

City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session Minutes
June 5, 2024

Present

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

City Council Members Present

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

Council Members Absent

Craig Margolis

City Council convened in Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Messer presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Messer explained that Mr. Margolis was not in attendance at the meeting and asked for a roll call.

The roll was called and showed all members present except for Mr. Margolis.

Mayor Messer asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Margolis. Vice Mayor Naiman made a motion to excuse Mr. Margolis from the meeting. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION

NEW LEGISLATION

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

Vice Mayor Naiman made the motion to accept the agenda and read all legislation by title only. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Frost Brown Todd, LLC to Provide Special Counsel Services

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

Mr. Dobrozsi explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution requesting that City Council consider approval and that, if adopted, will authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Frost Brown Todd, LLC to provide special legal services for labor negotiations/labor relations/human resource functions. The work of Frost Brown Todd, LLC has been invaluable in labor negotiations/relations efforts, and it is important that the City maintain this relationship as the City continues its labor and employee relations into the future.

Mr. Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

58 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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60 AYE: Bissmeyer, Mills-Reynolds, Dobrozsi, Messer, Naiman, Suer (6)
61 NAY: (0)
62 ABSENT: Margolis (1)
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64 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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66 Mr. Riblet gave the following report:

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68 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for June 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
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70 • Prior to the meeting, a Public Hearing is scheduled at 5:45 for a presentation on the 2025 Tax Budget.

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72 Mr. Dobrozsi made a motion to commence with the Work Session immediately following the conclusion
73 of the Public Hearing. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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- 75 • The Government Affairs Committee will meet on Monday, June 17 at 4:15 p.m. The Public Works
76 Committee has cancelled their meeting for the month of June. The Parks and Recreation Committee is
77 still to be determined. Mr. Riblet will reach out to Committee members and update Council on the
78 meeting status.
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80 • Tuesday, June 11 there will be two bid openings held. One, for the Huntersknoll Drainage Improvement
81 project and secondly, the Montgomery Road and Vintage Club Blvd Signal Improvement project. If the
82 bids are acceptable, we anticipate legislation being presented on the June 19 Work Session agenda.
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84 • Gertz Company will be replacing the paver crosswalk on Cooper Road at the intersection of Montgomery
85 Road (the crosswalk between Village Tavern and Napa Kitchen) beginning Monday, June 10. In order to
86 perform this work, Cooper Road will be closed between Montgomery Road and Main Street beginning the
87 morning of Monday, June 10 and will be re-opened by the afternoon of Friday, June 14. Traffic on
88 Cooper Road from both west and east directions will detour to Remington Road. Also, the on-street
89 parking on Montgomery Road in the northbound direction between the Main Street “split” and Remington
90 Road will be posted “No Parking” during this time in order to safely accommodate northbound traffic.
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92 • Deeper Roots is open. We do anticipate an invitation to a VIP opening and will let Council know those
93 details once confirmed.
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95 • Mr. Riblet provided an update on the Roundabout Monument and Landscape Enhancement project
96 explaining that since the bid opening on April 9 provided only one bid, which was significantly higher
97 than anticipated, staff has been working with the design team, Prus Construction who bid the job, and
98 other contractors to produce a different approach for the project. He explained that this is still a very
99 important project and that the project is anticipated to be rebid in a different format.

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101 Mr. Suer stated that he viewed this as a delay and stated he felt it is still a good project as it would be a
102 signature element for the City. He stated that the focus will be on construction beginning next summer.
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104 Mr. Dobrozsi s agreed with Mr. Suer’s comments and stated that the project would be the front door to the
105 City and the Montgomery Quarter. He stated that delaying the project is the right thing to do.
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107 Mr. Donnellon advised Council to make a formal motion to reject the April bid submission.
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109 Mr. Suer made a motion to formally reject the bid submission from Prus Construction. Vice Mayor
110 Naiman seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

111 Vice Mayor Naiman asked if the follow-up meetings that are being held with the design team are included
112 in the current contract or if we are paying additional fees for this.
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114 Mr. Riblet replied that he did not anticipate any additional costs resulting from these meetings.
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116 Mayor Messer asked if we could move forward with the landscaping or would we wait to do that.
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118 Mr. Riblet replied that ideally we would wait as the process would be to build from the center and move
119 out from there. Any landscaping that would be done would be disturbed once construction of the
120 monument began.
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- 123 • A contract was signed with Basement Armor, Foundation Repair & Waterproofing LTD (Huff
124 Construction) in an amount of \$27,000 to complete the 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Program which
125 primarily consists of areas withing the Reserves of Montgomery.
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127 Events
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- 129 • A Soak Up the Fun Summer Bash will be held at Montgomery Quarter this Friday. This party is a kick-
130 off to summer fun and will begin at 3:30 followed by the movie Sandlot playing at 8:00 p.m. Pop-up
131 Restaurants the Livery, BRU Burger Bar, and Deeper Roots Coffee will be there to offer food and
132 refreshments. Lots of other fun is planned for the evening.
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- 134 • The first Pool Luau of the season will be held on Friday, June 14. Starting at 6:00 p.m. you will hear the
135 sounds of the steel drum band. The movie Elemental will show at dusk. Legacy Builders Group is a
136 sponsor of the event.
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138 Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session for matters related to the employment or compensation of a public
139 employee.
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141 MINUTES
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143 Mrs. Bissmeyer moved to approve the May 15, 2024 Work Session minutes as written. Vice Mayor Naiman
144 seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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146 MAYOR'S COURT REPORT
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148 Mayor Messer requested a motion to disburse the May Mayors Court collections in the amount of \$6,935.00
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150 Mrs. Bissmeyer made the motion to disburse the May Mayors Court Collections in the amount of \$6,935. Vice
151 Mayor Naiman seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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153 OTHER BUSINESS
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155 Mr. Suer moved to appoint Susan Berger to the Landmarks Commission with a term ending January 31, 2027. He
156 explained that no second was required as this was a Committee recommendation.
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158 City Council unanimously agreed to appoint Ms. Berger to the landmarks Commission.
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160 EXECUTIVE SESSION
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162 Mayor Messer explained that Mr. Riblet had requested an Executive Session for matters related to the
163 employment or compensation of a public employee and asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session.

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Vice Mayor Naiman moved to adjourn into Executive Session for matters related to the employment or compensation of a public employee. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Bissmeyer, Mills-Reynolds, Dobrozsi, Messer, Naiman, Suer, Margolis	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Margolis	(1)

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

City Council reconvened in Public Session at 6:44 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.

Mrs. Bissmeyer moved to adjourn. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

City Council adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council