

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A Special Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

B. ROLL CALL:

- a) Mayor Ethan Baker
Annalisa Bluhm
Theresa Brooks
Rebecca A. Chamberlain
Hirak Chanda
Mark Gunn - Absent
David Hamilton
- b) Excuse Absent Council Members:

Resolution #2026-04-064
Moved by Baker
Seconded by Chanda

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **EXCUSES** the absence of Council Member Gunn at the Special City Council Meeting of April 15, 2026, due to being out of the County.

Yes: Baker, Bluhm, Brooks, Chamberlain, Chanda, Hamilton
No: None
Absent: Gunn

MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Gunn participated virtually in the discussion.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. BUSINESS STATED IN THE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE:

D.1. City Council Priorities

City Manager Nastasi began the discussion by providing an overview of the purpose and agenda for this meeting, as well as the list of priorities.

Communications Director Flynn offered specific details on the priorities related to communications and community engagement.

Public Works Director Bovensiepe offered details about an idea to potentially transform the Troy Family Aquatic Center into an indoor sports complex (that could include a splash pad, and other amenities of interest to the residents) via a public-private partnership.

Council Member Hamilton would like Council to keep a close eye on the zoning reform bill in the Legislature, and be ready to react, if needed.

Council Member Bluhm commented that the structural issue of funding needs to be addressed so that Troy can start prioritizing the items on the list. She said that the Budget is very lean, the City is very well-run, and the City team does a lot with that funding.

Council Member Gunn commented that he agrees with Council Member Bluhm that cash flow is a serious issue. He said that taxpayers pay large amounts in their tax bills to schools and county, and the City isn't getting a large enough portion of those bills in order to address the deferred maintenance issues.

Council Member Chamberlain commented on the stable, but constrained Budget and the importance of relaying that information during community engagement. She said that deferred maintenance is an issue that every city in Michigan is struggling with, while taxpayers continue to pay more and more in their tax bills. She said that in so many small towns, residents bequeath significant amounts of money to the City amenities, but Troy isn't focusing on that kind of community engagement. She would like more time spent on engagement such as the Financial Ideas Team, and we need an additional revenue stream. In the absence of additional revenue, she would like items like public safety, EMS, community engagement, the library, and services to seniors to be at the top of the priorities list.

Mayor Pro Tem Chanda commented that we need to think outside the box, and to survey the public to see how much they'd be willing to pay for a new or expanded Library, and he likes the idea of public-private partnerships for recreation amenities.

Council Member Brooks agreed with what's been said so far, such as revenue not keeping up with demands. She said that community engagement and outreach is essential to help the resident understand how priorities need to be ordered and addressed.

Mayor Baker commented that while public safety is always our number one priority, is there something that we could do to address any of the long-term issues that need funding. He would like to see information pushed out to the public that shows what has been done up to this point with City facilities since it's not obvious to the average resident, and what needs to be done. He said that the City could survey residents to find out if they want a new Library, and if so, how much do they want to pay for it, but that may not end with residents saying they want to pay anything more. He said the focus should be City facilities, but there will always be projects that need to be funded but never get discussed.

Council Member Hamilton said that his number one item on his list is the facilities assessment, and more community engagement about facilities needs, and he supports another Library question on the ballot in 2026.

Deputy Public Works Director Trantham commented that it would be about 6 months of work to conduct a facilities condition assessment with a consultant. Public Works Director Bovensiep commented that the original assessment done about ten years ago needed to be with a consultant because it had not been done before, but a new assessment may not need an outside consultant. He said that his department is prepared to begin the assessment any time, and that he feels it is an important tool for Council and Staff, and it's a good time to do it. Mr. Trantham commented that the facilities assessment is a tool to use with the asset management system every budget season.

City Manager Nastasi thanked City Council for the discussion and direction leading toward the Advance in November. He said they will continue looking for revenue sources, grants, and alternative ways to generate money for capital.

Mayor Baker thanked City Council for the good conversation this evening. He said it was a reminder they are all on the same page on the core essential items and he looks forward to working together for the good of the City.

E. OTHER BUSINESS: (Only with consent in accordance with City Charter Section 4.3)

F. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:59 PM.



Mayor Ethan Baker



M. Aileen Dickson, MMC, MiPMC3
City Clerk