

**TROY CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE MEETING AGENDA
September 7th, 2023
6:15 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Presentation of Agenda
Public Forum

RESOLUTIONS

88. A Resolution To Commemorate The Life Of William Earl Harrison, Sr., By Designating A Portion Of Seventh Avenue As “Earl Harrison Way” (Council President Mantello)

89. Resolution Appointing A Commissioner Of Deeds For The City Of Troy Council President Mantello)

**A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE OF WILLIAM EARL HARRISON,
SR., BY DESIGNATING A PORTION OF SEVENTH AVENUE AS
“EARL HARRISON WAY”**

WHEREAS, William Earl Harrison, Sr., was born on July 31, 1952, in Troy, New York, to his parents, Sylvester Eugene Harrison and Mary Francis Harrison; and

WHEREAS, Earl grew up in the Ahern Apartments at Congress and Ferry Streets, and was a student at P.S. 5 at 1600 Seventh Avenue. He graduated from Troy High School as a standout tri-sport athlete in 1971 and went to work for Bendix in Green Island, New York. Earl also obtained a part time position at the Troy Boys and Girls Club at 1700 Seventh Avenue, where he made an immediate impact working with the youth of the community and eventually became the Club’s Athletic Director; and

WHEREAS, Earl’s gift was soon spotted by his respected mentor and friend Roy Pompey and he was guided to a position in the Troy City School District, starting as an Aide at the City’s Alternative Learning Center at School 1. He then obtained his NYS Teaching Assistant Certification and dedicated 32 years to the Troy School District as well as his entire adult life to uplifting young people all over the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, Earl was a respected referee and umpire for countless youth sporting events around the Capital District and assisted in coaching basketball at two of the community’s notable schools, Troy High School and Lasalle Institute. In addition to receiving many other community awards and achievements over the years, he also was an avid bowler in a local bowling league hosted at Uncle Sam Lanes, where he was able to bowl a perfect game and earn a spot in the Bowling Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Earl provided rides to senior members of Bethel Baptist Church at 2165 Fifth Avenue, where he also was an active member. In recent years, he became a beloved Lyft driver and would often pick up former students or “clubgoers” around Troy; and

WHEREAS, Earl mentored youth for decades and guided many children into successful adult lives, and then guided their offspring who are now adults with their own children. He built his legacy through his passion and commitment to helping those around him, especially our future generations. He was a community leader and friend who was respected not only for his gifts, but for his work ethic as a mentor to children around the Capital District. He was a magnetic personality who always saw the good in people and provided encouragement to all he met; and

WHEREAS, Seventh Avenue between State Street and Congress Street holds special significance to Earl’s memory as it is where his legacy began. Not only did he live, attend school, and work in the nearby buildings, but it is where he was able to fulfill his natural life calling, connecting to others by being a positive light and mentor to countless people around the capital region, and leading so many of them onto the path of success and opportunity over the well-lived years of his life; and

WHEREAS, Earl passed away on August 13, 2023, surrounded by his loving family at Samaritan Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Troy desires to pay respect and tribute to the memory and legacy of William Earl Harrison, Sr., and to honor his many contributions and long service to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the portion of Seventh Avenue between State Street and Congress Street shall bear the honorary designation of “Earl Harrison Way”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this honorary designation shall not alter or change in any way the official street name of Seventh Avenue, nor in any way alter the official City map.

Approved as to form, _____, 2023

Richard T. Morrissey, Corporation Counsel

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A
COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF TROY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Troy City Council hereby appoints the following named individual, further identified in the application attached hereto and made a part hereof, as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of Troy, for a two-year term beginning on September 8, 2023, and ending on September 7, 2025.

Colleen M. Hayes
1600 7th Avenue
Troy, New York 12180

Approved as to form, _____, 2023

Richard T. Morrissey, Corporation Counsel



COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS
Application for Appointment

To the City Clerk of the City of Troy, New York:

I, Colleen M. Hayes (print full name), being duly sworn, hereby make application for appointment to the office of Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of Troy.

I hereby swear that:

- 1. I am a citizen of the United States, and
- 2. I am at least 18 years of age and
- 3. Check one:

A. I maintain my fixed and permanent residence at (print address):

_____, Troy, New York.

B. I maintain an office or place of business in the City of Troy, at (print address):

1600 7th Ave, Troy, New York.

And I maintain my fixed and permanent residence at (print address):

_____ in _____ (town/village) in Rensselaer County.

Signature: Colleen M Hayes

On Aug 25, 2023 before me appeared Colleen M Hayes to me known to be the same person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument and s/he duly acknowledged to me that s/he executed the same and that the information contained therein is true and accurate.

[Signature]
Notary Public or Commissioner of Deeds

Marcy Diehl

8/25/23

Date

Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Rensselaer County
Reg # 04DI0107713

Return this form with proof of residence and, if required, proof of employment to the office of the City Clerk, 433 River St, Suite 5001, Troy, NY 12180.

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- Valid NYS driver's/non driver's license within city limits of Troy or Rensselaer County
- Recent pay stub

APPROVED: [Signature]

City Clerk

8/29/23

Date