

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

A regular session of Troy Council was held on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Severt, seconded by Mr. Schilling, Mrs. Snee 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 Marshall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: The Clerk gave a summary of the minutes of the March 3, 2025, meeting of Troy City Council. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes. Upon motion of Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Twiss, the minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law & Ordinance Committee: Mr. Whidden, Chairman, reported that Committee recommends legislation be prepared supporting the renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). The renewal of this program will be on the ballot in May. Just in the last decade, Troy has received funding assistance of approximately \$5,897,500 to help with ten infrastructure improvements.

Report submitted by Marshall, Twiss and Whidden.

Mr. Whidden provided an oral report that notice has been received of a new C1 liquor permit application for Troy Station LLC, 1511 S. Market Street.

Recreation & Parks Committee: Mrs. Westfall, Chairman reported that Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to purchase the 0.6740 acre parcel (PT OL 19, 0.6126 acres; PT OL 24, 0.620 acres; and abandoned railroad property) from the Pensco Trust Company for the amount of \$205,000, and to execute any related documents. This land is located at 330 Crawford Street and can be added to Herrlinger Park to enlarge the park and further enhance the recreational improvements planned for that park. So that the purchase can be completed without delay, this Committee supports emergency legislation.

Report submitted by Marshall, Whidden and Westfall.

Discussion. Mr. Schilling noted that there had been some comment about the City trying to acquire abandoned canal property that is also near Herrlinger Park.

Reports of Council as a Committee of the Whole: Council President Rozell reported that all members of Council participated in a Committee of the Whole on March 10. The meeting was chaired by Council President Rozell. The purpose of the meeting was to review the schematics for the Downtown Safety, Streetscape, and Utilities Improvement Project, to determine if there are any issues so that the consultant can proceed to complete the project design for bidding. The current project estimate is \$10,267,551. The cost would be funded from City fund balances with no bonding anticipated. It is also anticipated that ODOT's Urban Paving Program would fund approximately \$200,000 of the cost. All members of Council supported the design, with some questions related to using concrete and paver materials. It was noted that no legislative action is to be recommended at this time. It was also noted that adjusting the authorization for the project design may be necessary prior to bidding authorization. (Copy of report attached to original minutes.)

Reports submitted by Marshall, Phillips, Pierce, Schilling, Severt, Snee, Twiss, Westfall and Whidden.

Citizen Comments on Committee Reports or Agenda Items: None

RESOLUTION NO. R-14-2025

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE 2 RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ON THE MAY 6, 2025 STATEWIDE BALLOT

This Resolution was given first title reading.

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

Yes: Phillips, Severt, Pierce, Whidden, Marshall, Schilling, Twiss and Westfall.

No: None.

Mr. Twiss moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mrs. Westfall.

Yes: Severt, Pierce, Whidden, Marshall, Schilling, Twiss, Westfall and Phillips.

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. O-5-2025

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO, TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY AT 330 CRAWFORD STREET, TROY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance was given first title reading.

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

Yes: Pierce, Whidden, Marshall, Schilling, Twiss, Westfall, Phillips and Severt.

No: None.

Mr. Schilling moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Pierce.

Yes: Whidden, Marshall, Schilling, Twiss, Westfall, Phillips, Severt and Pierce.

No: None.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR:

Mayor Oda commented that planning meetings have been held regarding the Troy Strawberry Festival and Tour De Donut events. She also noted that on March 11, the Japanese Counsel General in Detroit visited Troy, along with representatives of JETRO Chicago.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY:

Mr. Titterington commented:

-Staff is in the midst of Cemetery Cleanup when decorations are to be removed.

-The City-wide Spring Cleanup will be April 7-11. This is when the toner limit can be exceeded and unbundled brush will be collected.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

-Council President Rozell asked if Councilmembers had received comments related to the Prouty Plaza design or the Streetscape design.

Mr. Twiss – one citizen contacted him regarding Streetscape; one did not like a water feature on Prouty Plaza

Mr. Pierce – thanked the public for attending recent Committee of the Whole meetings and being involved in the process

Mr. Phillips – has not received comments

Mr. Whidden – has not received comments from the public

Mrs. Marshall – has not received comments

Mrs. Westfall – received one comment asking to keep the grass on Prouty Plaza, one that does not like the water feature plan, and one concerned about brick in the general walkway that could be difficult for those with handicaps or using wheeled items

Mr. Schilling – over the last six months Council has looked at over \$90 M in capital projects; money has been designated for much of the work but not all; the streetscape design is top-notch but probably more of a “Cadillac” than a “Chevy” and probably could be scaled back; and he would like for Council to actually vote on whether or not some features should be in the final design before the project is bid

Mr. Severt – has talked with a downtown business owner who commented that the Prouty Plaza water feature may bring more people downtown; has talked with several people and some favor the projects, but there is concern about cost. He noted that the County Commissioners had indicated that the colored concrete installed near the Safety Building was slippery when wet.

Mr. Titterington commented that he does not anticipate much cost difference between the cost of brick pavers vs. colored concrete, and there are ways to address the slippery-ness. Mr. Titterington also commented that with the way the brick would be installed, it is not anticipated that implements with small wheels or castors would have trouble traveling across the brick.

-Mr. Severt noted that ball season has started at the N. Market Street ballfield and asked that drivers be careful as sometimes people run across the road in that area. Noting that several Leadership Troy Class Members were in attendance, he congratulated them on getting involved.

-Mr. Severt also commented that the At-Large Members of Council will hold a “Ask a Council Member” discussion session on March 22, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Villas of Halifax Community Building, 100 Nottingham Rd., and he encouraged citizens to attend.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS: Mr. Rozell noted that a road crossing sign on N. Market Street was damaged. Mr. Titterington stated that sign has been picked up for repairs.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.