

October 18, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Brian K. Riblet, City Manager *BKR*
SUBJECT: City Council Work Session of Wednesday, October 23, 2024

As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Work Session on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Special Presentation
4. Guest and Residents
5. Legislation for Consideration this Evening
6. Establishing an Agenda for November 6, 2024 Business Session

Pending Legislation

- a. An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025—(Mr. Suer-2nd reading) Information has been previously supplied on this legislation that, if approved, would adopt this Ordinance that establishes the City's budget for fiscal year 2025. These documents were presented to and reviewed with City Council at the September 12 Budget Review meeting. As a result of these discussions, any changes to the budget will be forthcoming and will be presented to City Council in the packet for the December 4, Business Session.

Add this Ordinance to the November 6, 2024 Business Session agenda for the second reading. The third reading of the Ordinance will be held at the December 4, 2024 Business Session with adoption of the Ordinance requested at that meeting.

New Legislation

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Make a motion to appoint Ann Gunn

A second is required as this is not a committee recommendation.

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Voice Vote

- d. Vice Mayor Naiman
- e. Mr. Suer
- f. Mr. Margolis
- g. Mayor Messer

10. Approval of Minutes- October 9, 2024 Business Session

11. Other Business

12. Executive Session

13. Adjournment

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C: Connie Gaylor, Executive Assistant/ Clerk of Council
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director

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ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2024

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND
OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF OHIO,
DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**

WHEREAS, Council previously did approve and submit to the Budget Commission a Budget for revenues and expenses for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Budget has been accepted and approved, and Council does desire to appropriate funds according to the Budget to meet current expenses and other expenditures for the 2025 fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Commencing January 1, 2025 and for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, in order to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City, the sums detailed on the attached Budget schedule are hereby appropriated as if such schedule is fully set forth herein.

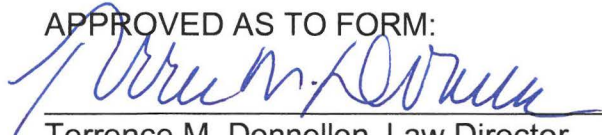
SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
Connie M. Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Ronald G. Messer, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Terrence M. Donnellon, Law Director

City of Montgomery 2025 Budget Ordinance

| Fund | Personnel | Non-Personnel | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 101 Police Department | 4,180,862.00 | 362,900.00 | 4,543,762.00 |
| 106 Disaster Services | - | 9,300.00 | 9,300.00 |
| 201 Public Health and Welfare | - | 59,500.00 | 59,500.00 |
| 301 Recreation | 292,043.00 | 130,940.00 | 422,983.00 |
| 303 City Parks | 392,122.00 | 410,750.00 | 802,872.00 |
| 317 Swaim and Terwilliger Lodges | - | 63,150.00 | 63,150.00 |
| 321 Special Events | - | 150,000.00 | 150,000.00 |
| 405 Landmarks Commission | - | 17,250.00 | 17,250.00 |
| 406 City Beautiful | - | 181,179.00 | 181,179.00 |
| 407 Development | 473,459.00 | 492,200.00 | 965,659.00 |
| 408 Planning Commission | - | 207,200.00 | 207,200.00 |
| 409 Historical Building Operations | - | 54,629.00 | 54,629.00 |
| 701 City Administration | 846,029.00 | 32,950.00 | 878,979.00 |
| 702 Finance Department | 570,803.00 | 519,000.00 | 1,089,803.00 |
| 703 Legal Administration | - | 255,500.00 | 255,500.00 |
| 705 City Council | 10,596.00 | 13,000.00 | 23,596.00 |
| 707 Mayor's Court | 41,193.00 | 75,500.00 | 116,693.00 |
| 708 Civil Service Commission | - | 5,150.00 | 5,150.00 |
| 709 Public Works Administration | 698,550.00 | 281,900.00 | 980,450.00 |
| 712 Community & Information Svcs | 455,369.00 | 384,700.00 | 840,069.00 |
| 715 General Government | 10,000.00 | 2,812,600.00 | 2,822,600.00 |
| 209 Memorial Fund | - | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 |
| 210 Parks & Recreation | - | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 214 OneOhio Fund | - | 16,500.00 | 16,500.00 |
| 215 Law Enforcement | - | 102,700.00 | 102,700.00 |
| 216 Drug Enforcement | - | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 217 DUI Enforcement and Education | - | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 218 Mayor's Court Technology | - | 11,125.00 | 11,125.00 |
| 219 Community Oriented Policing | 158,933.00 | 350.00 | 159,283.00 |
| 220 Law Enforcement Assistance | - | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 223 Fire Department | 4,468,480.00 | 844,165.00 | 5,312,645.00 |
| 227 Environmental Impact Area I | - | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| 228 Environmental Impact Area II | - | 10,150.00 | 10,150.00 |
| 229 Environmental Impact Area III | - | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 230 Environmental Impact Area IV | - | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 261 Street Maintenance and Repair | 1,000,512.00 | 445,101.00 | 1,445,613.00 |
| 265 State Highway Fund | - | 36,000.00 | 36,000.00 |
| 266 Permissive MVL Fund | - | 66,000.00 | 66,000.00 |
| 275 Municipal Pool | - | 323,800.00 | 323,800.00 |
| 324 General Bond Retirement | - | 840,402.00 | 840,402.00 |
| 329 Montgomery Quarter TIF Fund | - | 1,336,885.00 | 1,336,885.00 |
| 331 Vintage Club TIF Fund | - | 2,508,590.00 | 2,508,590.00 |

City of Montgomery
2025 Budget Ordinance

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 332 Vintage Club North TIF Fund | - | 629,907.00 | 629,907.00 |
| 410 Capital Improvements | - | 4,405,649.00 | 4,405,649.00 |
| 460 Heritage District Fund | - | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 461 Triangle Equivalent TIF Fund | - | 94,200.00 | 94,200.00 |
| 463 Vintage Club Capital Construction | - | 300,000.00 | 300,000.00 |
| 480 Downtown Improvements | - | 550.00 | 550.00 |
| 485 Arts and Amenities | - | 100,250.00 | 100,250.00 |
| 546 Trust Reimbursements | - | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| 601 State Fees | - | 17,000.00 | 17,000.00 |
| 836 Historical Trust Fund | - | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 840 Cemetery Expendable Trust | - | 73,850.00 | 73,850.00 |
| 875 Compensated Absence | 101,450.00 | - | 101,450.00 |
| 890 Unclaimed Moneys Fund | - | 3,106.00 | 3,106.00 |
| | 13,700,401.00 | 18,832,178.00 | 32,532,579.00 |

October 3, 2024

To: Brian Riblet, City Manager

From: Maura Gray, Finance Director 

Subject: Ordinance Request to Amend and Decrease Appropriations for Current Expenditures During Fiscal Year 2024

Introduction

It is necessary for City Council to consider an ordinance to amend and decrease the appropriations for current expenditures for FY 2024.

Financial Impact

Total estimated appropriations to be decreased \$2,313,813 to accommodate changes in expenditure projections.

Background

The FY 2024 Budget includes a total appropriation of \$36,057,455 as passed on December 6, 2023, per ordinance #14, 2023., and an additional \$482,000 as passed on September 4, 2024, per Ordinance #7 2024, totaling \$36,539,455.

Included in this current request is a decrease to the appropriation of the General Fund of \$26,063. This decrease is due to position vacancies, project timing and transfers to other funds.

Also included is a decrease in the Special Revenue Funds totaling \$253,900. This decrease is also due primarily to position vacancies. The timing of an Arts and Amenities Fund project is projected in future years.

The Debt Service Funds require an additional appropriation of \$122,150. This increase is for school compensation and county fees as our TIF collections have surpassed preliminary estimates.

The Capital Project Funds appropriation change requested is a decrease of \$2,166,000. This change is a result in savings in the paving program costs and the allocation of appropriation in the downtown improvement fund that will not be needed in the current year.

An increase in Fiduciary Funds appropriation of 10,000 is requested to accommodate an increase in leave payouts in accordance with GASB 101 and a decrease in the amount needed for the Cemetery Trust Fund.

In total, it is requested to decrease the total Fund appropriation by \$2,313,813.

Staff Recommendation

It is requested that City Council approve the proposed ordinance authorizing the amendment of appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 Budget.

ORDINANCE NO. , 2024

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES
AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF OHIO,
DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2023, Council adopted Ordinance No. 14, 2023 entitled, *An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City of Montgomery, State of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024*, ("Appropriation Ordinance"), appropriating a total of \$36,057,455 for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2024, Council passed Ordinance No. 6, 2024 to amend fiscal year 2024 appropriations to balance fund expenditures; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2024, Council passed Ordinance No. 7, 2024 to correct such appropriation balances; and

WHEREAS, appropriations within certain Funds are insufficient to meet the current obligations of the City and must be adjusted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

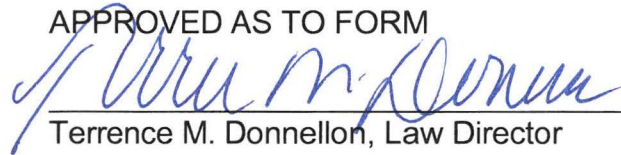
SECTION 1. Effective immediately, in order to provide for the ongoing expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery, Ohio for fiscal year 2024 to balance appropriations in certain Funds, the attached Schedule A, Adjustment to Appropriations, is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein, and funds are hereby re-appropriated consistent therewith.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the earliest opportunity as allowable by law.

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Ronald G. Messer, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Terrence M. Donnellon, Law Director

City of Montgomery

Appropriation Adjustment Oct 23, 2024

| General Fund | Personnel | Non-Personnel | Total | Grand Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 101 Police Department | (159,398.00) | (2,000.00) | (161,398.00) | |
| 301 Recreation | (1,400.00) | (1,000.00) | (2,400.00) | |
| 303 City Parks | 500.00 | | 500.00 | |
| 407 Development | (45,565.00) | (250,000.00) | (295,565.00) | |
| 408 Planning Commission | | (1,000.00) | (1,000.00) | |
| 701 City Administration | 22,000.00 | | 22,000.00 | |
| 702 Finance Department | (75,000.00) | (10,000.00) | (85,000.00) | |
| 703 Legal Administration | | (65,000.00) | (65,000.00) | |
| 707 Mayor's Court | 1,800.00 | | 1,800.00 | |
| 708 Civil Service Commission | | (2,000.00) | (2,000.00) | |
| 709 Public Works Administration | 23,000.00 | | 23,000.00 | |
| 712 Community & Information Svcs | (8,500.00) | (3,500.00) | (12,000.00) | |
| 715 General Government | | 551,000.00 | 551,000.00 | (26,063.00) |
| Special Revenue Funds | | | | |
| 209 Memorial Fund | | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| 214 OneOhio Fund | 12,000.00 | | 12,000.00 | |
| 215 Law Enforcement | | (30,000.00) | (30,000.00) | |
| 219 Community Oriented Policing | (26,500.00) | | (26,500.00) | |
| 223 Fire Department | (174,400.00) | 51,500.00 | (122,900.00) | |
| 261 Street Maintenance and Repair | (40,500.00) | 9,000.00 | (31,500.00) | |
| 275 Municipal Pool | | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | |
| 485 Arts and Amenities | | (60,000.00) | (60,000.00) | (253,900.00) |
| Debt Service Funds | | | | |
| 329 Montgomery Quarter TIF Fund | | 112,000.00 | 112,000.00 | |
| 331 Vintage Club TIF Fund | | 10,150.00 | 10,150.00 | 122,150.00 |
| Capital Funds | | | | |
| 410 Capital Improvements | | (160,000.00) | (160,000.00) | |
| 461 Triangle Equivalent TIF Fund | | (6,000.00) | (6,000.00) | |
| 480 Downtown Improvements | | (2,000,000.00) | (2,000,000.00) | (2,166,000.00) |
| Fiduciary Funds | | | | |
| 840 Cemetery Expendable Trust | | (20,000.00) | (20,000.00) | |
| 875 Compensated Absence | | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| | | | | (2,313,813.00) |

SCHEDULE A

| Fund Number | Fund Title | Appropriation | Increase/Decrease | Adjusted Appropriation |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 101 | GENERAL FUND | 13,861,195 | (26,063) | 13,835,132 |
| 209 | MEMORIAL FUND | 6,500 | 2,000 | 8,500 |
| 214 | OPIOD SETTLEMENT FUND | 500 | 12,000 | 12,500 |
| 215 | LAW ENFORCEMENT | 104,500 | (30,000) | 74,500 |
| 219 | COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING | 166,043 | (26,500) | 139,543 |
| 223 | FIRE DEPARTMENT | 5,511,501 | (122,900) | 5,388,601 |
| 261 | STREET MAINTENACE AND REPAIR | 1,234,162 | (31,500) | 1,202,662 |
| 275 | MUNICIPAL POOL | 317,653 | 3,000 | 320,653 |
| 485 | ARTS AND AMMENTITIES | 99,250 | (60,000) | 39,250 |
| 329 | MONTGOMERY QUARTER TIF FUND | 966,893 | 112,000 | 1,078,893 |
| 331 | VINTAGE CLUB TIF FUND | 2,662,636 | 10,150 | 2,672,786 |
| 410 | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS | 6,507,990 | (160,000) | 6,347,990 |
| 461 | TRIANGLE TIF FUND | 178,100 | (6,000) | 172,100 |
| 480 | DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS | 2,400,550 | (2,000,000) | 400,550 |
| 840 | CEMETARY EXPENDABLE TRUST | 111,850 | (20,000) | 91,850 |
| 875 | COMPENSATED ABSENCE | 50,000 | 30,000 | 80,000 |

TOTAL CHANGE- ALL FUNDS

(2,313,813)

TO: Mayor Ronald G. Messer
Members of City Council

FROM: Terrence M. Donnellon

RE: Establishing Compensation
for Elected Officials

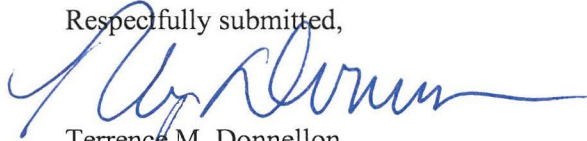
DATE: October 16, 2024

Enclosed is an Ordinance to increase the compensation for Council Members and the Mayor commencing January 1, 2026. Section 3.05 of the Charter authorizes Council to fix the compensation for City officers and employees including elected officials. The Charter further stipulates that compensation of elected officials may not be increased during their term of office, so this increase can only commence January 1, 2026, and it would take effect for those Council Members elected to a full term in the November 2025 election. Those Council Members elected for a full term November 2027 would receive this additional compensation January 1, 2028 to avoid any conflict with the Charter.

Council additionally authorized a \$1,000 per year stipend for the Council Member serving as Mayor for those additional duties and responsibilities delegated to the Mayor. The Mayor is elected at the organizational meeting every odd calendar year after the November election. Not knowing who may be chosen as Mayor, this should not be a conflict with the Charter since this Ordinance will be passed before that person is chosen in November 2025, and the *term of office* begins with the organizational meeting election and lasts for a period of two years unless reappointed.

The Ordinance must be passed and take effect at least 30 days prior to the last date for filing nomination positions for Council. Section 10.1 of the Charter sets the filing date for nomination petitions as the first Tuesday of August in the year of the election. This date will be August 5, 2025 for the November 2025 election. If this Ordinance is presented and passed through the normal sequence with Council, the first reading would occur November 6, 2024, the second reading would be December 4, 2024, and the third and final reading prior to passage would be January 8, 2025. Allowing for the 30-day effective period for Ordinances, it would take effect in early February well in advance of the August filing date.

Respectfully submitted,



Terrence M. Donnellon,
Law Director

TMD/lld

cc: Brian Riblet, City Manager
Connie Gaylor, Executive Assistant
Department Heads
File

ORDINANCE NO. , 2024

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, Section 3.05 of the Charter of the City of Montgomery, Ohio, requires Council to fix the compensation for City officers and employees, including elected officials; and

WHEREAS, after several years and a review of the compensation paid by other communities to their public officials, Council believes it is appropriate to increase the compensation to be paid to Council Members and the Mayor to better reflect the time commitment and at times the related cost to serve in this public role; and

WHEREAS, the Charter and Ohio law do not permit an increase in compensation by an elected official during his or her term of office, so any increase as provided herein shall be staggered to commence with the new term of office for public officials elected in 2025 and those whose term may commence in 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Commencing January 1, 2026, persons elected to Council for the term commencing at the organizational meeting in December 2025 shall be paid a salary of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per year, payable in convenient increments consistent with the payroll practices of the City.

SECTION 2. Commencing January 1, 2028, persons elected to Council for the term commencing at the organizational meeting in December 2027 shall be paid a salary of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per year, payable in convenient increments

consistent with the payroll practices of the City.

SECTION 3. Additionally, commencing January 1, 2026, the Council Member chosen by the Members of Council to serve as Mayor for the two-year Council term commencing at the organizational meeting in December 2025 shall receive an additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) annual stipend for the additional duties and responsibilities for service as Mayor.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect the earliest opportunity as allowable by law.

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
Connie M. Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Ronald G. Messer, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Terrence M. Donnellon, Law Director

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City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session Minutes
October 9, 2024

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager
John Crowell, Police Chief
Derek Morgan, Finance Specialist
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Matthew Vanderhorst, Communications and Information Service Director
Paul Wright, Fire Chief
Amy Frederick, Community Engagement Coordinator
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council
Wendy Grethel, Customer Support and Volunteer Specialist

City Council Members Present

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.

Mayor Messer asked for a moment of silence in observance of the devastation suffered across southern states due to Hurricane Helene and the impending threat expected from Hurricane Milton.

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. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Mills-Reynolds presented Denise Willike with a Certificate of Appreciation as the Beautification and Tree Commission's Summer Season of Beauty Winners. City Council thanked Mrs. Willike for her families dedication in maintaining a beautiful home and contributing to the beauty of Montgomery.

Police Officers David Roberts and Craig Flick were sworn in as the newest officers to join the Police Department. City Council welcomed them to the City of Montgomery team and wished them well in their new roles in the City.

LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION THIS EVENING

PENDING LEGISLATION

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

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

An Ordinance Repealing Section 33.01 Of The Code Of Ordinances Creating An Investment Committee And Establishing Its Authority

Mr. Suer read the title and moved for passage of the third reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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October 9, 2024

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Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, will repeal Section 33.01 of the Code of Ordinances. He added that with the approval of an Investment Policy, as required by the Ohio Auditor, there is no longer a need for an Investment Committee within the City, and this Ordinance repeals Section 33.01 of the Code of Ordinances appointing an Investment Committee. All investments are controlled by the policy and investments may only be made consistent with the policy. To avoid any confusion, this Section is being repealed. In repealing this Section, we also are repealing the Linked Deposit Program which has been dormant for several years.

Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Donnellon replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

NAY: (0)

NEW LEGISLATION

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by The Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to The County Auditor

Mr. Suer read the title and moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Margolis seconded.

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if passed, will accept the rates and amounts determined by the Hamilton County Budget Commission. As a State of Ohio taxing authority and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, the City is required to adopt an annual tax budget. City Council adopted the Tax Budget on July 10, 2024. The submitted Tax Budget was accepted by the Budget Commission and Auditor. City Council is requested to accept the Budget Commission's rates and amounts, which would result in the estimated collections as specified in the City's 2025 Tax Budget. This action will then permit the Budget Commission to collect property taxes at the rates established for the upcoming year.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

NAY: (0)

Mr. Dobrozsi explained that he will recuse himself from the vote of the following legislation as it included funding for the Montgomery Quarter and could pose a potential professional conflict. He exited the dais.

An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

Mr. Suer read the title and moved for passage of the first reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if passed, will establish the City's budget for fiscal year 2025. These documents were reviewed with City Council at the September 12 Budget Review meeting. As a result of these discussions, any changes to the budget will be forthcoming and will be presented to City Council in the packet for the December 4, Business Session.

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Vice Mayor Naiman asked if the Ordinance reflected the same budgetary information that was presented at the September Budget Review meeting.

Mr. Riblet explained that it was the same but there was discussion about increasing the board and commission budgets that were not included in the budget reviewed at that meeting. He stated those would be added as well as any other final adjustments by the final reading in December.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

Mr. Dobrozsi rejoined City Council on the dais.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Riblet gave the following report:

- City Council Work Session is scheduled for October 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Parks and Recreation, Government Affairs and Financial Planning Committees will meet Monday, October 14 at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 respectively. The Public Works Committee has cancelled their meeting for October.
- Special thanks to staff for the incredible work performed during the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Specifically, Public Works, Police and Fire for their work that Friday and through the weekend. And thanks to Public Works for providing the Special Brush pick-up.
- Thanks to everyone for making Harvest Moon another incredibly successful event this past Saturday. Recreation, Public Works, Wendy, Amy and many many others.
- Matthew Vanderhorst, Amy Frederick and Connie Gaylor have been busy recording podcasts for the City's Smashin' the Stigma Mental Health Podcast channel. Four podcasts related to the August Community presentation on suicide have been added with three more podcasts related to mental health scheduled to be posted in the upcoming weeks. You can find these podcasts on the City's website, on the Mental Health Initiative page.

Events

- A Community Mental Health presentation will be held on Thursday, October 17. Julie Harmon, with Cincinnati Children's Hospital, will lead the discussion on Supporting Youth in a Mental Health Crisis and Beyond. The program will begin at 7:00 pm at Terwilliger Lodge.
- A Lanterns and Landmarks Historic Walking Tour and Reception will be conducted by our own Tracy Henao and Kevin Chesar on Saturday October 19. The tour begins at 6:00 pm at Universalist Church with appetizers and wine before walking throughout the Historic District.

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- Mr. Donnellon will once again be smoking his award-winning RIBS for City Council and Staff. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 1 at Terwilliger Lodge from 11:30-1:00. The Energy Team will be circulating a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts.
- The Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual dinner on Thursday, November 14 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. The event will be held at Cooper Creek Event Center this year with a plated dinner. There will be no walk-in registration, so if you would like to attend, please let us know so that we can get you registered.
- And.....as our Liaison to the Chamber, our own Tracy Henao is one of the finalists for this years' Gerri Harbison Spirit Award. Please go to the Chamber website, scroll down and you can vote for Tracy. The deadline to cast your vote is Friday, October 25.

Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance.

MINUTES

Mr. Margolis made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

MAYOR'S COURT REPORT

Mayor Messer requested a motion to disburse the September Mayors Court collections in the amount of \$6,260.

Vice Mayor Naiman made the motion to disburse the September Mayors Court collections in the amount of \$6,260. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Margolis reported that several downtown business owners, including Euro Café, Z's Place and MPH were sponsoring a Fall Wine Walk October 19. He stated he thought it was great that the business owners were beginning to take the initiative to plan DORA events on their own.

Mr. Margolis reported that Mr. Riblet would be presenting at a Hamilton County Municipal League meeting held at the Montgomery Quarter on Saturday, October 26 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Margolis stated that he would be out of town from October 10 through October 16.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Messer stated that as Mr. Riblet has requested an Executive Session, he would like a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance.

Mr. Margolis made the motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

NAY: (0)

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Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

Council reconvened into Public Session at 7:28 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. Vice Mayor Naiman seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

City Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council