

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on July 21, 2014, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

- a) Mayor Dane Slater
- Jim Campbell
- Wade Fleming
- Dave Henderson
- Ellen Hodorek
- Ed Pennington - Absent
- Doug Tietz

**C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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**C-1 Non-Profit use of Public Land for a Community Festival – An Evaluation of the Potential for Troy Family Daze Using City Property**

Mayor Slater opened the meeting.

Council Member Tietz disclosed that he is a board member on the North Woodward Community Foundation.

City Manager Kischnick introduced the topic. He referenced the last slide of the presentation and took note of the items in question tonight. He turned the discussion over to Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Manager, who began discussing the presentation titled, “Non-Profit Use of Public Land for a Community Festival – An Evaluation of the Potential for Troy Family Daze Using City Property”.

City Attorney Bluhm discussed slides regarding City Charter and City Code provisions and restrictions relating to selling or leasing City property.

City Clerk Bittner commented that the only scheduled election in 2015 is the November election.

Mayor Slater asked Tom Kaszubski to offer a summary of the North Woodward Community Foundation, what they do and how they are involved in Troy Family Daze. Mr. Kaszubski explained that the festival is operated by the Troy Family Daze Board under the direction of the North Woodward Community Foundation. He said the Foundation sponsors the festival, but all decisions are made by the Troy Family Daze Board.

Council Member Fleming asked if the festival has been profitable. Mr. Kazubski answered that the last two festivals have been profitable.

Mayor Slater asked Mr. Kasubski if he believes Boulan Park is the best location for the festival. Mr. Kasubski answered that they have looked at many locations and City property sites make

the most sense. He said he first wanted to use the skate park location, but when he found out that it wasn't available, he decided that Boulan Park or the Civic Center site would both be the best locations. The Civic Center site would be the least disruptive site for a festival.

Council Member Fleming asked if Mr. Kazubski has considered parking at the Civic Center site. Mr. Kazubski explained that there are many parking lots available at the Civic Center, but also Zion Church and Walsh College have both indicated they could provide parking space for the festival.

Council Member Hodorek asked how involved the North Woodward Community Foundation is within the city. Mr. Kazubski answered that they have published grants that benefit the residents of Oakland County and Troy.

Mr. Bovensiep concluded the presentation.

Mr. Kischnick returned the conversation to the last slide that contained the discussion points.

Council Member Hodorek asked about the security aspects of using public land and would it be the Police Department or private security companies. Mr. Bovensiep answered that it would primarily be private security but the Police Department would have a presence there especially for traffic control on public roads. Council Member Hodorek commented that she likes the plan to use the Civic Center site and wants to make sure there is a partnership between the City of Troy and the North Woodward foundation.

Council Member Fleming supports using public land for the festival and likes the Civic Center site. Council Member Pennington supports using public land for the festival and likes the Civic Center site. Council Member Campbell supports using public land for the festival and likes the Civic Center site. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson supports using public land for the festival and likes the Civic Center site. Council Member Tietz supports the use of public land for the festival.

Mayor Slater commented that there is a consensus to use public land for the festival and prefers the Civic Center site over the Boulan Park site. He explained the two options before Council for the RFP or the waiver of RFP.

Council Member Campbell asked if the City has done RFP's for something similar in the past. City Manager Kischnick answered that there was an RFP for the Troy Racquet Club, a private company, in 1976.

Mayor Slater commented that if the proposed site was Boulan Park, he wanted an RFP but if it's the Civic Center site, he will support a waiver.

Council Member Fleming supports a waiver of the RFP for the festival because it will simplify the process as long as the waiver is specific.

City Attorney Bluhm commented that there cannot be a three-year lease with renewals that circumvents the Charter restrictions.

Mr. Kazubski commented that longer leases are more advantageous to the community because the festival will be able to get better prices from vendors. He stated that a seven-year lease would be his preferred terms.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson supports a waiver of the RFP process for the lease of public land for the festival.

Council Member Pennington supports the waiver of the RFP process.

Mayor Slater said he was concerned about the waiver when the proposed site was at Boulan Park but will support a waiver for the Civic Center site.

City Attorney Bluhm commented that City Council will need to articulate why the Council is not obtaining bids such as the lease rate along with the long-standing relationship.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson commented that the Civic Center site is so specific that he is not worried about more than one group wanting to use that area for a festival. Mayor Slater commented that many groups use the Civic Center campus for events, which is fine as long as the groups are non-profit.

Council Member Tietz commented that the Foundation engages in a lot of volunteerism and is not a company outside the City paying their employees to be here.

Mr. Kazubski commented that having the decision on the site so they can advertise future festivals will be a lot easier.

Mr. Kischnick said that City Administration will put a document together and bring it back to City Council.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Al Lindsey, Chairman of Troy Family Daze Festival – Spoke in support of festival and thanked City Council for their support.

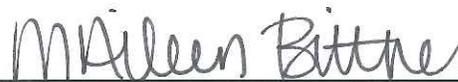
Jim Werpetinski – Spoke in support of the festival

**E. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 6:48 PM.



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Mayor Dane Slater



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M. Aileen Bittner, CMC  
City Clerk