

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A Special Study Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on Monday, February 9, 2015, at Automation Alley, 2675 Bellingham, Troy. 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 6:12 PM.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

C-1 Facility Tour and Automation Alley Update From Ken Rogers, Executive Director

Mayor Slater opened the discussion and introduced Ken Rogers, Executive Director of Automation Alley.

Mr. Rogers led a tour of the Automation Alley building and then discussed a presentation about Automation Alley.

Mayor Slater commented that Automation Alley has improved Troy significantly. He said that Troy is committed to keeping Automation Alley headquarters in Troy and he hopes Automation Alley commits to staying in Troy.

Mr. Rogers said that Automation Alley is committed to staying in Troy and they appreciate Troy's help in obtaining LDFA funding.

Dick Carlisle of Carlisle Wortman Associates, Inc. discussed a presentation about the LDFA extension and provided a timeline handout.

Brian Kischnick, City Manager, asked Mr. Carlisle about the reason to extend the LDFA. Mr. Carlisle replied that the LDFA extension provides a 15-year funding stream for Automation Alley, allows the capture of 50% of school taxes, and will keep Automation Alley within Troy and the other two cities. Mr. Carlisle also said that Automation Alley attracts and creates jobs and without the extension, revenue to support Automation Alley would decrease drastically. Mayor Slater asked if Troy could help Automation Alley expand its facilities. Mr. Carlisle answered that Automation Alley and the City are looking at options to expand the current facility and there is potential to expand their current building. He said that parking is an issue, but Automation Alley has a good relationship with the business next door and there is a possibility to share parking. He said that there are many options available to assist Automation Alley with an expansion. Mr. Rogers added that Automation Alley has received lots of cooperation from the City of Troy with ideas for expansion, and they are looking at expanding in the near future. Mr. Carlisle commented that the expansion discussion started with the 15-year

extension of the Smart Zone conversation. He said that the first issue was satellite attraction, and Port Huron solved that issue. He concluded that finding entities to expand to is difficult, but they will take opportunities when they arise.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

E. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 6:45 PM.



Mayor Dane Slater



M. Aileen Dickson, CMC
City Clerk