

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

A regular session of Troy Council was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Attending: Marshall, Phillips, Severt, Snee, Twiss, Westfall and Whidden.

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

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

Presiding Officer:	William G. Rozell	President of Council
Others Present:	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 Snee followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: The Clerk gave a summary of the minutes of the January 6, 2025, meeting of Troy City Council. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes. Upon motion of Mr. Twiss, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, the minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Partnerships Committee: Mrs. Marshall, Chair, reported that Committee reviewed supporting the Ohio Municipal League (OML) challenge of AT&T's tariff application before PUCO. It was noted that if AT&T is successful, any governmental entity requesting the relocation and undergrounding of communications facilities existing in a public right of way would be responsible for paying the cost incurred by AT&T for such a relocation, then other utilities can make the same filing, which would hinder municipalities in their projects and result in cost increases. It was noted that agreeing to participate does not commit financial support at this time, although if the matter is not resolved at the PUCO level, a request may be made for financial assistance to continue the effort. Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the City of Troy to support the OML's challenge of AT&T's Tariff Application and any subsequent and/or necessary legal, administrative and legislative efforts. Because of the dates involved with the OML filing, committee supports emergency legislation.

Report submitted by Severt, Twiss and Marshall.

Discussion. Mr. Titterington advised that AT&T has withdrawn the petition before the PUCO; however, it is anticipated that AT&T will file a new petition in the near future and it is recommended that the pending legislation be approved to be on file with the OML if and when that petition is filed.

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

1. Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into a professional services agreement with American Structurepoint, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio to complete a feasibility study for the intersection of West Main Street (State Route 41) and Experiment Farm Road/Stamfield Road Improvement Project (PID 121678) at a cost not to exceed \$120,000. Committee noted that the feasibility study has been required by the Ohio Department of Transportation prior to proceeding to design the project.

Discussion. Mr. Phillips stated that as Council has a committee process, it is important that if there are conversations on a particular subject outside the committee meetings, that the Committee Chair be kept informed regarding those conversations.

-In response to Mr. Whidden asking that additional information the feasibility study may show, Mr. Titterington commented that the study requested by ODOT would include a simulator, public input and updated information that may lead ODOT to support a roundabout or support an alternative recommendation.

-Mr. Severt commented that he has talked with Mr. Phillips and would ask that the legislation on the feasibility study go to a second reading. He stated he had questions regarding the project, had talked with the City Engineer, became aware of additional information on the project, has asked that the City Engineer compile a summary of their conversations, and that the summary be disseminated to Council.

-Mr. Phillips asked if the study results would cause another committee meeting. Mr. Titterington noted that it is the Committee's prerogative to schedule an additional meeting, but it is hoped that the study summary will provide clarity for a final recommendation to address the intersection.

-in response to Mr. Twiss, Mr. Titterington stated that in 2019 there was a study that looked at safety concerns, provided a simulation, and this study will meet current ODOT requirements and update that data.

-In response to Mrs. Marshall, it was stated that the City has used other consultants of other intersections, such as McKaig and Dorset Road.

2. Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the 2025 paving program at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000. Reports submitted by Westfall and Phillips

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

-Katharina Friedly, 1143 Scott Street, asked about the history of the review of the intersection of W. Main Street/Experiment Farm Road/Stamfield Road and if the proposed work was based on accidents. Mr. Titterington commented that 18-20 years ago traffic patterns showed backups; with development on W. Main Street as well as the Honda and Pella industrial projects, reviews indicated several sections in the area of the intersection where the roadway had to be expanded. He further commented that the City requested funding in 2023, and the project construction would be in 2028/2029.

-Ms. Friedly asked for more background regarding the AT&T filing before PUCO (R-3-2025), with Mr. Titterington commenting that what AT&T is proposing would add costs for municipal governments and the OML is acting on behalf of the municipalities.

-Steve Hendriksen, 975 Dickerson Drive, asked about the Feasibility Study (R-4-2025) and stated that he sees a lot of empty retail space downtown and no initiatives to fill the space. Regarding the study, Mr. Titterington stated there will be a recommendation from the analysis done, and the process will have a public involvement aspect, on-site meetings, and an on-line survey.

RESOLUTION NO. R-3-2025

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT&T's TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution was given first title reading.

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

Yes: Severt, Whidden, Westfall, Phillips, Snee, Twiss and Marshall.

No: None.

Mr. Whidden moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Twiss.

Yes: Whidden, Westfall, Phillips, Snee, Twiss, Marshall and Severt.

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. R-4-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT, INC. OF COLUMBUS, OHIO FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST MAIN STREET WITH STAMFIELD ROAD AND EXPERIMENT FARM ROAD IN THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO

This Resolution was given first title reading.

RESOLUTION NO. R-5-2025

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 2025 PAVING PROGRAM

This Resolution was given first title reading.

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

Yes: Westfall, Phillips, Snee, Twiss, Marshall, Severt and Whidden.

No: None.

Mr. Whidden moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Severt.

Yes: Phillips, Snee, Twiss, Marshall, Severt, Whidden and Westfall.

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

COMMENTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

-Mr. Severt thanked staff for his discussion with staff regarding the W. Main intersection study. He also thanked those that have to work outside in the current very cold weather.

-Mrs. Marshall congratulated Chris Baker on his retirement after 25 years with the Police Department.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Rozell thanked those who organized the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on January 20.

In response to Council President Rozell, Mr. Titterington advised:

-The City does try to plow down to pavement.

-Regarding parking revenue, less violations and less revenue ties to when Council reduced the amount of timed parking on streets.

-The W. Main Street project is on schedule but shut down for the winter. The wooden street light poles that have been placed are part of the approved project plan, but he has asked for a cost estimate to use aluminum poles (black poles are not an option) and will review that with Council. Miami Valley Lighting owns the poles and leases them to the City.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Deb Hogshead, 421 S. Plum Street, encouraged support for the Right to Amend movement.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council

