

City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session Minutes
July 10, 2024

Present

City Council Members Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager
Greg Vonden Benken, Asst. Police Chief
Maura Gray, Finance Director
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Matthew Vanderhorst, Communications and Information Service Director
Paul Wright, Fire Chief
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

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

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Messer requested a motion to dispense with the roll call as all council members were present.

Mr. Margolis made the motion to dispense with the roll call. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Mills-Reynolds presented Kirti and Charu Singh with a Certificate of Appreciation as the Spring Seasons of Beauty Winners.

City Council thanked the Singh's for their efforts in maintaining a beautiful home.

GUESTS AND RESIDENTS

Tim O'Neill, 7825 Hartford Lane- Mr. O'Neill stated to City Council that he came to share his thoughts about pickleball as he would be out of town and would miss the upcoming Parks and Recreation Committee meeting regarding a discussion on pickleball. He asked how the time restrictions for the pickleball courts were determined. He stated that there were kid's sports programs being conducted at the parks with no restrictions that also produced noise. He also stated that he felt the new sign posted that violation of the hours would result in arrest was very heavy handed.

Mr. Riblet replied to Mr. O'Neill's questions. He explained that after multiple meetings the Parks and Recreation Committee decided on the hours based on feedback from those who attended the meetings. He stated that he recalled Mr. O'Neill being at one of those meetings. Mr. Riblet stated that he recognized that pickleball was a very polarizing issue. He explained that funds were budgeted to construct courts at Weller Park. Mr. Riblet added that the signs were added due to people not respecting the rules and abusing the hours.

Mr. O'Neill asked if there were any thoughts to extending the hours to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Naiman replied that in the early meetings of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the discussion of how to best reach a compromise was to offer relief to the surrounding neighbors came down to limiting the hours of play. She explained that the hours were discussed and determined at a meeting where multiple pickleball players and property owners were present.

Mr. O'Neill asked if the discussion of alternate days of full hours of play would be considered.

Mrs. Naiman stated that she did not recall the conversation of alternating days or times.

58 Mr. Riblet explained that after talking with the neighbors at Dulle Park about considering allowing alternating
59 days of extended play, they were not supportive of it.

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61 **LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

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63 **NEW LEGISLATION**

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65 Mayor Messer asked for a motion to accept the agenda and read all legislation by title only since all of the
66 legislation has been made available to the public before the meeting.

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68 Mr. Margolis made the motion to accept the agenda and read all legislation by title only. Vice Mayor Naiman
69 seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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71 **A Resolution Adopting A Tax Budget For 2025**

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73 Mr. Suer read the title and moved for passage of the Resolution. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded.

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75 Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if adopted, will approve
76 the City's 2025 Tax Budget. The Tax Budget will be submitted to the Hamilton County Budget Commission for
77 approval, and will, in turn, be used to determine Local Government Fund allocations. The proposed budget is
78 based on the year 2025 projections as reflected in the City's 2024-2028 Five-Year Operating and Capital Budget.

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80 Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

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82 Ms. Gray replied there were none.

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84 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

87 NAY: (0)

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89 **An Ordinance To Amend Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of**
90 **Montgomery, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024**

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92 Mr. Suer read the title and moved to suspend the second and third readings. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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94 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

97 NAY: (0)

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99 Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied that, if passed, will increase appropriations to
100 accommodate the transfer of cash from the Vintage Club TIF Fund (Fund 331) to the Vintage Club Capital
101 Construction Fund (Fund 463) in the amount of \$241,000 and the subsequent appropriation of a not to exceed
102 expenditure in Vintage Club Capital Construction Fund (Fund 463) in the amount of \$241,000. This transfer of
103 cash and increased expenditure will support the Montgomery Road at Vintage Club Boulevard Signal
104 Improvements project.

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106 Mr. Suer moved for passage of the Ordinance. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded.

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108 Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

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110 Ms. Gray replied there were none.

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112 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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117 **A Resolution Authorizing Internet Auction of Surplus Personal Property Through Govdeals.com**

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119 Mr. Dobrozsi read the title and moved for passage of the Resolution. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded.

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121 Mr. Dobrozsi explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
122 authorize the City Manager to enter into appropriate contracts with GovDeals.com and will designate
123 GovDeals.com as internet auction agents for the disposal of surplus property for the period of August 1, 2024
124 through July 31, 2025.

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126 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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131 **A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Sunesis**
132 **Construction Company for the Huntersknoll Court Drainage Improvement Project**

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

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136 Mr. Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
137 authorize a contract with Sunesis Construction Company to install new storm sewer to replace inadequately sized
138 storm sewers and drainage swales with the intent of reducing/eliminating roadway, structure, and property
139 flooding across five residential properties on Huntersknoll Court and Deerfield Road. Staff requests the project to
140 be approved at \$451,300, which is the amount of the base bid and a 10% contingency.

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142 Mr. Margolis asked if there were any updates.

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144 Mr. Heitkamp replied there were none.

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146 Mr. Donnellon stated that all easements and agreements have been received from the property owners. He gave
147 special thanks to Mr. Heitkamp for his efforts in meeting with all the property owners, facilitating questions and
148 working to design a plan to address the flooding issues.

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150 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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155 **A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Bansal**
156 **Construction, Inc. to complete the Montgomery Road and Vintage Club Boulevard Traffic Signal**
157 **Improvements Project**

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

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161 Mr. Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
162 authorize a contract with Bansal Construction, Inc. to improve the traffic signal located on Montgomery Road at
163 Vintage Club Boulevard by removing the existing span wire system and replacing it with a black decorative mast

164 arm system with illuminated street name signs, along with other upgrades. Staff requests the project be approved
165 in the amount of \$241,000, which is the amount of the base bid and a 10% contingency.
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167 Mr. Margolis asked if there were any updates.

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169 Mr. Heitkamp replied there were none.

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171 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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173 AYE: Suer, Margolis, Bissmeyer, Mills-Reynolds, Dobrozi, Messer, Naiman (7)

174 NAY: (0)

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176 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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178 Mr. Riblet gave the following report:

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- 180 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for July 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
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 - 182 • The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet on Monday, July 15 at 3:30 p.m.
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 - 184 • Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who worked to provide wonderful July 4th events, despite the
185 weather.

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187 **Events**

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- 189 • The Montgomery Quarter Plaque Dedication is next Tuesday, July 16 beginning at 4:00 p.m. This event
190 will consist of remarks by current and past City Council members that have served during the process of
191 the development, unveiling of the plaque, and various group photos. The reception will last
192 approximately from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and will be held inside the patio area of BruBurger with food and
193 refreshments.
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 - 195 • Bastille Day is coming up soon, held next Saturday, July 20 from 4:00 until 11:00 p.m.
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 - 197 • A reminder that the City Council Staff Appreciation Lunch is scheduled for Friday, July 26 at Terwilliger
198 Lodge from 11:00 to 1:00. Staff appreciates this time to share a meal and conversation with City Council.

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200 Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session for matters related to pending or imminent litigation.

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202 **MINUTES**

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204 Mr. Margolis moved to approve the June 19, 2024 Public Hearing and Work Session minutes. Vice Mayor
205 Naiman seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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207 **MAYOR'S COURT REPORT**

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209 Mayor Messer requested a motion to disburse the June Mayors Court collections in the amount of \$6,975.00

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211 Mr. Dobrozi made the motion to disburse the June Mayors Court Collections in the amount of \$6,975. Vice
212 Mayor Naiman seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Mills-Reynolds stated that she would be out of town for the July 24 Work Session and the August 6 Business Session meetings.

Mrs. Mills-Reynolds explained that as she would not be at the July 24 Work Session she would provide her Council report at this time. She reported that the Beautification and Tree Commission held the Garden Tour that went very well.

Mr. Margolis reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce State of the City presentation at Twin Lakes provided by Mr. Riblet and Ms. Henao. He praised them for a nicely done presentation.

Mrs. Bissmeyer thanked all staff for their work on the July events.

Vice Mayor Naiman echoed Mrs. Bissmeyer's sentiment for the efforts of staff in the planning and execution of the July 4th parade and festival.

Mayor Messer thanked staff and for making the best of the weather that created challenges for the events.

Mr. Riblet added that since the BAMSO concert was cancelled due to weather the veterans who were scheduled to be recognized were being invited to be recognized at the opening ceremony of Bastille Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Messer explained that Mr. Riblet had requested an Executive Session for matters related to pending or imminent litigation and asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session.

Vice Mayor Naiman moved to adjourn into Executive Session for matters related to pending or imminent litigation. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

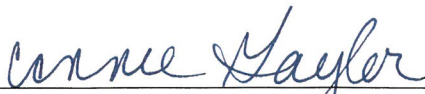
City Council reconvened in Public Session at 7:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Messer asked if there was any further business to discuss in the Public Session. There being none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Margolis moved to adjourn. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

City Council adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council