

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

A regular session of Troy Council was held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Westfall 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 Whidden followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: The Clerk gave a summary of the minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting of Troy City Council. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes. Upon motion of Mr. Whidden, seconded by Mr. Twiss, the minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings & Utilities Committee: Mr. Pierce 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 renovation of the Riverside Cemetery former residence/office area and the Sarah Hayner Dickey Memorial Chapel at a total cost not to exceed \$295,000.

Report submitted by Phillips, Snee and Pierce.

Law & Ordinance Committee. Mr. Whidden, Chairman, reported as follows:

1. Committee recommends that Resolution No. R-12-2025 be adopted to approve the application for 25.15 acres on the east side of Lytle Road to remain in an Agricultural District.
2. Committee recommends that legislation be prepared formally changing the name "Goldenrod Drive" to "Pinecrest Drive" in the Somerset Reserve Planned Development - Residential from the southern cul-de-sac on Goldenrod Drive to the west boundary of the subdivision. Committee noted that the road names were not consistent within the plat, and this change will correct the inconsistency.

Reports submitted by Marshall, Twiss and Whidden.

Reports of Council as a Committee of the Whole. Council President Rozell reported as follows:

1. All members of Council participated in a Committee of the Whole on February 19. The meeting was chaired by Council President Rozell. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Council with information regarding the budgeted water and sewer master plans and for Council to provide staff with direction to know Council's expectations regarding proceeding with the master plan updates to determine cost estimates to extend utilities to the Northwest to be in a position for industrial base expansion and new investment. All members of Council supported moving forward to select companies to complete the master plan updates and acknowledged the potential high cost of extending utilities but agreed this was a direction the City should take. It is noted that no legislative action is to be recommended at this time. Staff will be working on recommending professional service agreements to complete the updates of the water and sewer master plans, which plans will also include cost estimates for the extension of the utilities.
2. All members of Council participated in a Committee of the Whole on February 24. The meeting was chaired by Council President Rozell. The purpose of the meeting was to review a conceptual design for the improvement of Prouty Plaza so that the recommended design can be included in the overall Downtown Streetscape and Safety Project, which will be presented to Council as a Committee of Whole on March 10. All members of Council supported the concept, with some asking questions about the water feature. Staff and the consultant will review reducing the size of the water feature and providing a point of view rendition of the landscaping in front of the mural. It is noted that no legislative action is to be recommended at this time. (Copies of both reports 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-12-2025

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF SCHERRE H. MUMPOWER FOR RENEWAL OF FARMLAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

This Resolution was given first title reading and public hearing on February 18, 2025.
Given second title reading.

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

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

No: None.

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

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

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. R-13-2025

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 RENOVATION OF THE CEMETERY RESIDENCE/OFFICE AREA AND THE SARAH HAYNER DICKEY MEMORIAL CHAPEL

This Resolution was given first title reading.

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

Yes: Pierce, Whidden, Marshall, schilling, Twiss, Snee, Phillips and Severt.

No: None.

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

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

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. O-4-2025

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NAME CHANGE OF A PORTION OF GOLDENROD DRIVE IN THE SOMERSET RESERVE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT – RESIDENTIAL IN THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO

This Ordinance was given first title reading.

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

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

No: None.

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

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

No: None.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY:

Mr. Titterington provided a reminder that Council will meet as a Committee of the Whole on March 10 at 6:00 p.m. to hear a presentation on the final design of the Downtown Streetscape and Safety Project.

COMMENTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

-In response to Mr. Twiss asking where citizens can make comments regarding the Prouty Plaza design, it was stated that the project PowerPoint is on the City's Facebook page with a link to the project where comments can be made.

-Mr. Schilling commented that he had received a requested report regarding if the DORA caused issues for law enforcement. He noted that Council prohibited cannabis operators from the downtown, but alcohol vendors are permitted, and alcohol has more of a negative impact on people and is more of a danger to law enforcement personnel than cannabis. He suggested that when there are applications for liquor permits and especially TREX applications, which provide for permits in excess of the number permitted, they be looked at more closely and not just approved. In response to Mr. Schilling, Mr. Kerber commented that a TREX application does require approval by the legislative body.

-Mrs. Snee noted 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.

-Mr. Severt commented that athletic events bring a number of people to Troy and he recently overheard a conversation by visitors attending an athletic event at the Hobart Arena speak positively regarding the venue, parking, and the overall community.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

