MINUTES OF COUNCIL

A regular session of Troy City Council was held on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Attending: Hickman, Marshall, Phillips, Schilling, Severt, Twiss and Whidden.
Upon motion of Mr. Severt, seconded by Ms. Hickman, Mrs. Snee was excused from this meeting by unanimous roll call vote.
Upon motion of Mr. Shilling, seconded by Mrs. Marshall, 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 May 4, 2026, meeting of Troy City Council. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes. Upon motion of Mr. Whidden, seconded by Mr. Phillips, these minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Finance Committee: Mr. Severt, Chairman, reported that Committee recommends legislation be prepared authorizing funding for the Troy Development Council for 2026 in the amount of $140,000. Committee supports emergency legislation so the first two quarterly payments for 2026 can be made.
Report submitted by Westfall, Whidden and Severt.

Law & Ordinance Committee: Mr. Schilling, Chairman, gave an oral report that the Ohio Division of Liquor Control has transmitted a notice of application for a new D-5 permit for SB Troy Hospitality LLC, 845 W. Market Street. This is the location of a former Mexican restaurant. The managing partner is listed as Steve Bruns. The Police Department has not recommended an objection or hearing request be filed.
<u>Discussion.</u> Ms. Hickman noted that there are more applications on file for D-5 permits than allowed and asked how it is decided which applicants receive a permit. It was stated that these licenses are solely handled by the State and the determination would be made by the State Division of Liquor Control.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS OR AGENDA ITEMS:
-Matt Breen, 1486 Cheshire Road, commented that regarding the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) lights, suggesting that the City follow the opinion of the experts and he understands the experts recommended they not be installed. He also asked about the removal of the “no turn on red” signage at the intersection of McKaig Road and Elm Street. Mr. Titterington stated that after evaluation and monitoring of that signage, he authorized it be removed and that so far there seems to be no issues with it being removed.
-Steve Hendriksen, 975 Dickerson, commented regarding installing RRFBs in the downtown, suggesting that common sense should prevail when it comes to the cost for safety. He suggested the experts who are saying the RRFBs are really a waste should visit the downtown when there is a lot of traffic and see if it is safe to cross the streets.
-Nancy Stewart, 1486 Cheshire Road, commented regarding a child hit in a downtown intersection after the traffic lights were removed around the Public Square and stated that the cost of the RRFBs downtown is worth it for the safety of pedestrians.

RESOLUTION NO. R-27-2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING TO THE TROY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution was given first title reading.

<u>Discussion.</u> Regarding when comments should be made by members of Council, Mr. Kerber clarified that historically the Council President has asked for comments of Council and that the President can provide for this before or after a motion.
Mr. Phillips moved for suspension of rules requiring three readings. Motion seconded by Mr. Twiss.
Yes: Whidden, Severt, Phillips, Hickman, Schilling, Marshall and Twiss.
No: None.
Mr. Twiss moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Phillips.
Yes: Severt, Phillips, Hickman, Schilling, Marshall, Twiss and Whidden.
No: None. RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. R-28-2026
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF TROY, OHIO TO EMPLOY COUNSEL FOR THE PURPOSES OF EMPLOYMENT RELATED SERVICES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026

This Resolution was given first title reading.

Mr. Whidden moved for suspension of rules requiring three readings. Motion seconded by Mr. Twiss.
Yes: Phillips, Hickman, Schilling, Marshall, Twiss, Whidden and Severt.
No: None.
Mr. Severt moved for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Twiss.
Yes: Hickman, Schilling, Marshall, Twiss, Whidden, Severt and Phillips.
No: None. RESOLUTION ADOPTED

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. R-25-2026:
Council had been advised that Mr. Schilling planned to propose an amendment to Resolution No. R-25-2026, which was adopted at the May 4, 2026 meeting of Council.
-Mr. Schilling commented, suggesting that the RRFBs could be added less in number than thought and not be additional clutter by adding them to other signs and he noted that there are some signs in the downtown flower pots to which the RRFBs could be added; the lights are only activated when done so by pedestrians and would not be on constantly; there are studies that show the effectiveness of the lights; regarding the use of these lights near the Kettering Hospital site, based on the number of cars that are parked and the 24-hour operation of the hospital, there are huge numbers of persons crossing the street that could be helped by the RRFBs in place; no traffic control device is 100% effective; downtown safety of pedestrians must be considered;

Mr. Schilling made the following motion:
"I move to amend Resolution R-25-2026, Downtown Safety/Streetscape Renovation Project as previously adopted by Troy City Council on May 4, 2026 to have Section 1 of Resolution R-25- 2026 read as follows:

> **SECTION I**: That the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Troy, Ohio is hereby authorized to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the Downtown Safety/Streetscape Renovation Project, in accordance with the specifications now on file in the office of the Director of Public Service and Safety and to add specifications for the purchase and installation of eight Double Sided Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) , at a cost not to exceed Twelve Million and One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars and no/100 ($12,160,000.00)."

Mr. Severt commented he will second the motion as he believes Mr. Schilling deserves that courtesy; he concurs that safety is important; he had asked a major downtown developer as to what that developer thought about the RRFBs and received a response about waiting until the renovation is complete and then determine if further safety measures are needed then; be believes the capacity and ability will be in place if it is decided RRFBs need to be added later.
Mr. Severt then seconded the motion.
Discussion:
-Mr. Phillips responded to the comments of Ms. Stewart, stating he viewed the video and the young man ran into the crosswalk just as the vehicle approached the crossing and lights would not have prevented the accident. He commented that personal responsibility is also needed, not just adding signs and signals.
-Ms. Hickman stated she witnessed the incident noted by Ms. Stewart, and she sees young people downtown every day who do not pay attention to what is going on around them.
-Mr. Whidden asked if staff again asked the consultant, American StructurePoint about the RRFBs being installed in the Downtown Streetscape Project and Mr. Titterington said the consultant is comfortable with the recommendation that they not be included. Mr. Whidden indicated that without new information he is fine with proceeding with the current design for the Streetscape Project and recognizes that RRFBs could be added later if it is determined they are warranted after the project is completed.
-Mrs. Marshall commented that she works with young people every day and generally they do not pay attention. She supports waiting until the project is complete and then determine if the RRFBs are warranted.
-Mr. Twiss stated he does not support adding RRFBs to the construction project at this time, and understands that if needed they can be added later.
Vote on motion to amend Resolution No. R-25-2026:
Yes: Schilling.
No: Marshall, Twiss, Whidden, Severt, Phillips and Hickman. MOTION FAILED ADOPTION.

ORDINANCES – NONE

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR: The Mayor stated that a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 25, at the Veterans Memorial in Riverside Cemetery, and thanked the American Legion Post for organizing the ceremony.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY: Mr. Titterington noted that City Offices will be closed Memorial Day, with refuse collections on schedule.

COMMENTS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:
-Mr. Severt commented that a number of people attended a two-day dance recital at the Hobart Arena.
-Ms. Hickman stated that the Truck Yard concert at Herrlinger Park on May 8 was well received by a number of attendees until the rain cut the concert short. She also commented about the success of Rock the Block that resulted in a number of volunteers helping clean up a neighborhood located off N. Elm Street. She thanked City Staff members who volunteered for these events.
-Mr. Phillips inquired about a bridge in the Pleasant View Estates. Mr. Titterington advised that information was provided to the developer but there has not been recent feedback.
-Mr. Whidden stated his appreciation of citizen attendance.
-Several members of Council mentioned the variety of bicycles and motorized bicycles that are being ridden on sidewalks downtown and in neighborhoods and the safety issues they create for pedestrians. Mr. Titterington advised that the Police Department is increasing visibility and enforcing what they can; it is not felt more signage will help as current signage is ignored; and this is a matter of concern for many neighborhoods with additional legislation being looked at by the State Legislature.
-Regarding who will decide the final design for the intersection at W. Main Street and Experiment Farm Road, Mr. Titterington stated that the City understands that will be up to ODOT and is awaiting clarification. Mr. Severt stated he spoke with an ODOT official who indicated that wanting the design to be a roundabout is being driven by the City.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:
- Michael Brendel, 450 Swailes Road, stated that any comments he made at the prior meeting regarding RRFBs were not made on behalf of Kettering Hospital.
-Kelly Snyder, 935 Atlantic Street, as Executive Director of the REC, offered to host a meeting at the REC if police officers wanted to help educate the young people who come to the REC about bicycle rules as she believes many are unaware of any regulations regarding where any types of bicycles can be ridden. As a resident of the area where Rock the Block was held this year, Mrs. Snyder thanked those involved in that project that helped several property owners clean up and improve their properties.
-Matt Breen, 1435 Edinburg Drive, commented about the bicycle issues and commented he would like to see developments provide a safe place for riding bikes.
-Steve Hendriksen, 975 Dickerson Drive, referred to a newspaper article about a Piqua City official signing a non-disclosure statement that allowed some negotiations to take place privately and asked about who in Troy could sign a similar statement. Mr. Titterington stated that he has never signed such a document and doubts he could be authorized to do so. Mr. Kerber stated that is a subject that has not been posed to him and, if it were, any such document would have to be carefully considered. Mr. Hendriksen also asked about the City sharing information from flock cameras, with Mr. Titterington advising that the Flock Cameras are not speed or red-light type cameras and the City has procedures in place regarding any agencies with which information is shared.

EXECUTIVE SESSION A motion was made by Mr. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Phillips, that Council recess into executive session to confer with legal counsel concerning disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.
At 8:15 p.m., Council recessed into Executive Session.
A motion was made by Mr. Schilling, seconded by Ms. Hickman, that Council return to regular session.
Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.
At 9:13 p.m., Council returned to regular session, made no further comment, and adjourned.

Clerk of Council

President of Council