

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

A regular session of Troy City Council was held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Schilling, Mr. Whidden 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
John E. Frigge Auditor
Grant D. Kerber Director of Law

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

RECOGNITION: The outgoing members of the Mayors Youth Council were recognized.

MINUTES: The Clerk gave a summary of the minutes of the April 20, 2026, meeting of Troy City Council. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes. Upon motion of Mr. Twiss, seconded by Mr. Schilling, these minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Severt, Chairman, reported that Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority related to the Terrace Ridge project for the Port Authority to issue a sales tax exemption for costs related to the rehabilitation of the Terrace Ridge apartment complex at 1312 McKaig Avenue. Under the Cooperative Agreement, the City of Troy specifically has no responsibility for the financial viability or oversight of the project.

Report submitted by Westfall, Whidden and Severt.

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

1. Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the Downtown Safety/Streetscape Renovation Project at a cost not to exceed \$12,000,000.

Discussion. Mr. Schilling commented regarding Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), stated that the traffic studies provided to Council seemed old and are mainly based on moving traffic and not interested in safety; they had little in common with Troy; he believes that slowing traffic going around the Square and distracting drivers from devices so they can focus on pedestrian safety is what is needed; statistics show there have not been accidents since 2020 where RRFBs are located; and he asked that Councilmembers ask if they have done everything possible to protect pedestrians when they visit the downtown. Mr. Schilling indicated he will make a motion to amend the Streetscape Project design to include RRFBs.

2. Committee recommends legislation be prepared accepting the recommendation of the Troy Planning Commission to accept the dedication of right-of-way along the property at 2800 McKaig Road. This consists of 0.850 acres along SR 718 and 0.612 acres along McKaig Road.

Reports submitted by Schilling, Marshall and Phillips.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS OR AGENDA ITEMS:

-Amy Allen, 227 S. Ridge Ave., asked for more information related to Terrace Ridge Apartments (R-26-2026) including if there had been any traffic studies. Mr. Titterington explained that a new owner will be rehabilitating the existing units, not building additional units; additional traffic impact is not anticipated; and City fund are not involved in the project.

-Ms. Allen stated that she believes RRFBs are amazing.

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-2026

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 DOWNTOWN SAFETY/STREETSCAPE RENOVATION PROJECT

This Resolution was given first title reading.

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

Yes: Phillips, Westfall, Twiss, Hickman, Severt, Marshall, Schilling and Snee.

No: None.

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

Mr. Schilling moved to amend Resolution No. R-25-2026.

Mr. Phillips called the question.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Kerber advised that the roll should be taken.

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

No: Schilling and Westfall.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAYTON-MONTGOMERY COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY RELATED TO THE TERRACE RIDGE PROJECT

This Resolution was given first title reading.

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

Yes: Twiss, Hickman, Severt, Marshall, Schilling, Snee, Phillips and Westfall.

No: None.

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

Yes: Hickman, Severt, Marshall, Schilling, Snee, Phillips, Westfall and Twiss.

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. O-23-2026

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE EASEMENTS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES, McKAIG ROAD AND THE DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT 2800 McKAIG ROAD IN THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO

This Ordinance was given first title reading.

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

Yes: Severt, Marshall, Schilling, Snee, Phillips, Westfall, Twiss and Hickman.

No: None.

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

Yes: Marshall, Schilling, Snee, Phillips, Westfall, Twiss, Hickman and Severt.

No: None.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. O-24-2026

ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTAINING 0.667 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN CONCORD 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 Ms. Hickman.

Yes: Schilling, Snee, Phillips, Westfall, Twiss, Hickman, Severt and Marshall.

No: None.

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

Yes: Snee, Phillips, Westfall, Twiss, Hickman, Severt, Marshall and Schilling.

No: None.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

COMMENTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

-Ms. Hickman noted that the Troy Truckyard event will be held May 8 at Herrlinger Park, and this is the week the Rock the Block event takes place when a neighborhood area is identified and volunteers help residents who may need help in cleaning up their yards/making minor exterior repairs. Ms. Hickman also expressed concern about motorized bicycles being ridden on sidewalks.

-Mrs. Marshall congratulated the Youth Council members.

-Mrs. Westfall commented that motorized bicycles are being ridden on sidewalks in the downtown and on the bike path, often creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians. She stated she would like to see more officers assigned to be downtown as well as Council action to address this.

-Mrs. Snee stated she supported Mrs. Westfall's concerns regarding the motorized bicycles on sidewalks but was not sure what Council action could be taken. She suggested trying to educate youth through School Resource Officers regarding where motorized bicycles are to be ridden. Mrs. Snee stated she appreciates the Mayor continuing the Youth Council program and thanked Mr. Kerber and Development Director Tim Davis who assist with the program.

-Mr. Severt thanked those who attended a recent Troy Historic Preservation Alliance meeting regarding the Alliance's proposed expansion of Troy's Public Square Historic District. He also commented that with spring sports, the N. Market Street Ballfield area is very busy and encourages care in crossing N. Market Street in that area. Mr. Severt also asked about later amending Resolution No. R-25-2026 to add RRFBs if Council wanted to do that.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Mr. Rozell also inquired about addressing motorized bicycles on sidewalks and asked about what entity will be handling the Experiment Farm Road roundabout project. Mr. Titterington explained that there are several Experiment Farm Road project participants, the project will follow the ODOT process, and ODOT will be formally announcing a public meeting date regarding the project.

Regarding the motorized bicycle issue, Mr. Titterington advised that state law identifies three classifications of motorized bicycles, a few years ago Troy enacted legislation in compliance with state law, the State Legislature is now looking into additional legislation or modification rules; and in the meantime the Police Department has increased patrols in and around the downtown area in an attempt to address those who not following current provisions.

Regarding amending Resolution No. R-25-2026 to add RRFBs to the Downtown Streetscape Project at a later date, it was clarified that while an amendment could be later offered to include RRFBs, the project design has been finalized and does not include RRFBs in the design, what Council approved by R-25-2026 is the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and enter into a contract based on how the project is now designed and, if the bids are within the authorization, the Director may proceed to issue a contract for the project based on the current design.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

--Michael Brendel, 450 Swailes Road, Interim President of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce and CEO of the Troy Development Council, stated his appreciation for Council supporting Mr. Titterington and Mr. Davis in their efforts to meet with businesses in Europe as this is a vital component of Troy's economic development program. He also commented that the Chamber/Development Council position should be filled on a permanent basis in the coming weeks; and based on his former position with Kettering Health Network, he found that RRFBs did not work as expected at three separate locations and he questioned their effectiveness.

-Kathi Roetter, Troy-Area Chamber of Commerce, noted that this is Small Business Week and urged support of local small businesses.

-Some members of the Leadership Troy Class introduced themselves.

-Amy Allen, 227 S. Ridge Ave., asked about Mrs. Westfall's comments at a prior meeting that seemed to indicate Heywood School (corner of McKaig Ave. and Ridge Ave.) would not be demolished as neighbors thought based on the school levy ballot issue of a few years ago to fund building new schools, but the Heywood building may be converted into low-income housing instead. Ms. Allen indicated that was a concern for neighbors. There was considerable discussion regarding the future of Heywood, Kyle and VanCleve Schools, would those schools be demolished as understood and the property turned over to the City, was the wording intent of the MOU approved by Council a binding contract for the disposition of the buildings, and what was the role of the Board of Park Commissioners in any agreements. Discussions also included if the three school properties had been transferred to the Community Improvement Corporation of Troy, Ohio (CIC) and, if so, would that allow the use of the three properties to be determined solely by the Director of Public Service and Safety. Mr. Kerber advised that he would review documents related to the MOU and the school properties and provide Council with answers to the questions and discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Snee, that Council recess into executive session to confer with legal counsel concerning disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote. At 8:10 p.m. Council recessed into executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Severt, seconded by Mr. Schilling, that Council return to regular session. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote. At 8:33 p.m. Council returned to regular session, made no further comment and adjourned.

Clerk of Council

President of Council