

A Special Joint Meeting of the Troy City Council and Troy Chamber of Commerce was held Monday, August 1, 2007, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road. Mayor Schilling called the Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Troy City Council

Mayor Louise E. Schilling
Robin Beltramini
Mayor Pro Tem Cristina Broomfield (Absent)
Wade Fleming
Martin F. Howrylak
David A. Lambert
Jeanne M. Stine

Troy Chamber of Commerce

John Bailey
Marie Baloga
Julia Baran
Ann Comiskey (Absent)
Barry Demp
David Grenville
Tasneem Hakim
Carmen Johnson
Michael J. Kidder (Absent)
William A. Lafontaine
Anna Maiuri
James McIntire (Absent)
John Podsiadlik
Kent Sharkey (Absent)
Kevin Shea
Duane Swanson
John J. Tagle
Ted Wilson (Absent)
Patricia Zatina

Mayor Schilling advised that the purpose of the joint meeting is to update both parties on points of interest that affect them both.

1. Economic Development Update

Brian Murphy

Brian Murphy, Assistant City Manager-Economic Development Services stated that there has been success working with the State of Michigan and Oakland County in bringing several large companies to Troy. He continued by stating that although the state economy is still suffering, Troy's vacancy rates have improved over the past fiscal year. He further added that a number of businesses are still in the stages of considering relocating their businesses to Troy.

- A. U of M / ULI - Michele Hodges provided a brief overview updating the status of the University of Michigan / Urban Land Institute study.
- B. Maple Road Corridor Study - Michele Hodges, President-Chamber of Commerce advised that the Maple Road Corridor Study is officially in print at this time and consequently, they now have a blueprint to work from in furthering the advancement in continuing the investment along Maple Road.
- C. Hybrid Development Center - Kevin Shea reported that the Hybrid Development Center is a joint venture of General Motors, DSX and BMW, and currently houses over 500 engineers. Mr. Shea explained that their philosophy was to build the best company with the best employees in the best location, and they chose Troy for a variety of reasons. Mr. Shea advised their goal is to take proven concepts and turn them into technology that will transfer directly into vehicles.

- D. Automation Alley - Kevin Shea reported Automation Alley is over 600 members strong and they are actively pursuing all of the emerging sectors that are part of the Automation Alley plan to bring businesses to southeastern Michigan as well as Oakland County. He continued by stating that Automation Alley is not only unusual for this area, but it is also unusual anywhere in the country to have a business entity of this type for the purpose of attracting business.

2. Master Plan Update**Brian Murphy**

Brian Murphy, Assistant City Manager-Economic Development Services advised that a copy of the Master Plan Update is included in the packet dated July 2007 outlining the tasks that are going to be implemented as they move forward with the update. Mr. Murphy expects that the final Master Plan will be completed in December.

3. Image & Arts Council Update**Michele Hodges**

Michele Hodges, President-Chamber of Commerce indicated that the Image & Arts Council is another of the Chamber of Commerce's grassroots initiatives. She continued by stating that they are hoping to organize formally but outlined several projects they are working currently working on as an informal organization. Ms. Hodges added that the Image & Art Council is working toward developing a niche that could contribute to the economic development of the community.

4. MRDI – Diversity Updates**Michele Hodges**

Michele Hodges, President-Chamber of Commerce explained MRDI is an acronym for Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion. She continued by stating that diversity is fundamental for moving forward in the global marketplace and that the city has a great history of working with the MRDI.

5. One D**Michele Hodges**

Michele Hodges, President-Chamber of Commerce believes One D is a good strategy to embrace and encouraged City Council and staff to adopt a resolution after reviewing its philosophy in full. She explained the One D strategy assists organizations in overcoming the economic challenges they face.

6. Update of Troy Futures – Accomplishments**Phil Nelson**

Phil Nelson, City Manager summarized a report requested by City Council outlining actions taken to initiate some of the factors of the futures report. He added that also included in the packet are recommendations of the planning and policy documents and that Council has initiated a lot of different actions and activities as a result of the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Limited to Items Not on the Agenda

The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:37 PM.

Louise E. Schilling, Mayor

Tonni L. Bartholomew, MMC
City Clerk