLDS

WHEREAS, Police Officer Jay Reynolds began his career with the Troy Police Department on March 6, 1978. He served the Troy community in many areas including Patrol, Juvenile Unit, Tactical Support Unit, Directed Patrol Unit, Investigations, Court Officer, and Communications; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jay Reynolds served as Community Services Retail Liaison, FTO, Precision Driving Instructor, Firearms Instructor and on the Bike Patrol. He was a founding member of the SRU, an Oakland County Hazardous Materials Response Team member and emergency vehicle operations instructor; and

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds also taught Basic Detective/Investigator Program and Identity Theft Investigation classes. He joined the Troy Fire Department as a volunteer Firefighter at Station 5 on May 15, 1980 and retired on August 19, 2011 with 31 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds was recognized in 1988 and 1991 with Life Saving Awards, received one Unit Citation, over 100 letters of appreciation and commendations, and received six consecutive Safe Driving Awards – accident free with both the Police Department and the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In 1988 Officer Reynolds received the M.A.C.P Top Traffic Award – Most Improved in the Tactical Support Unit. During his career in Troy, he received a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Secret Service and Recognition for Excellent Customer Service by the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators; and

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds worked tirelessly each year with Shop with a Hero, the annual Holiday Food & Gift Drive, National Night Out and the Troy Daze Festival, and also never called in sick during his career; and

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds retired from the City of Troy on August 19, 2011 after 33 years of dedicated service

and the utmost respect from his peers, the Troy employees, and countless members of the community he serves; and

WHEREAS, Jay will now enjoy more time with his wife, **Kelly**; and son **Jay**, daughter-in-law **Stephanie** and grandkids

Aidan and Delanie; daughter **Natalie**, son-in-law **Dave** and grandkids **Lucas and Griffin**; daughter **Gina**, son-in-law

Chris, and grandkids **Ryder and Faith**; and daughter **Madison**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy take this opportunity to express their appreciation to **Officer Jay Reynolds** for his many contributions to the betterment of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy, on behalf of themselves, City

Management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, extends wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Jay** during his retirement years.

Presented the 23rd day of January 2012.

Question #2

From: Janice Daniels
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 5:23 PM
To: John Szerlag
Subject: Smart Meters

I had asked a month or so ago to get some sort of report on how many Smart Meters have already been installed in Troy. I haven't seen a response from you. Although with all the email problems I have had with this city account I might have missed your response and if so I apologize for this second request; I must say though that emails from you do have a high priority to me so I would be surprised to have missed your reply but I guess it is possible.

Response:

From: Timothy L Richnak
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:40 AM
Subject: RE: Smart Meters

The City of Troy does not have any smart meters. I would not be able to tell you how many other utilities in Troy have smart meters in place or how many. I can tell you that DTE informed the City of the future placement of Smart Meters on the electric meters at City facilities.

Tim

Question #3

From: Janice Daniels
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 5:23 PM
To: John Szerlag
Subject: Smart Meters

I also have not seen monthly budget updates that you had promised me back in November of 2011. Again, if you have been sending them to me please forgive me for asking again. Just please send them again and I will keep my eye out for them.

Response:

I am not aware of a request for a monthly budget update, and Tom Darling, Interim Director of Finance and Administrative Services, has indicated at a previous Council meeting that quarterly updates would be provided for the City Council Agenda, as is customary.

Question #4

From: Janice Daniels
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 5:23 PM
To: John Szerlag
Subject: Smart Meters

Also, the documents that are attached to the Building Department Activity Reports for December of 2011 in tomorrow's agenda packet are either sideways and not able to be rotated, or they are upside down. My printer at home is not functioning properly so it would be really great if you could attach them right side up or rotatable. I did try to analyze them in their present format and was curious about the increase in permits for the month of November 2011. What might have caused that increase? I wonder if it is positive news that might be shared with the public?

Response:

From: Mark F Miller
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:10 AM
Subject: FW: Smart Meters

Regarding N-2, Building Department Activity - December, 2011: The City Clerk rotated the graph on the agenda. It is true that since July of 2010 building permit activity is rising. We expect that to continue with additional development in the industrial, residential and retail sectors. We will work with Community Affairs to continue to get the message out that there is investment in Troy.

Question #5

From: Dave Henderson [mailto:davehenderson@wideopenwest.com]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 9:55 AM
To: John Szerlag
Subject: Tonights meeting

I have a question about the nominees, specifically on the election commission. There are two names placed on the item, and a couple names in the interested applicant list.

Does this commission require 1 Republican and 1 Democrat? If a councilperson wishes to replace one of the two names listed with one of the interested applicants, when and how does he/she do so?

Response:

From: Aileen Bittner
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:12 AM
To: John Szerlag
Subject: RE: Tonights meeting

The Election Commission is comprised of one representative from the Republican Party, one representative from the Democratic Party, and the City Clerk as the Chair. The City Clerk's Office requests recommendations from the two parties, then those names are placed as recommended nominees for the City Council Nominations item. I received a letter from Mr. Thienel of the Oakland County Republican Party recommending that Mr. David Anderson be re-appointed. I received a

verbal communication that Mr. Timothy Dewan was recommended by the Oakland County Democratic Party but have not received that letter as of the writing of this response. While the parties are consulted for recommendations, the appointment is for City Council to make. Since this is a City Council Nomination/Appointment, the Mayor Pro Tem brings forward the names for this commission. If a Council Member has a nominee in mind, that Council Member could consult with the Mayor Pro Tem prior to the meeting to make that suggestion. Otherwise, the Council Member could forward the additional nominee's name at the Council Meeting. If more than one name is brought forward for nomination, and that nominating resolution passes, then there would be a roll call vote for the appointment at the following meeting (instead of a straight Yes/No vote, each Council Member will be polled for his/her choice for that appointment. The nominee with the 4+ votes is appointed.)

Question #6

From: Dave Henderson [mailto:davehenderson@wideopenwest.com]

Subject: I-05 Special Use Request and Prelim Site Plan Rev - Proposed Kroger Retail Fuel Center

What will the property tax implications be after the project is completed?

Response:

From: Nino A Licari

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:44 AM

Subject: RE: Agenda Item I-5

Service Station taxes run from an annual low of \$5,500 to a high of \$15,000 per year.

The low end of the spectrum most resembles the 4 proposed Kroger site, with a small service booth, and no repair facilities, so I would estimate an annual tax bill of around \$5,000. The City's portion of those taxes would be approximately \$1,350 per year.

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