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2 City of Montgomery
3 City Council Business Session Minutes
4 January 3, 2018

5 Present

6 Brian Riblet, Interim City Manager
7 Terry Donnellon, Law Director
8 John Crowell, Police Chief
9 Melissa Hays, Zoning and Code Compliance Officer
10 Katie Smiddy, Finance Director
11 Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Director
12 Paul Wright, Fire Chief
13 Ben Shapiro, Asst. Fire Chief
14 Kathi Ranford, Customer Service Representative

City Council Members Present

Chris Dobrozsi, Mayor
Lynda Roesch, Vice Mayor
Lee Ann Bissmeyer
Mike Cappel
Gerri Harbison
Craig Margolis
Ken Suer

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16 City Council convened in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. for the Business Session with Mayor Dobrozsi presiding.

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18 ROLL CALL

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20 Mayor Dobrozsi asked for a motion to dispense with the roll call since everyone was in attendance.

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22 Mr. Margolis moved to dispense with the roll call. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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24 LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION TONIGHT

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26 New Legislation

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28 A Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Reaffirm the City's Contract with National Inspection
29 Corporation for Professional Services to Serve as Building Official and to Provide Plan Review and Field Inspection
30 Authority and Services for the City's Building Department for the Calendar Year 2018

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32 Mr. Margolis moved to read the Resolution by title only. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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34 Mr. Margolis read the Resolution by title only and moved for passage. Mr. Cappel seconded.

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36 Mr. Margolis explained that, if approved, this Resolution will authorize the Interim City Manager to Enter into a
37 Contract with National Inspection Corporation (NIC) for Professional Services to Serve as Building Official and To
38 Provide Plan Review and Field Inspection Authority and Services for The City's Building Department for The
39 Calendar Year 2018. The City has contracted for approximately 15 years with National Inspection Corporation to
40 provide plan review and field inspection authority and services for the City's building department and the City
41 continues to be very satisfied with their ability to perform each of these.

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43 Mr. Suer stated that NIC acts as the City's building officials and provides plan review services for 2018. He stated
44 this has been a very productive working relationship and this action simply brings into compliance how we handle
45 our contracts.

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47 Mr. Margolis asked if there were any updates.

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49 Ms. Hays stated there were no updates.

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51 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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53 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis (7)
54 NAY: (0)
55 ABSENT: (0)
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57 A Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Enter into a Contract with CT Consultants, Inc. for
58 Professional Services Related to General Engineering and Architectural Services for Calendar Year 2018.

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60 Mr. Cappel moved to read the Resolution by title only. Mrs. Harbison seconded. City Council unanimously
61 agreed.

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63 Mr. Cappel read the Resolution by title only and moved for passage. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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65 Mr. Cappel explained that, if approved, this Resolution will authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with
66 CT Consultants for professional services, engineering, and architectural services for calendar year 2018. The City
67 has contracted for approximately 26 years with CT Consultants (formerly CDS Associates, Inc.,) to provide civil,
68 traffic, structural, electrical and storm water engineering services. CT Consultants has provided a competitive fee
69 structure for 2018 including slight hourly rate increased for engineering services. As was provided in previous years,
70 CT Consultants has deleted the line item for billing of the "Principal" from the fee schedule. If, for any reason, the
71 Principal Engineer provides engineering services during the contract year for development/design review or project
72 review, that work would be billed at the hourly rate of "Senior Manager." Funding for this professional services
73 contract is included in the City's 2018 Operating Budget in both the Public Works and Community Development
74 operating budgets.

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76 Mr. Cappel asked if there were any updates

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78 Ms. Hays stated there were no updates.

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80 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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82 AYE: Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel (7)
83 NAY: (0)
84 ABSENT: (0)

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86 A Resolution Providing for the Submission to the Electorate of an additional 6.0 Mill Replacement Property Tax
87 Levy for The Support and Maintenance of Fire and Emergency Medical Services in The Municipality

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89 Mr. Suer moved to read the Resolution by title only. Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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91 Mr. Suer read the Resolution by title only and moved for passage. Mr. Cappel seconded.

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93 Mr. Suer stated that the need for a fire levy has been discussed at great length for some time now. This 6.0 mill
94 replacement levy will change the structure of the Fire Department moving it from a part-time to a full-time
95 firefighter and paramedic operation. This levy will be placed on the ballot in May 2018.

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97 Chief Wright stated that the need for the levy has been discussed and this additional levy that runs congruent with
98 the existing 5.5 mill would provide the department enough funding to take them to the next level of operations. He
99 appreciates the time, energy, conversations, and support of City Council. He is excited about working with the
100 Political Action Committee and with the marketing of the levy.

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102 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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104 AYE: Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer (7)
105 NAY: (0)
106 ABSENT: (0)

111 An Ordinance to Amend the City Income Tax Code to Adopt Sections 718.80 Through 718.95 Of the Ohio Revised
112 Code and Declaring an Emergency

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114 Mr. Donnellon stated that the City joined the coalition led by Frost Brown Todd that was formed to test the
115 constitutionality of HB 49. Mr. Donnellon stated that the coalition has been successful in that the state has deferred
116 any action on the suit until the judge rules in February. Due to this recent action, he advised City Council to table
117 any further discussions or vote until the February 7, 2018 Business Session.

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119 Mr. Suer moved to table the Ordinance, Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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121 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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123 Mr. Riblet gave the following report:

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- 125 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for January 24 at 7:00 p.m.
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- 127 • The Government Affairs and Public Works Committees will meet on January 9, 2018 at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.,
128 respectively. The Parks and Recreation committee cancelled their meeting for the month of January.
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- 130 • The first MCLA Session, “We Are Montgomery” will be held at Montgomery Inn next Thursday, January
131 11 at 5:45 p.m.
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- 133 • Matt Davis and Brian Riblet conducted a conference call with Representative Dever requesting his support
134 of our State Capital funds application. Based on the recommendation from the Cincinnati Business
135 Corporation we modified our approach and request from support for the parking garage to supporting the
136 public park and amenities. We feel confident our project will make the list to be forwarded to Columbus
137 for consideration.
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- 139 • On Wednesday, January 3, 2018, there were four candidates interviewed for the Tax Commissioner
140 position. This was the second round of interviews by the team of Katie Smiddy, Cindy Abner, Chief Wright
141 and Julie Prickett. The next step will be a background and reference checks on a potential candidate.
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- 143 • Next week, Chief Crowell, Assistant Chief Vonden Benken, Julie Prickett and Brian Riblet will be
144 conducting the second round of patrol officer interviews. Staff will be interviewing a total of six potential
145 candidates to fill two vacant positions.
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- 147 • A total of 11 candidates (who are currently either full or part-time members of the Montgomery Fire
148 Department) are registered to participate in the Fire Lieutenant Civil Service promotional process. The
149 written exam will be held on January 8. There are currently no Fire Lieutenant openings; however, two
150 lieutenants are eligible to retire in 2018.
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- 152 • The Hamilton County Municipal League Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29 in Sharonville from
153 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) will be providing the presentation.
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- 155 • The First Suburbs Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30 in Evendale from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with
156 Kent Scarrett from the Ohio Municipal League being the featured speaker.
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- 158 • Staff is redesigning the annual Food Drive this year to a Valentine’s Day theme...stay tuned for more details
159 on a revamped and re-energized event beginning January 22 running through February 14.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Margolis moved to approve the November 20, 2017 Work Session minutes as written. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

MAYOR'S COURT

The report will be presented at the January 24, Work Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Harbison stated that she had a lengthy voicemail from a resident who wanted to congratulate her for the well written article in the December Montgomery Bulletin, the election, and to discuss other issues of concern to him.

Mayor Dobrozsi extended his gratitude for all the work that was done on the State Capital Grant on the state level. Based on comments received from the Cincinnati Business Corporation (CBC) downtown, the grant was revised and forwarded to the state for 1.0 million dollars.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked if Stonecreek Dining was going to be open next week as originally planned. Mrs. Harbison stated that it is scheduled to open on February 5.

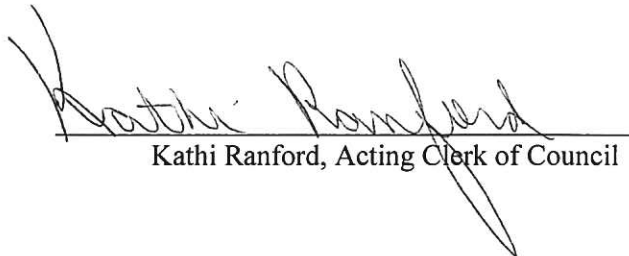
Mrs. Harbison shared that American Savings Bank was bought by People's Bank. Unfortunately, there will be layoffs, but she was not clear how that will impact our Montgomery location.

Mayor Dobrozsi updated everyone on the City Manager process. He explained there are six potential candidates with interviews being held on Thursday, January 4 and Friday, January 5. The list will be narrowed down with a date that has not been yet been determined, then there will be final interviews and the selection early after.

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

Mr. Margolis moved to adjourn. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

City Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Kathi Ranford, Acting Clerk of Council