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2 City of Montgomery
3 City Council Business Session Minutes
4 March 6, 2024

5 Present

6 Brian Riblet, City Manager
7 Terry Donnellon, Law Director
8 Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager
9 John Crowell, Police Chief
10 Kevin Chesar, Community Dev. Director
11 Mike Rogers, Asst. Public Works Director
12 Maura Gray, Finance Director
13 Matthew Vanderhorst, Communications and Information Service Director
14 Paul Wright, Fire Chief
15 Amy Frederick, Communications and Engagement Coordinator
16 Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Members Present

Ron Messer, Mayor
Sasha Naiman, Vice Mayor
Lee Ann Bissmeyer
Chris Dobrozsi
Craig Margolis
Catherine Mills-Reynolds
Ken Suer

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18 City Council convened in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Messer presiding.

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20 ROLL CALL

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22 Mayor Messer asked for a motion to dispense with roll call as all members were present.

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24 Mr. Margolis made a motion to dispense with roll call. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded. City Council unanimously
25 agreed.

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27 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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- 30 • Former Board Members Gary Blomberg, Kaye Gaffney and Janet Korach of the Montgomery Historical
31 Preservation Association (MHPA) were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their years of
32 dedication to preserving the history of Montgomery and the operation of the Wilder-Swaim House.

33 Mr. Suer provided background on each Board Member, highlighting their individual service and
34 contributions to the City over the years.

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36 City Council expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the work that has been done by the
37 Members since the creation of the MHPA in 1995.

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- 39 • Mr. Riblet introduced Chad Shaffer with Duke Energy. Mr. Shaffer is the City's Government Community
40 Relations Manager. Mr. Riblet stated that Mr. Shaffer has been a great partner and proponent for the City.
41 He stated that he not only works to address reoccurring power outages in the city but was instrumental in
42 providing assistance in the development of the Montgomery Quarter. Mr. Riblet added that Mr. Shaffer is
43 also Maderia's newest council member. Mr. Riblet explained that Mr. Shaffer suggested that he apply for
44 a Duke Energy Benevolence Foundation Grant in support the City's Mental Health Initiative.

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46 Mr. Shaffer thanked City Council for allowing him to speak. He applauded the City for their efforts
47 regarding mental health. He explained that when Mr. Riblet discussed the Mental Health Fair and the
48 Care Solace app, he suggested applying for the grant. He stated that he was pleased to present the City
49 with a \$5,000 grant in recognition of the mental health efforts being conducted for the community.

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51 LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION

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53 **A Resolution Establishing Compensation for The City Manager**

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55 Mayor Messer asked for a motion to add the legislation to the agenda.
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57 Mr. Margolis made a motion to add the Resolution to the agenda. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded. City Council
58 unanimously agreed.

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60 Mayor Messer assigned the Resolution to Mr. Dobrozsi.

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62 Mr. Dobrozsi moved to read the Resolution by title only. Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously
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65 Mr. Dobrozsi read the title and moved for passage. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded.

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67 Mr. Dobrozsi explained that based on a recommendation from the Government Affairs Committee of City Council
68 this Resolution is presented for consideration and, if approved, will authorize an amendment to the current
69 employment agreement with Mr. Brian Riblet as the City Manager of Montgomery. This Resolution is the result
70 of the recent performance appraisal of the City Manager conducted by City Council.

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72 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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74 AYE: Bissmeyer, Mills-Reynolds, Dobrozsi, Messer, Naiman, Suer, Margolis (7)

75 NAY: (0)

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77 **PENDING LEGISLATION**

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79 There was no pending legislation

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81 **NEW LEGISLATION**

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83 Mayor Messer stated that since all following legislation has been made available to the public before the meeting
84 a motion can be made to accept the agenda and read all legislation by title only.

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86 Mr. Margolis moved to accept the legislative Agenda and read all legislation by title only. Vice Mayor Naiman
87 seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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89 **A Resolution Accepting A Bid And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With John R.**
90 **Jurgensen Company For The 2024 Street Resurfacing Program**

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92 Mr. Margolis read the title and moved for passage. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded.

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94 Mr. Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
95 authorize the agreement for the 2024 Street Resurfacing Program. It is requested that the project Base Bid and
96 Alternates #1 and #2 be approved for funding in the amount of \$1,862,500.00. In addition, it is requested that
97 Alternate #9, which is the resurfacing of the Weller Park parking lot, be approved for funding in the amount of
98 \$103,800.00 which is programmed in the City Parks Capital Projects budget.

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100 Mr. Margolis asked if there were any updates.

101 Mr. Rogers replied there were none.

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103 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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105 AYE: Mills-Reynolds, Dobrozsi, Messer, Naiman, Suer, Margolis, Bissmeyer (7)

106 NAY: (0)

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108 **A Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With The Vintage Club Community Association, Inc. To**
109 **Construct Roadway Improvements Within The Vintage Club Subdivision**

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Mr. Margolis read the title and moved for passage. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded.

Mr. Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will authorize a contract with Vintage Club Community Association. This is an Agreement negotiated by the City with the Vintage Club Community Association, Inc. to oversee re-construction of a portion of their private streets consistent with the City standards for public streets.

Mr. Margolis asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Rogers replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Dobrozsi, Messer, Naiman, Suer, Margolis, Bissmeyer, Mills-Reynolds (7)
NAY: (0)

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Riblet gave the following report:

- City Council Work Session is scheduled for March 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Government Affairs and Planning, Zoning, Landmarks Committees will meet on Monday, March 11 at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., respectively. The Public Works Committee has cancelled their meeting for March.
- Ms. Henao and Mr. Riblet attended the OCMA conference in Columbus last week where they presented on the City’s Mental Health Initiative to a packed session. Since the presentation, they have heard from several entities seeking more information on how to create their own program. This conference reiterated how far ahead the City is in our service to the community and our staff. In addition, staff are scheduled to welcome the newest Montgomery Team Member next Friday, March 15 as our four-legged friend “Asha” the therapy dog will arrive.
- Staff were recently notified that The Ohio Collaborative certified the Montgomery Police Department in the standards of Positive Youth Interactions, and Crisis Intervention. The Ohio Collaborative was created in 2015 to help strengthen the bond between communities and their police departments by maintaining important statewide standards such as Use of Force, and Department Wellness among many others. This is a testament to the high standards of our police department and leadership of Chief Crowell.
- On Monday, March 4, Planning Commission tabled a proposed façade change application for Camargo Cadillac based recommending that the applicant further review the Montgomery Road Corridor Design Standards for permitted primary material types allowable.
- Also at the Planning Commission meeting, an update was provided by our Consultant, Yard and Company, on the current status of the Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Staff anticipates advertisement of the Montgomery Monument and Landscape Enhancement on March 19. It is possible that legislation could be added to the April 17 Work Session agenda with a vote at the May 1 Business Session. The anticipated completion date for the project if approved is December 6, 2024.
- A contract was signed with Rack & Ballauer in the amount of \$65,520 to remove and replace 24 fire hydrants identified with the 2024 fire hydrant replacement program.

- 163 • MCLA Session #9- History and Development will be held at Universalist Church on Saturday, March 9
164 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
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- 166 • MCLA Graduation will be held on Thursday, March 14 at the Montgomery Inn beginning at 5:45 p.m.
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- 168 • On Saturday, April 13 HCML and HCTA will conduct a joint meeting at the Sharonville Fire Station from
169 9:00-11:00 a.m.
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171 Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session to consider matters related to Pending or Imminent Litigation.
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173 **MINUTES**
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175 Mr. Margolis moved to approve the February 21, 2024 Work Session minutes as written. Vice Mayor Naiman
176 seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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178 **MAYOR'S COURT REPORT**
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180 Mayor Messer requested a motion to disburse the February Mayors Court collections in the amount of \$4,900.
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182 Mr. Dobrozsi made the motion to disburse the February Mayors Court Collections in the amount of \$4,900. Mrs.
183 Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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185 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
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187 Mayor Messer asked for an Executive Session to consider matters related to Pending or Imminent Litigation. Mr.
188 Margolis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider matters related to Pending or Imminent
189 Litigation. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded.
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191 The roll was called and showed the following vote:
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193 AYE: Bissmeyer, Mills-Reynolds, Dobrozsi, Messer, Naiman, Suer, Margolis (7)
194 NAY: (0)
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196 Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.
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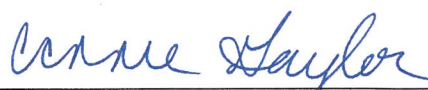
198 **ADJOURNMENT**
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200 Council reconvened from Executive Session into Public Session at 7:38 p.m.
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202 Mayor Messer asked if there was any further business to discuss in the Public Session. There being none he asked
203 for a motion to adjourn.
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205 Mr. Suer moved to adjourn. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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207 City Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m.
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211 Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council