

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A Special Study Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on September 29, 2014, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL:

Troy City Council

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

Troy School District

Ida Edmunds
Paula Fleming
Todd Miletti
Karl Schmidt
Nancy Philippart
Rich Machesky

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Slater welcomed the representatives from the Troy School District to the meeting. Mrs. Philippart thanked the City Council for hosting this important joint meeting. She thanked Dr. Machesky for his dedication and accomplishments since his appointment to Superintendent.

Mrs. Fleming left the meeting at 6:12 PM.

C-1 Bond Update

Dr. Machesky expressed his appreciation to the Troy community for the support and for the millage that was passed last year. He provided a brief update on the work being done at schools throughout the district. Dr. Machesky described technology upgrades taking place throughout the district, as well.

C-2 Enrollment Review

Mr. Machesky discussed enrollment levels throughout the district. He stated that “count day” is October 1st. The enrollment level is down slightly, but still increased overall since last year. The reduction in levels is consistent with other districts in the area. He stated that the 3-year projection for enrollment is an upward trend.

Mr. Machesky stated that elementary levels are up, while secondary levels have decreased slightly. He explained that relocations and inquiries into relocations are increased over previous years.

Mayor Slater commented that he is impressed with the stability of enrollment in the Troy School District.

Dr. Machesky highlighted the monthly Troy School District Newsletter "School Life." Troy School District is the second district in the state to publish this type of newsletter, and he thanked Mr. Miletti for bringing this idea to Troy. "School Life" can be found in various locations throughout the city. Also, this newsletter is free for the public, and is paid for by advertisements.

Mrs. Fleming returned at 6:18 PM.

C-3 School Liaison Officer

Mayor Slater turned the conversation over to Chief Mayer. Chief Mayer stated he is proud of the relationship between Troy Police Department and Troy School District. He introduced Officer Jasak, School Resource Officer.

Officer Jasak explained her duties as School Resource Officer. She stated that she works with all schools located within the city. Officer Jasak discussed her role as officer, teacher, presenter, mediator and counselor within the schools.

Sgt. Breidenich discussed improvements to school security, including partnerships with the school security company, renovations to school parking lots, building security renovations and signage.

Mr. Schmidt asked about the rumored increase in heroin usage in schools and if it has affected Troy at all. Sgt. Breidenich answered that about 8 years ago, there was a slight increase in the region, but he hasn't noticed a large increase in Troy. Chief Mayer added that there has been an increase in prescription drug abuse and that the Police Department is aware of these issues and are monitoring them. Sgt. Breidenich stated that as new concerns arise, the Police Department works with the Troy Community Coalition to monitor and address them. He added that he has not seen an increase in thefts from students of iPads distributed this year.

Council Member Pennington asked if Cloud9 sales have increased in Troy. Sgt. Breidenich answered that citizens in Troy call Troy Police if they see Cloud9 being sold in Troy, and the Police Department appreciates citizen vigilance.

Council Member Hodorek commented that she is impressed with the proactive approach of Troy Police Department and Troy School District when it comes to school safety.

C-4 Troy Talk

Mr. Kischnick discussed a presentation about the City of Troy. He highlighted the awards received, and initiatives and upcoming events the City of Troy is developing.

C-5 Other

Council Member Fleming commented that Troy and the Troy School District need to continue to work together. He stated that Dr. Machesky and Mr. Kischnick should meet in addition to meetings like this. He encourages both boards to move forward.

Mr. Schmidt commented that sidewalks are an issue throughout the city for everyone who walks or bikes. Mayor Slater said that prior to 2009, the City was working on a fund for trails, but that fund was eliminated when the economy took a downturn. Mayor Slater stated that pathways and trails are in the City Council's Top 11 Strategies, and Mr. Kischnick is working on finding a way to make this project happen. Mr. Kischnick commented that funding currently was put into the roads, but there is a plan for future funding to be put into pathways and trails again.

Mayor Slater said that clearing sidewalks of snow and ice is a topic that was addressed by City Council and will continue to be monitored as winter approaches. He said that the City and the School District needs to work together on a partnership to keep the sidewalks clear for students walking to school. He continued by stating that he would like to see an expansion of the School Liaison Officer agreement.

Council Member Hodorek said that the Master Plan 5-year mark is here, which means the Master Plan needs to be reexamined by the City. She commented that she would like the School District to be involved in the Master Plan revision process.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment Received

E. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7: 03 PM.



Mayor Dane Slater



M. Aileen Bittner, CMC
City Clerk