

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A Regular Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on Monday, April 27, 2015, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Dane Slater
Jim Campbell – Arrived at 6:06 PM
Steve Gottlieb
Dave Henderson
Ellen Hodorek
Ed Pennington
Doug Tietz

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

C-1 2015-16 Budget Review

Mayor Slater opened the meeting and announced that the Budget document is available at the City Clerk's Office, the Library and on the City website.

City Manager Brian Kischnick began the discussion by introducing the presentation titled "2015/2016 City of Troy Manager's Proposed Budget – Finding the Balance."

Mayor Pro Tem Campbell arrived at 6:06 PM.

Mr. Kischnick discussed the ideas that were produced by the Financial Ideas Team. Mr. Kischnick asked City Clerk Aileen Dickson to comment on the idea of placing two millage proposals, one renewal and one renewal plus 0.4 increase, on the same ballot. Ms. Dickson pointed out that if two Library millage proposals were placed on a ballot, and both proposals obtained majority "Yes" votes, the proposal with the higher number of votes would be adopted. She said that two proposals on the same ballot for the same millage could cause voter confusion that may result in both proposals failing.

Mr. Kischnick discussed the Manager's Message portion of the Budget document.

Director of Economic & Community Development Mark Miller discussed the One Stop Ready program that City Council Members and City Administration participated in recently. Council Member Hodorek commented that there is a culture here in Troy that is very customer focused and participation in this Oakland County program speaks to that. She said that Troy has frequently been held as the example of how a city can be focused on business development. Council Member Gottlieb commented that he is familiar first-hand with how customer focused the City of Troy is from when he was a business owner working with the City to grow his business.

Mr. Kischnick continued the discussion of the Manager's Message.

Director of Financial Services Tom Darling discussed Page 8 of the Popular Annual Financial Report regarding how tax payments are divided among entities such as City of Troy, Local Schools and Community College, Smart Bus and the Detroit Zoo.

Mr. Darling discussed the All Funds Summary portion of the Budget document.

Mr. Kischnick discussed the General Fund, Tax Revenue, and State-Shared Revenue. City Assessor Nino Licari discussed taxable value. Fire Chief Nelson commented on the need for a Pumper Truck, the funding for which will be a one-time transfer from General Fund Fund Balance during the 2015-2016 Budget year. Mr. Kischnick discussed General Fund Highlights. Department of Public Works Manager Kurt Bovensiep discussed the need for a 10-Year Tree Planting Program that will provide 123 new trees per year throughout the city. Police Chief Gary Mayer discussed the need for replacement Police Department tasers. Police Lieutenant Tom Gordon discussed the need for Police Department rifles. Police Lieutenant Chris Stout discussed the addition of a Police Officer at Somerset Collection that is fully funded by the Somerset Collection. Chief Mayer discussed staffing of the Police Department. He said that Lt. Gordon and Human Resources Director Jeanette Menig have worked very hard to revamp the hiring and screening processes for the Police Department. He said that thanks to their efforts, as of March 2015, the Police Department is fully staffed. Chief Nelson and Lt. Stout discussed the need for Fire and Police Emergency Dispatch software to be purchased during of the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Recreation Director Elaine Bo discussed the revenues and expenditures of the Recreation Department.

Mr. Bovensiep discussed the cost of street maintenance due to the winters of 2014 and 2015, and the major snow events during those seasons. Mr. Kischnick commented that the snow policy may be three inches, but really, the Department of Public Works clears snow anytime the roads are hazardous for drivers.

Mr. Kischnick discussed the Troy Downtown Development Authority budget and the revised debt service schedule. Mr. Bovensiep discussed the Downtown Development Authority Boulevard Enhanced Maintenance Costs and Revenues slide.

SAFEbuilt Building Official Paul Featherston discussed Building Permit activity. He also discussed a Case Study that will be conducted by Michigan State University comparing Troy's SAFEbuilt Department to seven other Building Departments throughout the State of Michigan.

Mr. Kischnick discussed the Capital Fund and Fund Balance. Mr. Bovensiep discussed the Trails and Pathways plan proposed to begin with the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Deputy City Engineer Bill Huotari discussed Capital Fund Projects that include major and local roads and sidewalks projects. City Engineer Steve Vandette discussed the Sylvan Glen Streambank Stabilization Phase II Capital Fund Project. Director of Building Operations Steve Pallotta discussed the need for the Community Center Pool HVAC Capital Fund Project. Assistant Recreation Director Brian Goul discussed the efforts by the Recreation Department to extend the life of the HVAC unit at the Community Center Pool. Mr. Bovensiep discussed the need for Parking Lot Overlay and Coating at Flynn Park, Police and Fire Training Center, 52-4 District Court and Fire Station #5. Lieutenant Stout discussed the need for Police Department Parking Lot Gate Motors and Arms. Lt. Stout also discussed the need for an Uninterruptable Power

Source Replacement at the Police Department. Chief Nelson discussed the need of an ISO standard generator to provide alternate power and meet the new ISO rating requirements. Assistant Library Director Phil Kwik discussed Capital Fund Projects at the Troy Public Library that include issues resulting from water intrusion and necessary building repairs. Mr. Kwik also discussed the completion of the Wayfinding Signage project at the Troy Public Library.

Council Member Hodorek commented that Troy used to plant flowers in medians throughout the city which was pulled from the budget during the financial downturn and would like to see information on Wednesday about the financial impact of bringing back those plantings. Mayor Slater would like to see information about flowers in the median in the DDA district.

Council Member Gottlieb would like to see a financial provision in the Budget for reduced fees for students to use the Community Center. He would also like to see more information regarding interest and rent revenues for the Water and Sewer Funds.

Council Member Tietz clarified that Avondale Youth Assistance will receive \$2,500 during 2015-2106 Budget year. Council Member Campbell clarified that Historical Society will receive \$75,000 and the Nature Society will receive \$75,000.

Mayor Slater commented that he thinks the FIT Team provided very important feedback from a diverse cross-section of the residents, which helped this Budget process.

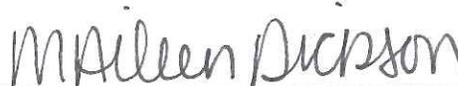
D. PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:31 PM.



Mayor Dane Slater



M. Aileen Dickson, CMC
City Clerk