A. CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Study Session Meeting of the Troy City Council was held Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road. Mayor Schilling called the Meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

B. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Louise E. Schilling
Robin Beltramini (Arrived at 7:14 PM)
Mayor Pro Tem Wade Fleming
Martin Howrylak (Absent)
Mary Kerwin
Maureen McGinnis
Dane Slater

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

C-1 Restructuring City of Troy Government:

a) Continuation of Option 1 and Discussion of Policy Matters – City Manager, John Szerlag

John Szerlag, City Manager provided an overview of tonight's presentation and introduced the staff members participating in the discussion.

Steve Vandette, City Engineer described the rating system associated with roads and the amount of budgeted dollars necessary to bring all roads to a good rating. He reported currently Troy's roads are slipping to fair to poor with 52% of the roads rated fair to poor and 48% rated as good. He added that county major roads are the worse roads in the community.

Council Member Beltramini arrived at 7:14 PM.

John Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance and Administration reviewed the projections for Option 1. He noted that projections for a three year budget are included and projections for a five year budget will be recalculated in September.

Gary Mayer, Chief of Police discussed impacts in regard to the level of services currently provided by the Police Department.

Carol Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director reported Federal and Department of Transportation funding are available for trails. She indicated that this money would not be awarded any sooner than six months from now.

The meeting **RECESSED** at 8:45 PM.

The meeting **RECONVENED** at 8:55 PM.

Cathy Russ, Library Director provided an overview of the changes proposed for the Library. She reported that there will be a one-third staff reduction; weekly hours will be reduced from sixty-five hours to fifty-five hours as required by state aide rules and they will be closed on Saturdays.

Loraine Campbell, Museum Manager discussed the 2010/2011 budget reductions occurring at the Museum. She proposed that the Museum hours be reduced to 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM on Tuesday through Thursday.

Carol Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director discussed the proposed 2010/2011 reductions planned for the Nature Center operations. Ms. Anderson anticipates that the trails and grounds will be open to the public similar to other park sites during the summer season. She continued that during the off-season, trails will be open during regular business hours and when the building is open. Ms. Anderson added that the building will be closed Monday through Wednesday and proposed hours for the public are:

Thursday-Friday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Mr. Szerlag indicated that the last item is the Refuse Fund and proposed that the millage rate commensurate with the cost of garbage.

Mayor Schilling recalled that City Council supported Mr. Szerlag's proposal regarding the Refuse Fund's millage rate at their last meeting.

Council Member Kerwin confirmed that City Council gave that direction to City Management.

Council Member Fleming recalled that Council Member Howrylak requested further details from City Management regarding the expenses associated with the Refuse Fund.

Mr. Lamerato responded that information regarding the special revenue funds will be covered during budget discussions. He added that most of those costs are under contractual arrangements with Tringali and SOCCRA.

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b) Internal Grants and Public Engagement Activities – Council Member Robin Beltramini

Council Member Beltramini believes this is a plan worth pursuing, but believes it is a question for the other six Council Members.

Several Council Members present support the concept but raised questions concerning the dollar amount requested and the overall process involved for the implementation of Council Member Beltramini's proposal.

Council Member Beltramini provided further clarification regarding her proposal.

There was a general consensus of most City Council members present to include $100,000.00 in the 2010/2011 General Fund budget.

Mayor Schilling raised concerns about the proposal and provided reasons why she cannot support the proposal.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rhonda Hendrickson **Friends of the Library**	Supports the Library
Frank Howrylak	Discussed the management of the pension fund
Axelle Megerian	Supports the Library

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 10:26 PM.

Louise E. Schilling, Mayor

Tonni L. Bartholomew, MMC
City Clerk