

Pastor Debbie Stottele from Troy Church of the Nazarene performed the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A Regular Meeting of the Troy City Council was held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

B. ROLL CALL:

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

Resolution #2026-07-103
Moved by Baker
Seconded by Chamberlain

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **EXCUSES** the absence of Council Member Hamilton at the Regular City Council Meeting of July 13, 2026, due to a medical reason.

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

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED**C. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

C.1. No Certificates of Recognition and Special Presentations

D. CARRYOVER ITEMS:

D.1. No Carryover Items

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- E.1. No Public Hearings
- F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FROM TROY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:
- G. CITY COUNCIL/CITY ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE/REPLY TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FROM TROY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:
- H. POSTPONED ITEMS:
 - H.1. No Postponed Items
- I. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - I.1. Board and Committee Appointments: a) Mayoral Appointments - None; b) City Council Appointments - None
 - a) Mayoral Appointments - None
 - b) City Council Appointments - None
 - I.2. Board and Committee Nominations: a) Mayoral Nominations - None; b) City Council Nominations - Zoning Board of Appeals
 - a) Mayoral Nominations: None
 - b) City Council Nominations:

Resolution #2026-07-104

Moved by Chanda

Seconded by Bluhm

RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council hereby **FORWARDS** the following nominated person(s) to serve on the Boards and Committees as indicated to the next Regular City Council Meeting for action:

Zoning Board of Appeals

Appointed by Council

7 Regular Members; 2 Alternates

3 Year Term

Nominations to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Term Expires: 4/30/2027	Sande Frisen
	Term currently held by: Vacant - Thomas Desmond resigned 5/15/2026

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

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED**I.3. No Closed Session Requested****I.4. Bid Waiver – Emergency Fiber Relocation – Public Works Fiber Connection
(Introduced by: Alex Bellak, Information Technology Director)**

Resolution #2026-07-105
 Moved by Chanda
 Seconded by Gunn

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council, in the best interest of the City, hereby **WAIVES** the competitive bid process and **AWARDS** a contract to Fiber Link Inc. of Lapeer, Michigan to relocate existing City-owned fiber-optic line service to the Troy Public Works Building, as detailed in the quote, a copy of which shall be ATTACHED to the original Minutes of this meeting, for the total estimated cost of \$15,347.45.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **AUTHORIZES** the expenditure of up to \$12,000 in contingency funds if the existing underground conduit is no longer usable and must be replaced.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the award is **CONTINGENT** upon the vendor's submission of properly executed contract documents, including insurance certificates and all other specified requirements.

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

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED**J. CONSENT AGENDA:****J.1.a Approval of “J” Items NOT Removed for Discussion**

Resolution #2026-07-106-J-1a
Moved by Chamberlain
Seconded by Chanda

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** all items on the Consent Agenda as printed.

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

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

J.1.b Address of “J” Items Removed for Discussion by City Council

J.2. Approval of City Council Minutes

Resolution #2026-07-106-J-2

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** the following Minutes as submitted:

J.2.a. City Council Minutes-Draft — June 29, 2026

J.3. Proposed City of Troy Proclamations: None Submitted

J.4. Standard Purchasing Resolutions:

J.4.a. Standard Purchasing Resolution 10: Travel Authorization and Approval to Expend Funds for Troy City Council Members' Travel – 2026 Michigan Municipal League Convention

Resolution #2026-07-106-J-4a

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **AUTHORIZES** City Council member travel expenses for the 2026 Michigan Municipal League Convention, in accordance with accounting procedures of the City of Troy.

J.4.b. Standard Purchasing Resolution 9: Approval to Expend Funds for Membership Dues and Renewals Over \$10,000 - Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

Resolution #2026-07-106-J-4b

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council **GRANTS** approval to pay membership dues to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) in the amount of \$14,683.00, which covers the time period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

J.5. Amanda Mukhles Amir v. Troy et. al

Resolution #2026-07-106-J-5

BE IT RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **AUTHORIZES** the City Attorney Office to defend the City of Troy and the named volunteer firefighter in the matter of Amanda Mukhles Amir v. City of Troy et. al. (Oakland County Circuit Court, Case No. 2026-223800-NI), and **APPROVES** the payment of any necessary costs and expenses and the retention of any necessary expert witnesses required to adequately represent the City Defendants.

J.6. Private Agreement – Contract for Installation of Municipal Improvements - Z Square Medical Office - Project No. 26.908.3

Resolution #2026-07-106-J-6

RESOLVED, That Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** the Contract for the Installation of Municipal Improvements (Private Agreement) between the City of Troy and Z Square Real Estate East St., LLC for the installation of Water Main, Storm Sewer, Concrete Pavement and Sidewalk, and the Mayor and City Clerk are **AUTHORIZED** to execute the documents, a copy of which shall be **ATTACHED** to the original Minutes of this meeting.

K. MEMORANDUMS AND FUTURE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

K.1. Announcement of Public Hearings:

K.1.a. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING (JULY 27, 2026) - STREET VACATION REQUEST (SV JPLN2025-0017) – Request to Vacate Deerfield Drive, Approximately 60-Foot Wide by 85-Foot Long, West of Rochester, South of Wattles, Abutting 3836 Gatwick and 3874 Gatwick and Town Haven Site Condominium, Platted as Part of Edenderry Subdivision No. 1, in Section 22.

K.1.b. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING (July 27, 2026) – ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (File Number ZOTA 259) – Detached Accessory Buildings

K.2. Memorandums (Items submitted to City Council that may require consideration at some future point in time): None Submitted

L. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA FROM TROY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:

Dale Murrish	Spoke about bicycle routes.
Nathan Miller	Spoke about new business in Troy, Victors Aviation Flight Academy, and said they are having an open house on Saturday, August 22 nd from 10am to 1pm

M. CITY COUNCIL/CITY ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE/REPLY TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA FROM TROY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:

Council Member Chamberlain thanked Mr. Miller for promoting his new business.

Council Member Chamberlain thanked Mr. Murrish for his comments on bicycle routes and commented on the established bicycle routes in Troy and who has the authority regarding changes to those bicycle routes.

N. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

N.1. No Council Referrals Submitted

O. REPORTS:

O.1. Minutes – Boards and Committees: None Submitted

O.2. Department Reports:

O.2.a. Second Quarter Litigation Report

O.2.b. Star EMS Response Time Report - June, 2026

O.3. Letters of Appreciation:

O.3.a. Letter of Appreciation to Recreation Dept. from Mike Husson

O.4. Proposed Proclamations/Resolutions from Other Organizations: None Submitted

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

P.1. Council Comments

Council Member Brooks commented that while speaking with residents in the community recently, residents have raised concerns with the topic of data centers. She commented that while Troy is built out, she said it is important to be proactive and have discussions regarding this issue.

Council Member Chamberlain added that that data centers have not been primarily discussed in Troy due to Troy being 98% built out, high land costs, and a solid Master Plan that values mixed-use and housing development. She said the MML has a resource on data centers on their webpage.

Council Member Chamberlain commented on the continued America 250 celebrations in Troy. She thanked Mayor Baker for reading the Declaration of Independence and Jen Peters for the partnership with the Troy Historical Village and the Troy Community Foundation.

Council Member Chamberlain said she attended the Big Bash and Touch-a-Truck event and thanked everyone who planned the event. She commented on the concept of having a Touch-a-Budget event as an opportunity to explain costs and capital needs and also engage with the community.

Council Member Gunn said he is glad to start the discussion on data centers and raised concerns about the electric usage and water consumption.

Council Member Bluhm expanded on the Touch-a-Budget idea and said that DPW provides cost information for the Community Academy attendees and would like to see that information provided at the Touch-a-Truck event.

Council Member Bluhm said she is proud of the America 250 events in Troy and that it is an all-year celebration. She spoke of her personal experience of pursuing and living the American Dream.

Mayor Pro Tem Chanda commented on America 250 events, the Mayor reading the Declaration of Independence, and said it is an honor to be a first generation American who moved to the United States many years ago and became a naturalized citizen.

Mayor Pro Tem Chanda said he attended the Touch-a-Truck event and was amazed to see all the different types of equipment in Troy. He also supports the Touch-a-Budget event as a way to provide information to the residents so they can see how their tax dollars are spent.

Mayor Baker commented that reading the Declaration of Independence was an organized effort throughout the country to read it in a synchronous manner on July 8th at 6:00 PM when it was first publicly read back in 1776. He thanked Jen Peters from the Troy Historic Village for her role in planning the event. He said there will be more America 250 events with the Troy Community Foundation as well as a mass tree planting in the fall.

Mayor Baker commented on the discussion of data centers and the negative impacts on communities. He requested information from City administration on the zoning regulations and what can be controlled at the local level pertaining to data centers.

Q. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OUTSIDE OF TROY (NOT RESIDENTS OF TROY AND NOT FROM TROY BUSINESSES):

R. CLOSED SESSION

R.1. No Closed Session Requested

S. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:09 PM.

Mayor Ethan Baker

Cheryl A. Stewart, CMC, MiPMC2
Deputy City Clerk