

**TROY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
December 2, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Approval of Minutes  
Presentation of Agenda  
Public Forum\*

**LOCAL LAWS**

2. A Local Law Amending And Replacing Troy City Code Section 71-2 To Increase The Number Of Planning Commission Members And To Change Qualifications (Council Member Zalewski) (At The Request Of The Administration)  
For introduction only

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**ORDINANCES**

91. Ordinance Authorizing The Reconveyance Of Real Property Acquired By In Rem Foreclosure (428 First Street) (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)
92. Ordinance Approving Settlement Of Tax Certiorari Proceedings Instituted By Madison First LLC On The Assessment Roll Of The City Of Troy (Council Member Zalewski) (At The Request Of The Administration)
93. Ordinance Authorizing The City Comptroller To Establish A New Special Revenue Fund Entitled "Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund" (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)
94. Ordinance Amending The 2021 Special Grants Fund Budget (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)
95. Ordinance Amending The General Fund, Special Grants Fund, And Miscellaneous Special Grants Fund Budgets (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)
96. Ordinance Amending The 2021 General Fund, Special Grants Fund, Water Fund, And Sewer Fund Budgets (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

97. Ordinance To Appropriate Funds In The 2021 General Fund From The U.S. Department Of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

98. Ordinance Amending The Special Revenue Budget To Accept A NYS Homeland Security Grant For The Purpose Of Purchasing Protective And Emergency Response Equipment (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

99. Ordinance Declaring Certain City Owned Personal Property As Surplus And Directing The Office Of The City Comptroller To Sell Or Dispose Of The Surplus Property (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

100. Ordinance Authorizing Settlement Of Certain Opioid Litigation Claims, To Wit: City Of Troy, Plaintiff V. Certain Manufacturers, Distributors, And Chain Pharmacies, Et Al., Defendants, Actions Coordinated Under Caption *In Re Opioid Litigation*, Index No. 400000/2017 (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

103. Ordinance Allocating Funding From The American Rescue Plan Act And Amending The Budgets For The General, Capital Projects, And Miscellaneous Special Grants Funds In Order To Establish Capital Projects Within The Capital Projects Fund (Council President Mantello, Council Member Zalewski) (At The Request Of The Administration) \*\*Pending Finance Meeting, December 2

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

89. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With The Rensselaer County Historical Society (DBA The Hart Cluett Museum) To Place Certain City Records On Long Term Deposit (Council Member Cummings, Council Member Zalewski, Council President Mantello)

91. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With M.M. Hayes Co., Inc., For The Purchase, Maintenance And Hosting Of Timekeeping Software (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

92. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into Agreements With Highmark Northeastern New York And HM Life Insurance Company Of New York For The Purpose Of Administering The City's Self-Funded Health And Pharmacy Insurance Benefits Programs And To Provide Stop Loss Insurance Coverage For The Years 2022, 2023, And 2024 (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

93. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With Gar Associates LLC For A Non-Appraisal Valuation Update Of Assessed Properties In The City Of Troy (Council Member Zalewski) (At The Request Of The Administration)

96. Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With Food Scraps 360 For Collection Of Compostable Wastes And The Provision Of Composting Services To City Of Troy Residents (Council President Mantello) (At The Request Of The Administration)

97. Resolution Establishing And Appointing An Independent Commission To Examine The Population Within The Boundaries Of The Six Council Districts Of The City Of Troy And To Recommend A Plan Of Redistricting If Required (Council Member Zalewski)

98. Resolution Condemning “Ballot Harvesting” Abuses And Urging The New York State Legislature To Enact Restrictions On The Release Of Absentee Ballots To Third-Party Individuals (Council Member Zalewski)

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**\*PUBLIC FORUM**

Due to the COVID-19 crisis and pursuant to NYS legislation S.50001/A.40001, this meeting shall be held remotely via videoconference and live-streamed on the City Council’s [YouTube channel](#). Troy residents who wish to comment during the public forum at the beginning of the meeting must have the ability to join the Zoom meeting via computer or phone and will be required to pre-register for the meeting. The link to register for the meeting will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting on the Council [Agenda and Minutes](#) page. You must register for the meeting by 3 pm on the day of the meeting. Per Council rules, residents have 7 minutes to speak at the Regular Meeting public forum.

Per the City Council, written comments will not be read aloud at this meeting but will be added to the meeting minutes. Written comments to be added to the meeting minutes should be sent to [mara.drogan@troyny.gov](mailto:mara.drogan@troyny.gov) and must be received by 3 pm on the day of the meeting. You must include your full name and residential address. Written comments received after 3 pm shall be treated as correspondence and forwarded to the Council for their review.

**ORDINANCE ALLOCATING FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL, CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL GRANTS FUNDS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

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The City of Troy, in City Council convened, ordains:

**Section 1.** The City of Troy 2021 budget is herein amended as set forth in Schedule A entitled:

**American Rescue Plan Budget Amendment(s) – Draw #3**

which is attached hereto and made a part hereof

**Section 2.** The establishment of capital projects entitled:

1. Lansingburgh Firehouse
2. Troy Resource Management Facility

**Section 3.** This Ordinance will take effect immediately.

Approved as to form, \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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MEMO IN SUPPORT

To: City Council  
From: ARPA Steering Committee – Mayor Patrick Madden, Council President Carmella Mantello, President Pro-Tempore Ken Zalewski, Deputy Mayor Monica Kurzejeski and City Comptroller, Andrew Piotrowski  
Re: Round 3 American Rescue Plan Funding Allocation

**Programming Guidelines**

**Knickerbacker Pool:** 1<sup>st</sup> round \$1,500,000

Coordination with CHA, Knickerbacker Association, Planning, Parks and Engineering will coordinate the final construction documents. Anticipate bidding early 2022 with construction to start summer of 2022. Remaining \$6,000,000 will be allocated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche in early 2022 to complete the project.

**City Parks:** \$1,000,000 1<sup>st</sup> round

Coordination with CHA, Knickerbacker Association, Planning, Parks and Engineering will coordinate the final construction documents and start construction in the spring of 2022. Additional funding to complete more projects on plan put forward by the Planning Department in the fall of 2021. A second round of funding will be allocated in early 2022 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche.

**Education/Workforce:** \$1,000,000 1<sup>st</sup> round

Conversations with HVCC have begun to start up an education fund to assist city of Troy residents in seeking education and betterment opportunities. While in those conversations it was highlighted that some of the obstacles to education aren't necessarily the tuition costs but other situational costs such as living expenses while going to school full time, certification costs, daycare costs, books and transportation. It is desired to have this fund be able to assist residents in these types of costs based on need in addition to any tuition costs that aren't covered through other scholarship opportunities.

In addition, there is another opportunity for Workforce Development with the Capital District Workforce Initiative (Brian Williams). Currently we are working on the DOL Troy Grant specific to the 18-24 yo age group. An advisory group and focus group has been established and it is desired to continue this initiative for longer term funding and expansion of the program over the next several years. This program goes beyond just "employing" someone; it is meant to find a career path for this age group for sustainable and desired employment.

A committee consisting of both of these entities, city staff, school districts and community members has been convened and will continue to meet to distribute the funding for the benefit of the greater community.

**Business Development:** \$2,000,000 1<sup>st</sup> round

Economic Development: \$1,000,000

The first is a city wide business investment program including preferred investment initiatives in Lansingburgh, South Troy and the Hillside neighborhoods. This investment would be focused on investing in capital improvements to buildings and rental spaces instead of on operational or equipment costs. Not only would this bring needed investment and improvement in these “tipping point” neighborhoods but it would ensure that the investment stayed in the neighborhoods by bettering the buildings versus the equipment or operational needs of the business itself. The investment could outlast the tenant.

It is anticipated that this committee would consist of the Troy Local Development Corporation, The Rensselaer County Chamber, the Black and Latino Chamber of Commerce, Troy Business Collaborative, The Downtown Troy BID and Council members within the targeted districts. This is a program that will have tremendous community outreach to our business and entrepreneurial community through targeted marketing and community surveys.

American Theatre: \$1,000,000

The last funding program is to cover the lost funding for the American Theatre in downtown. This has been a long coming project for the City of Troy that results in an economic ripple through sales tax, employment, tourism and an additional cultural amenity for the residents and visitors to the city.

**Affordable Home Ownership: \$1,500,000 1<sup>st</sup> round**

We are currently working on the North Central Community Investment Project; a partnership with Troy Community Land Bank and Habitat for Humanity. The larger plan for North Central includes coordination with Troy Housing Authority; but for the purposes of funding through ARPA, the PILOT program is being developed with our Land Bank and the Habitat Program. This initiative is focused on affordable homeownership opportunities not only through Habitat for Humanity but also focus on BIPOC contractors, workforce development and neighborhood improvement through the Legacy City program. There are two blocks of funding for this program over the two years – the first being for the North Central Community and the second for another location either in Lansingburgh or South Troy.

**Home Improvement Programs:**

Expansion of Lansingburgh Strong Initiative: \$500,000

In addition, we would like to work with TRIP on their current initiative in Lansingburgh to expand that program offering to bolster more of the neighborhood investment. Funding is designated for their use.

Home/Property Investment: \$1,000,000

This program will need community outreach to determine what exactly the community wants to invest in. Facades? Sidewalks? Unit renovation? HVAC? We will work with the marketing team to determine the best tool

to get that information. These funds would be allocated to be used by the resident before the end of 2024. TRIP was selected as an administrator so that residents of all economic groups could benefit from the funding.

**Youth Programming:** Total - \$1,310,000 1<sup>st</sup> round with 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding planned.

Recreational Sports are integral to a healthy neighborhood. Their work is often overlooked in providing balance to families but also to what the city has to offer its families and neighborhoods as amenities. Being able to provide additional funding to our VRYOT programs for capital improvements or to cover registration fees for youth will provide much needed funding for improving the quality of these organizations and our youth. (\$110,000)

The city is committed to providing a large sum of funding toward the development of a community center in North Central. Ideally this center will be owned and operated by a third party and serve the needs of the families and youth of this integral neighborhood. Community outreach in this district will be critical. Making sure that the residents are heard from that would utilize this facility is imperative to determine where, what and how that is completed. An advisory group consisting of Youth Bureau, 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator, City Council member from this district, school district representatives, two youth and two parents from this district will be created. (\$1,000,000)

Youth/Family Programming initiatives will be augmented over a four year period with funding set aside for family/youth trips; community outreach to build programming; recreation clubs; parent groups and other programming that might be desired. An advisory group made up of our Youth Program Specialists, Parks Supervisor, Outside Youth Programs (for collaboration), city youth, parents, and the school districts will be created to make sure that the best opportunities are presented that doesn't conflict or overlap with existing programs. (\$200,000)

**Childcare Assistance:** \$500,000

We know that the pandemic created havoc with the school attendance and day care systems due to testing requirements, remote work changes and education changes. Whether less daycare offerings, a need for flexible care options or a need for existing daycares to offset losses due to the pandemic, this funding allocation can be used for incentivizing new centers and to create more flexible options to allow for changes in work or education schedules. This is another program that will need outreach through our marketing efforts and collaboration among the existing providers as well as our business and education community to provide challenges and work on solutions.

**Food Access:** \$900,000

Food deserts are a known issue in Troy. It is something that is actively being worked on through various means including a change in the zoning to create more food access opportunities throughout our neighborhoods. This allocation of this funding begins to address those issues at the street level through corner store initiatives, food delivery options, a Produce Project for Lansingburgh and through expansion of our Capital Roots partner home site and the addition of Bargain Grocery store into a neighborhood that has been in need of this service for decades.

**City Programs:** \$2,336,000

Funding to complete a review of the TFD operations to make recommendations on the best way forward to operate the department. (\$300,000)

Fire Department Overtime costs to provide a dedicated Ambulance unit to the city of Troy for 10 hours per day, 7 days a week for up to a year. Evaluation of the services and call volume will be completed throughout the funding period. (\$536,000)

The relocation of the Lansingburgh Firehouse has been under consideration as of late. This funding will provide monies to purchase a possible alternative site and the funds necessary to complete the construction documents to begin work on the house. (\$1,000,000)

The Troy Local Development Corporation owns the site of the “Alamo”. The city is looking to purchase this site from the LDC and make infrastructure improvements so that the resource and recycling center can operate optimally as it continues to grow in use. (\$250,000)

The Comptroller’s Office has requested GASB funding for the asset plan for the city for several years. This is often noted in our budget and audit reviews and needs to be completed for accounting purposes. (\$250,000)

**Public Art Program:** \$250,000 1<sup>st</sup> round

It is no secret that Troy loves its art whether it is through sculptures, murals, lighting or street painting. To ensure that all neighborhoods are represented in receiving this cultural amenity funding is proposed through ARPA that will be educational, a workforce development opportunity, enhance neighborhoods and also provide a cultural amenity in our neighborhoods.

We are fortunate to have a local partner in the Arts Center that has partnered with us to create a Master Public Art Plan to ensure that art is looked at holistically, inclusively and creatively to afford the best experience. The funding allocations provide monies to the Arts Center for that work. (\$100,000 – 1<sup>st</sup> round)

As the largest public art project in the city, The Uniting Line is just finishing its first phase of the project which was the painting of the piers. The second and third phase of the project will include lighting and place making for the site. Funding will be provided to ensure that these remaining phases are completed as intended as this is a major connectivity project for our neighborhoods. (\$150,000 – 1<sup>st</sup> round)

**Tourism:** \$820,000

Tourism not only provides opportunity to Enjoy Troy for visitors but also for our residents. It creates an additional revenue source for the city and employment opportunities for our residents. Sometimes it is in creating atmosphere to showcase our community; providing events for our residents and visitors; and providing opportunity through new adventures like the film industry and others. This programming will be done through partnerships with the Chamber, TLDC, the BID, the Knickbacker Association and others that will be identified. (\$320,000)

Our cultural institutions are integral to the city of Troy. It is well known that they suffered greatly through the pandemic with loss of grant funding, revenues, programming and of course donor support. While many of them took advantage of the business programs that were providing relief during COVID, some of the education and capital program funding that was lost we’d like to provide funding opportunities to replace that lost funding.



Exposure to arts and culture is imperative to create a well-rounded community and provide opportunity to arts and culture for everyone. (\$500,000)

# Schedule A

ORD103

## American Rescue Plan Budget Amendment(s) – Draw #3

Department	Account No.	Description	Original Budget*	Change (+ / -)	Revised Budget
<b>General Fund</b>					
<b>Revenues</b>					
American Rescue Plan	A.1000.4089.9000.0000	American Rescue Plan	4,750,000.00	13,616,372.00	18,366,372.00
<b>Total General Fund Budget Revenue Increase</b>				<b><u>13,616,372.00</u></b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Interfund Transfers	A.9950.0900.9000.0000	Capital Projects Fund	2,500,000.00	3,750,000.00	6,250,000.00
Interfund Transfers	A.9950.0908.9000.0000	Miscellaneous Special Grants Fund	0.00	9,866,372.00	9,866,372.00
<b>Total General Fund Budget Expenditure Increase</b>				<b><u>13,616,372.00</u></b>	
<b>Net Impact On General Fund</b>				<b><u>0.00</u></b>	

<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>					
<b>Revenues</b>					
Knickerbacker Pool	H.0000.5031.0651.9000	Interfund Transfers - ARP	0.00	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
Park Improvements	H.0000.5031.0675.9000	Interfund Transfers - ARP	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Lansingburgh Firehouse	H.0000.5031.0682.9000	Interfund Transfers - ARP	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Troy Resource Management Facility	H.0000.5031.0683.9000	Interfund Transfers - ARP	0.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
<b>Total Capital Projects Fund Revenue Increase</b>				<b><u>3,750,000.00</u></b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Knickerbacker Pool	H.7110.0204.0651.9000	Facilities Upgrades & Improvements	0.00	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
Park Improvements	H.7110.0204.0675.9000	Facilities Upgrades & Improvements	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Lansingburgh Firehouse	H.3410.0204.0682.9000	Facilities Upgrades & Improvements	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00

Department	Account No.	Description	Original Budget*	Change (+ / -)	Revised Budget
Troy Resource Management Facility	H.8160.0204.0683.9000	Facilities Upgrades & Improvements	0.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
<b>Total Capital Projects Budget Expenditure Increase</b>				<b><u>3,750,000.00</u></b>	
<b>Net Impact On Capital Projects Fund</b>				<b><u>0.00</u></b>	

<b>Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund</b>					
<b>Revenues</b>					
American Rescue Plan	CM.0000.5031.9000.0000	Interfund Transfers	0.00	9,866,372.00	9,866,372.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund Revenue Increase</b>				<b><u>9,866,372.00</u></b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Other General Government Support	CM.1989.0400.9000.0001	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
Other Education	CM.2989.0400.9000.0000	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Fire	CM.3410.0103.9000.0000	Overtime	0.00	498,255.00	498,255.00
Fire	CM.3410.0400.9000.0000	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
Fire	CM.3410.0806.9000.0000	Social Security	0.00	38,117.00	38,117.00
Other Health	CM.4989.0400.9000.0000	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	500,000.00	500,000.00
Other Economic & Development	CM.6989.0400.9000.0001	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Other Economic & Development	CM.6989.0400.9000.0002	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Other Economic & Development	CM.6989.0400.9000.0003	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	900,000.00	900,000.00
Other Culture & Recreation	CM.7989.0400.9000.0001	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	110,000.00	110,000.00
Other Culture & Recreation	CM.7989.0400.9000.0002	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Other Culture & Recreation	CM.7989.0400.9000.0003	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
Other Culture & Recreation	CM.7989.0400.9000.0004	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	500,000.00	500,000.00
Other Culture & Recreation	CM.7989.0400.9000.0005	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
Other Culture & Recreation	CM.7989.0400.9000.0006	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Other Home & Community Services	CM.8989.0400.9000.0001	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
Other Home & Community Services	CM.8989.0400.9000.0002	Contractual Expenditures	0.00	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund Expenditure Increase</b>				<b><u>9,866,372.00</u></b>	
<b>Net Impact On Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund</b>				<b><u>0.00</u></b>	

\* Or as previously amended