

F. PUBLIC COMMENT: In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the City Council, Article 16 – Members of the Public and Visitors, received from:

Janice Daniels: **H-7:** Does not support the proposed informational brochure ~~because she believes it is biased. Does not support or~~ a tax increase. ~~Suggested that a panel of five residents be formed to review the budget document with City Administration. She volunteered to sit as a member.~~

James Berar: **Misc. Comments:** Suggested at the last meeting that the times for the rebroadcasting of the City Council meetings should be publicized on the cable.

H-7: Agreed with comments made by previous speaker. ~~He and~~ is voting no for the 1.9 mill increase.

Marvin Reinhardt: **Misc. Comments:** Discussed multiple topics.

~~**H-4:** Glad they are only going to lose \$7,500.00 and that they are going to withdraw if they can quit fighting about that.~~

~~**I-6 & 7:** This is about those kids that they tried to give a blood type of test and more money the City is going to lose in a lawsuit. Please raise the taxes in Troy because they'll need it to pay-off these lawsuits.~~

~~**H-8:** Troy wants to be part of Macomb County because Troy can use Macomb services and take money from Oakland County given to Troy by Patterson and drain water near the industrial area at 14 and Dequindre using county funds and that money goes to the Warren schools.~~

Gerard Staeger: **H-7:** Does not support the informational brochure as presented or spending. ~~Does not believe~~ tax dollars ~~should be spent~~ on the brochure. ~~Believes it is clearly biased and inaccurate.~~

James Savage: **Transit Center:** ~~Mass transit is a method of moving people, not as an excuse for building white elephants. In February, it will be difficult to convince residents to pay more taxes and city workers to take cuts while millions is being wasted on projects such as the transit center and the Big Beaver/Rochester intersection. Opposes Transit Center.~~

David Ashland: **H-7:** Favors a tax increase and ~~believes that~~ the informational brochure ~~has factual and accurate statements.~~

Audre Zembrzuski: **C-1 b, c, d:** Thought the finance presentation was good.

H-7: Interested in knowing how the proposed millage is going to be presented and impact on ~~because there are a lot of~~ new student voters ~~who just became registered voters and they are receiving a lot of misinformation at school.~~

Donald Schenk: **H-7:** Discussion for H-7 is about ~~the approval of~~ an informational brochure; ~~discussion is~~ not about raising taxes. Raising taxes is up to the voters. ~~This discussion is about informing voters. Believes the content of the brochure is 100% consistent with what the City Manager has been presenting to City Council for some time. It is based on facts and data which must be the hallmark of all discussions of this issue.~~

The meeting **RECESSED** at 8:54 PM.

The meeting **RECONVENED** at 9:05 PM.

Jack Witt: ~~H-7: Opposes brochure and tax increase. Michigan Law prohibits the use of taxpayer dollars by a municipality or public entity to persuade voters on a matter on which they are voting. The brochure is not only illegal; it is also misleading and dishonest. The 29%, \$40M tax increase is outrageous and unnecessary. Communications to the voters supported by taxpayer money cannot be biased either way; it has to be strictly factual.~~

John Marion: **H-9a:** Supports of the installation of all-way stop signs at the intersection of Larchwood and Austin.

G. POSTPONED ITEMS:

G-1 No Postponed Items

H. REGULAR BUSINESS:

H-1 Appointments to Boards and Committees:

a) Mayoral Appointments: Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA)

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Moved by Schilling

Seconded by Kerwin

RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Troy hereby **APPOINTS** the following persons to serve on the Boards and Committees as indicated:

Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA)

Appointed by Mayor, Council Approval - Council Alternates (2) - Term expires with term of office

Dane Slater **City Council Alternate** Term Expires 11/11/2013

Maureen McGinnis **City Council Alternate** Term Expires 11/11/2013

Yes: Schilling, Beltramini, Fleming, Kerwin, McGinnis, Slater

No: Howrylak

MOTION CARRIED

b) City Council Appointments: Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees / Retiree Health Care Benefits Plan and Trust; Parks and Recreation Board; and Troy Daze Committee

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