

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

A regular session of Troy City Council was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

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

Upon motion of Mr. Severt, seconded by Mrs. Snee, Mrs. Westfall was excused from this meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

Presiding Officer: Bobby W. Phillips President of Council Pro Tem

Others Present: William G. Rozell Acting 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 Hickman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: The Clerk gave a summary of the minutes of the January 5, 2026, meeting of Troy City Council. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes. Upon motion of Mr. Twiss, seconded by Mrs. Snee, these minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDINGS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Mrs. Marshall, Chairman, reported that Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. of Cincinnati, Ohio to perform additional design services related to the Chlorine Gas Conversion Project at the Water Treatment Plant at a cost not to exceed \$26,300, for a total agreement cost not to exceed \$285,370. Committee noted that additional design services were required related to including additional employee safety features in the bid, submitting information for a related grant application, and defining project elements that could be considered as alternates for later construction. Report submitted by Phillips, Snee and Marshall.

Community & Economic Development Committee: Mrs. Snee, Chairman, reported that Committee recommends legislation be prepared to impose a moratorium through May 30, 2026, on the acceptance of new zoning applications and the issuance of zoning permits related to Automobile Fuel Dispensing Stations and Automobile Service Stations. This would allow staff and the consultant American Structurepoint, Inc. to review this subject as part of a new Unified Development Code (UDC). In addition, the moratorium would be concurrent with a moratorium established regarding Community-Oriented Residential Social Service Facilities, which is also related to the new UDC. To avoid further applications until a review can be completed, committee supports emergency legislation. Report submitted by Hickman, Twiss and Snee.

Community Partnerships Committee. Mr. Whidden, member, reported that Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into an Agreement with the Troy Reinvestment Fund to accept \$200,000 to establish the City of Troy Reinvestment Fund (TRF) Downtown Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program and to approve the program guidelines. This program will assist property owners to install or upgrade fire sprinkler systems in downtown area buildings, with the program administered by the Development Department with the loans reviewed and approved by the Loan Review Committee. Committee supports emergency legislation to enable implementation of this program as soon as possible. Report submitted by Schilling, Whidden and Westfall.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2-2026

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-31-2023, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-22-2024, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH JONES & HENRY ENGINEERS, LTD. OF CINCINNATI, OHIO, FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CHLORINE GAS CONVERSION PROJECT AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO

This Resolution was given first title reading.

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

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

No: None.

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

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

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. R-3-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO TO ESTABLISH A TROY REINVESTMENT FUND DOWNTOWN REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution was given first title reading.

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

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

No: None.

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

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

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. O-2-2026

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM THROUGH MAY 30, 2026, ON THE PROCESSING, ISSUANCE, AND APPROVAL OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR AUTOMOBILE FUEL DISPENSING STATIONS AND AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS IN THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance was given first title reading.

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

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

No: None.

Mr. Severt moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Ms. Hickman.

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

No: None.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. O-3-2026

ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTAINING 5.592 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN STAUNTON TOWNSHIP, TO THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO

This Ordinance was given first title reading.

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

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

No: None.

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

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

No: None.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

COMMENTS OF ACTING MAYOR:

Mr. Rozell offered sympathy to the family of the late Parker Behm.

COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY: Mr. Titterington noted:

-The Community Park restroom is currently closed for renovation.

-Congratulated Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Ken Parks on achieving a Class IV Certification.

-The semiannual cleanup of Cemetery grounds will commence on March 15, with citizens to remove grave decorations prior to that date as remaining decorations will be removed by Cemetery staff starting March 15.

-Read a statement regarding a recent property maintenance issue that resulted in a Miami County Bench Warrant being issued on a resident who was the owner of record, when there were continued property maintenance violations for a property the resident owned. Mr. Titterington commented that while the City recognizes proper procedures were followed, the City will take an extra step in the future and attempt to mail notices to the legal address listed on the tax duplicate and to any other known associated address, and that the City is researching possible civil court remedies as an alternate legal measure to the criminal court process to address property maintenance violations. He noted that Council may see recommended legislative changes in this regard when the Unified Development Code (UDC) is recommended.

COMMENTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- Mr. Twiss offered condolences to the family of the late Parker Behm and congratulations to Ken Parks.
- Mr. Severt commented on the positive impact the late Parker Behm had on his life and Mr. Behm's generosity and many contributions to the Troy community.
- Mr. Severt announced that the At-Large Members of Council will host an "Ask A Council Member" discussion group on Saturday, March 7, 2026, 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Miami County Safety Building, Commissioners' Meeting Room. He noted that the meeting will be followed by a tour of the Miami County Jail Facility for those interested.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Deb Hogshead, 421 S. Plum Street, asked Council to enact legislation in support of the We the People Movement, a constitutional amendment to preclude corporations from having the same rights as individuals.
- Doug Page, 421 S. Plum Street, stated his support for the We the People Movement.
- Dana Schilling, 1 W. Franklin Street, read a statement prepared by Cheryl Stewart of Troy, supporting the We the People Movement.
- Dan Swank, 702 Old Newton Pike, stated his support of the We the People Movement.
- Heather Sturgill, 323 E. Main Street, stated her support for the We the People Movement.
- Brad Boehringer, 305 Crestwood Drive, stated his support of the We the People Movement. He commented on the property maintenance matter Mr. Titterington discussed, stating he read an article where William Lutz wrote that he made a public records request for documents related to the situation and was told they did not exist, and he asked Mr. Titterington to state whether or not the records existed. Mr. Titterington replied that for three public records requests, the address for which records were requested was not the address involved in this particular matter, and no records existed for the address given, so the response provided by the Clerk was correct. He further stated that a request has now been made for the correct address involved in this particular matter, and records for that address will be provided. Mr. Boehringer questioned that response further, commenting that the Mayor had made a post outlining all the document associated with the property maintenance case.
- Katie Wagner, 2955 Hickory Wood Drive, commented that she had been involved in planning some recent peaceful protests held in the downtown area, and thanked the Clerk for her assistance and cooperation in that matter.
- Steve Hendriksen, 975 Dickerson Drive, stated he appreciated the emotional attachment some speakers have to the We the People Movement, but he did not think they would be successful in their efforts, noting the length of time it has taken for some Constitutional amendments to be considered. He also stated he supported the comments of Mr. Boehringer that it appears a request for records was not handled truthfully and stated his opinion that that has created a lack of trust.
- Deb Hogshead, 421 S. Plum Street, responded to Mr. Hendriksen that she understands that it may take many years for the We the People Movement to see any success and that she may not be alive to see that, but there could be small steps made related to the proposed amendment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. A motion was made by Mr. Severt, seconded by Mrs. Snee that Council go into executive session to Confer with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent court action. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote. At 8:06 p.m. Council went into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Severt, seconded by Mrs. Snee that Council return to regular session. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote. At 9:00 p.m. Council returned to regular session, made no further comment and adjourned.

Clerk of Council

President of Council