



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: November 1, 2010

To: Mayor and Members of Troy City Council

From: John Szerlag, City Manager
Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney
Tonni L. Bartholomew, City Clerk

Subject: Continuation of Special Meeting Agenda Item

A Special Meeting was called for Monday, November 1, 2010 at 10:00 am, as allowed under the Troy Charter. This meeting was called for the day prior to the General Election, and as a result, the City Council chambers were unavailable for the meeting. Due to space limitations at City Hall, caused by the impending Regular Election, the meeting was scheduled for the largest available room at City Hall- the Council Board Room. The Council Boardroom did not accommodate the crowds that appeared for the Special Meeting. Although the Open Meetings Act requires reasonable accommodation for the anticipated number of members of the public, the State Statute recognizes that there is no way of predicting the actual number of persons who will be in attendance at any given meeting. Due to logistics and fire code limitations, many members of the audience were required to remain in the hallway after the meeting was convened. Minutes after convening the meeting, there were shouts objecting to the situation, and vehement requests to accommodate all members of the public in attendance. This resulted in the adjournment of the meeting shortly after it was called to order.

The prompt adjournment of the meeting prohibited City Council from conducting the business for which the meeting was called, and similarly precluded public comment. As such, the business from the Special Meeting will be continued as the first business item at the November 8, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting.