

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

A regular session of Troy City Council was held on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bravo Room of Hobart Arena.

Members Attending: Allen, Phillips, Rozell, Schilling, Schweser, Severt, Snee and Terwilliger.

Upon motion of Mr. Rozell, seconded by Mr. Phillips, Mr. Twiss was excused from this meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

Presiding Officer:	William Lutz,	President of Council
Also Attending:	Robin I. Oda	Mayor
	Patrick E. J. Titterington	Director of Public Service and Safety
	Grant D. Kerber	Director of Law

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: An invocation was given by Council Member Phillips, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: The Clerk gave a summary of the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting of Troy City Council. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes. Upon motion of Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Schilling, these minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Allen, Chairman, reported that Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the West Market Street (SR 55) Waterline Project at a cost not to exceed \$700,000. Report submitted by Terwilliger, Twiss and Allen.

Finance Committee: Mr. Schweser, Chairman, reported that Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the Board of Park Commissioners to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the mowing of the rough at the Miami Shores Golf Course at an annual cost not to exceed \$55,000 for a minimum of a three-year period. Report submitted by Phillips, Severt and Schweser.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Phillips, Chairman, reported as follows:

1. That Council recommends legislation be prepared to accept a number of easements for the West Main Street Corridor Project Phase I and to authorize the Director of Public Service and Safety to record easements as necessary and to execute any other related documents.
2. That Committee recommends that legislation be prepared authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids for the 2021 Paving Program at a cost not to exceed \$810,000.

Reports submitted by Schilling, Snee and Phillips.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE.

RESOLUTION NO. R-4-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 PAVING PROGRAM

This Resolution was given first title reading.

Mr. Schweser moved for suspension of rules requiring three readings. Motion seconded by Mr. Schilling.

Yes: Allen, Terwilliger, Phillips, Schweser, Rozell, Severt, Schilling and Snee.

No: None.

Mr. Schweser moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Terwilliger.

Yes: Terwilliger, Phillips, Schweser, Rozell, Severt, Schilling, Snee and Allen.

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. R-5-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE WEST MARKET STREET (STATE ROUTE 55) WATERLINE EXTENSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Phillips moved for suspension of rules requiring three readings. Motion seconded by Mrs. Snee.

Yes: Phillips, Schweser, Rozell, Severt, Schilling, Snee, Allen and Terwilliger.

No: None.

Mr. Phillips moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Schweser.

Yes: Schweser, Rozell, Severt, Schilling, Snee, Allen, Terwilliger and Phillips.

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. R-6-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE MOWING OF THE ROUGH AT THE MIAMI SHORES GOLF COURSE

This Resolution was given first title reading.

Mr. Severt moved for suspension of rules requiring three readings. Motion seconded by Mr. Rozell.

Yes: Rozell, Severt, Schilling, Snee, Allen, Terwilliger, Phillips and Schweser.

No: None.

Mr. Schweser moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Rozell.

Yes: Severt, Schilling, Snee, Allen, Terwilliger, Phillips, Schweser and Rozell.

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. O-7-2021

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WEST MAIN STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1

This Ordinance was given first title reading.

Mr. Phillips moved for suspension of three readings. Motion seconded by Mr. Snee.

Yes: Schilling, Snee, Allen, Terwilliger, Phillips, Schweser, Rozell and Severt.

No: None.

Mr. Schweser moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Rozell.

Yes: Snee, Allen, Terwilliger, Phillips, Schweser, Rozell, Severt and Schilling.

No: None.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

PRESENTATION:

Dennis Propes, Health Commissioner, Miami County Public Health, provided Council with an update regarding the COVID-19 response in Miami County and plans for moving forward. He commented that there have been 9,489 identified positive cases in Miami County, one-third of which were in the 45373 zip code, 479 were hospitalized; there was a spike in the numbers after the holiday season when social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing may not have been as carefully followed; he realizes that he is not able to change minds regarding wearing of masks, social distancing, hand washing, but can now move on to the vaccination stage; to date 6% (6,593 persons) of the Miami County population has received the COVID-19 vaccine; more vaccination opportunities are being scheduled; it is not his opinion that the vaccine has been rushed; the federal government has covered the cost of the development of the vaccine; and he feels that the more masks are worn, the sooner the pandemic will be over.

-In response to Mr. Allen, Mr. Propes commented that the recovery rate is 8,700 out of 9,489. The difference is based on hospitalizations and deaths.

-In response to Mrs. Snee, Mr. Propes indicated the Miami County ICU capacity is small, probably around 10, but has had to change with surge capacities.

-In response to Mr. Severt, Mr. Propes commented that the adverse reporting system (to the vaccine) is monitored by a Federal agency; the agency has performed this monitoring for about 40 years; within Miami County some minor adverse effects have been reported, but none that are major.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY:

Mr. Titterington noted that the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, due to the Presidents' Day Holiday.

COMMENTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

-Mr. Schweser expressed thanks for the City crews that worked to handle the snow and ice weather over the weekend, commenting that the roads were in good condition the morning of January 31.

COMMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- Jennifer Nooks, 821 Enroe Drive, Dayton, Ohio, commented that health issue cases routinely go up every winter over the holidays as people may not eat healthy or exercise.
- Jessica Harshman, 4016 Meadows Cross, Kettering, Ohio, commented that only 1% of vaccine injuries are reported to VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) and people are not aware of the side effects of vaccinations.
- Cassi Carranza, 210 Kiser Lane, Troy, Ohio, stated concern if the vaccine should be mandated with only 1% of adverse reactions reported; people would not know about getting a fever or the cost of treating the reactions; and she also stated concerns about how COVID-19 cases have been counted.
- Thomas Reed, 4140 Linden Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, stated he believes COVID, masks, distancing and vaccine are all being used for political reasons; Council has a duty to look at all sides; noted he has filed a law suit against the governor and State Department of Health; and commented that Lubbock, Texas enacted a cease and desist order against a mask mandate.
- Jessica Franz, 4285 US Route 40, Tipp City, Ohio, commented she has a mask exemption based on religious convictions and medical reasons; that Jesus made it clear to her not to participate in a mask mandate; masks were put into use to protect patients during surgery; and the focus should be on other issues from the pandemic of economic impact, increased drug use and increased suicides. Ms. Frantz read information from some studies.
- Heather Chappel, 11044 Gerlaugh Road, Medway, commented that vaccinations will not stop transmission of a disease, only lessen symptoms; the PREP Act makes the manufacturers of the COVID-19 vaccine free of liability; this vaccine was issued without animal studies; Public Health gets its information from pharmaceutical companies; and other prophylactical treatment should be considered.
- Joe Girolamo, 232 S. Plum Street, Troy, Ohio, commented that he is not aware that anyone on Council is considering, or has the power to enact, any legislation in regard to the comments that have been made.
- Craig Daniels, 2650 New Castle Drive, Troy, Ohio, commented that he does not believe the Constitution allows for a health emergency to be declared; Public Health needs to provide standards on which citizens can count; and that there needs to be focus on the damage to the economy and to the increased suicides and domestic abuse cases resulting from COVID-19.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council