

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A Regular Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on Monday, January 12, 2015, 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
Steve Gottlieb
Dave Henderson
Ellen Hodorek
Ed Pennington
Doug Tietz – Arrived at 6:42 PM.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

C-1 Big Beaver Move Across Troy Symposium Findings

Mayor Slater opened the discussion and asked City Manager Brian Kischnick to introduce the topic.

Mr. Kischnick began by thanking members of the Downtown Development Authority present at this meeting. Mr. Kischnick explained that the Move Across Troy project began with a discussion after a Downtown Development Authority meeting. He introduced Maggie Hughes, Management Analyst, to discuss the presentation Move Across Troy Big Beaver Symposium.

Ms. Hughes and Brent Savidant, City Planner, presented the history and findings from the Symposium. Ms. Hughes introduced the consultant, Mark de la Vergne from Sam Schwartz Engineering, to discuss the plans.

Mark Miller, Director of Economic & Community Development, discussed the costs and funding associated with the plans presented by Mr. de la Vergne. Mr. Miller explained that Carlisle Wortman helped identify sources of funding including MDOT contributions.

Mr. de la Vergne continued the presentation and discussed long-term plans for other areas of the City, including encouragement programs.

Mr. Kischnick discussed the directives and future discussions.

Mayor Slater thanked the members of the Downtown Development Authority who are present at this meeting.

Mr. Keisling commented that the primary emphasis during the development of Big Beaver was to maintain the flow of traffic. He asked if there has been any discussion with MDOT on adding intersections. Mayor Slater commented that MDOT told him that it was the City's decision to develop Big Beaver in order to keep traffic moving. He said that the new development projects at Big Beaver and Livernois are going to bring a lot of congestion to the Civic Center area, and

MDOT has given him the impression that they are receptive to the plans for more signals on Big Beaver. Mr. Kischnick commented that the plans are still in the preliminary stages. Mr. Huotari commented that MDOT is open to working with the City regarding this project.

Mr. Hay commented that he liked the idea of the canopy in the median. He asked if additional and colorful lighting could be added to the corridor. He has concerns about how the bridges will be addressed and would like to see pavement markers for walking/running/biking. He suggested that stakeholders be brought in again to discuss funding and contributions from the businesses in the corridor. Mayor Slater commented that many business owners on Big Beaver would probably be willing to work with the City on this project. Mr. Bostick added that his company would be willing to contribute financially, as well.

Mayor Slater said he was very happy that a consultant from Chicago came to Troy and told us that we have a great asset already in Big Beaver. Mr. de la Vergne added that we have a corridor that has great potential.

Council Member Tietz arrived at 6:42 PM.

Council Member Hodorek commented that she worries about the safety of the many pedestrians along Big Beaver. She said the shuttle idea along Big Beaver is a great idea, but we need something sooner than that to help pedestrians. She would like to see a plan for a financial infrastructure. She commented that the trails and pathways plans work together with the Big Beaver plans, as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Campbell asked Mr. Kischnick about the ramps to and from I-75 crossings. Mr. Huotari answered that the I-75 project is worked on in even-years and based on MDOT funds. He said there is a design guideline to make dramatic changes to I-75 including artwork, lighting and the crossings, but the timeframe is farther out than our timeline for Big Beaver.

Council Member Henderson asked Mr. de la Vergne about the I-75 ramps and the vehicle speed. Mr. de la Vergne answered that design changes will be needed to make drivers aware of pedestrian traffic.

Council Member Gottlieb commented that funding will come down to who pays, and a public-private partnership will be very important for this project.

Mayor Slater summarized that the directive from City Council is to keep moving forward with the proposed meetings and seeking funding.

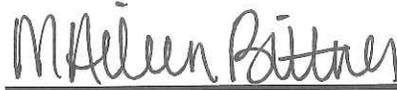
D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

E. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 6:55 PM.



Mayor Dane Slater



M. Aileen Bittner, CMC
City Clerk