

January 3, 2022

Mr. William Lutz, President of Council  
Members of Troy City Council  
City Hall  
Troy, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lutz and Council Members:

Please find below a look-back at 2021 from the Mayor's perspective.

2021 was somewhat easier than 2020, but still had its own ups and downs, most of which continues into 2022.

In general, we saw the continued successes of our downtown businesses, retailers and manufacturers city-wide. Ribbon-cuttings have continued at a brisk pace which is always a welcome activity and indicator of those wanting to locate and do business in Troy.

At the same time, we have seen some of our businesses struggle with staffing and financial issues. 2022 will continue to shed light on those that are able to pull through, and those that may still struggle. I am hopeful that this time will only be seen as a rough patch and that there will be/is light at the end of the tunnel.

Manufacturing in the City of Troy continues to grow and expand. ConAgra, NovaCel (formerly Troy Laminating & Coating), Peak Foods, F&P, and RayMath have all expanded or are in the process of expansion. We also welcome C-Squared Industrial and Brightworks to Troy!

My schedule remains busy. I regularly attend our city staff meetings and Economic Development/Troy Development Council meetings here at City Hall, as well as representing the city on numerous boards/committees every month. Mr. Titterington and I also meet regularly with the administrations of Kettering Health Troy and Premier Health UVMC. Meetings in and out of City Hall, phone calls, emails, hand-written communications... all of these continue into 2022.

Each fall I sit in on budget meetings with our department heads. While much of what I do is enjoyable, these particular meetings are tedious and sometimes difficult. I so appreciate what our department heads do and how they work with our administration to come up with a workable budget every year. Kudos to each and every one!

In 2021, my office continued working with Troy School Board member, Sue Borchers, on developing video field trips about city/county services and departments for teachers to use in their classrooms.

Also in 2021, the city saw a smaller version of the Troy Strawberry Festival, the Strawberry Jam, which was very successful. The TSF plans to return in full force in June 2022, and meetings with city staff should begin soon.

## **2021 Annual Report**

The Summer Concert Series on Prouty Plaza saw a full schedule in 2021, and I am looking forward to another full summer of downtown concerts, along with a few at Treasure Island. I look forward to continuing our partnership with Troy Main Street on these and many other city events.

Sculptures on the Square had a very successful and exciting showing this summer, and is always a draw for our downtown area and businesses. The SOS will return in 2023. The Painted Pianos were also very popular and we also expect a repeat of this event.

The city hosted the always successful GOBA (Greater Ohio Bicycle Adventure) in June, albeit a smaller version known as WOBA, along with the Tour de Donut in August. They are both expecting to repeat in full force in 2022, and city staff is already in planning meetings with organizers.

Hobart Arena returned to full, in-person concerts and activities, for which we are very thankful, and we look forward to an even busier slate of events and activities in 2022.

We were so very pleased to partner with the Miami Valley Veterans Services and Selena Loyd, Director, as well as our County Commissioners, the Miami County Visitors Bureau and other sponsors, to bring the Tunnels-2-Towers 9-11 exhibit to the city for a long weekend remembering the 9-11 tragedy.

2021 was also a year in which we honored philanthropists and long-time champions of the City of Troy – Thom & Pat Robinson. The property has been dedicated, and we look forward to the Robinson Reserve at Duke Park becoming a reality in 2022.

Finally, my office continues with efforts to bring transparency and the communication of information to our residents and taxpayers. Our website was redesigned and we are continually looking to improve it and to make more information readily and easily available. Staff has worked diligently to put together a new resident information folder which is handed out to new residents when they move into the city. These efforts will continue in all areas.

I look forward to the next year and what will be accomplished. I and the city administration will continue to work with City Council and department heads to continue the success that Troy already is for our residents and our region. After all we've been through in the last two years, Troy continues to be a thriving, successful city, and a desirable location for residential and business growth. I'm happy to be a part of that and honored to serve.

Sincerely,

Robin I. Oda  
Mayor