

City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session
October 2, 2019

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
John Crowell, Police Chief
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Tracy Roblero, Assistant City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.
Katie Smiddy, Finance Director
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community Information Service Director
Paul Wright, Fire Chief
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Members

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Pete Metz, Transportation Initiatives Manager for the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber made a presentation on the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority to City Council. The presentation regarded an upcoming ballot issue replacing a current City of Cincinnati earnings tax dedicated to transit with a .8% sales tax in Hamilton County to reinvest in the Metro transportation system.

GUESTS AND RESIDENTS

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman stated to City Council that he is hearing from residents that they are concerned with their water quality and excess chlorine. He stated that they say they can smell it. He explained that he understood the City purchases the water through Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) and asked Mr. Riblet and Council Member Cappel if they were aware of this issue.

Mr. Riblet responded that he was unaware of it as he has not received feedback from anyone.

Mr. Cappel asked Mr. Silverman if he was referring to a post that was made on the social media site *Next Door*.

Mr. Silverman stated that it was.

Mr. Cappel informed Mr. Silverman that the resident who shared the concern was from Indian Hill however he did forward the comment on to the Director of GCWW.

Mr. Silverman relayed his concerns for residents who are purchasing water purification systems as they are very expensive.

PENDING LEGISLATION

An Ordinance Accepting Publicly Dedicated Easement Rights for Stormwater Improvements from Various Property Owners on Jolain Drive

Mr. Cappel moved for passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

57 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, would
58 authorize the City Manager to accept various Easement Agreements for properties in the 7800 block of Jolain Drive
59 across which were constructed stormwater improvements to cure a long-standing problem in that area. Each of the
60 property owners will accept these Easement Agreements and this Ordinance will authorize the Agreements to be
61 signed and accepted by the City, as well as accepting the improvements as public improvements which the City will
62 maintain.

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64 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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66 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis (7)
67 NAY: (0)
68 ABSENT: (0)
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70 **NEW LEGISLATION**

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72 **A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Fiscal Year 2020 Between the City and The**
73 **Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District**

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

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77 Mr. Cappel moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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79 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if adopted, would
80 approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District relative to
81 House Bill 26 funds in the amount of \$200,000 for Fiscal Year 2020. The City of Montgomery was approved in
82 2017 in the amount of \$250,000 for costs associated with design/engineering of the Montgomery Road at Ronald
83 Reagan Interchange Improvement Project and another \$250,000 in 2018 for costs associated with right-of-way
84 acquisition and construction of the Montgomery Road at Ronald Reagan Interchange Improvement Project. The
85 Intergovernmental Agreement establishes the City of Montgomery and Hamilton County Transportation
86 Improvement District as Co-Administrators for work associated with approved House Bill 26 reimbursable funds
87 of the Montgomery Road at Ronald Reagan Interchange Improvement Project as authorized under Ohio law.

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89 Mayor Dobrozsi stated that he would abstain from the vote for this legislation due to any possible conflicts in past,
90 present, or possible future relationships.

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92 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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94 AYE: Bissmeyer, Harbison, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel (6)
95 NAY: (0)
96 ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi (1)
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98 **A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by The Budget Commission and Authorizing**
99 **the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to The County Auditor**

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

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103 Mr. Suer moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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105 Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would accept
106 the rates and amounts determined by the Hamilton County Budget Commission. As a State of Ohio taxing authority
107 and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, the City is required to adopt an annual tax budget. City Council adopted
108 the Tax Budget on July 17, 2019, and then submitted it to the Hamilton County Auditor for review by that office
109 and the Hamilton County Budget Commission. Those reviews did not generate any questions and the proposed Tax
110 Budget was accepted by the Budget Commission and Auditor. City Council is requested to act to accept the Budget

111 Commission's rates and amounts, which would result in the estimated collections as specified in the City's 2020
112 Tax Budget. This action will then permit the Budget Commission to collect property taxes at the rates established
113 for the upcoming year.

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115 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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117 AYE: Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer (7)
118 NAY: (0)
119 ABSENT: (0)
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121 **An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of**
122 **Montgomery, State of Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020**

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

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126 Mr. Suer moved for passage of the first reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Cappel seconded.

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128 Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, would
129 establish the City's budget for fiscal year 2020. These documents were presented to and reviewed with the Financial
130 Planning Committee of City Council at their September 3 meeting. City Council will conduct its formal review of
131 the 2020 Operating and Capital Budget with Four Year Forecast and 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program, on
132 Wednesday, September 11.

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134 Mayor Dobrozsi explained that he would also abstain from the vote on this piece of legislation as it relates to funding
135 for the development project in an effort to avoid conflicts of any kind.

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137 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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139 AYE: Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison (6)
140 NAY: (0)
141 ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi (1)
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143 **A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Cargill, Inc. for the Purchase of**
144 **De-Icing Rock Salt for the 2019-2020 Season**

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

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148 Mr. Cappel moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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150 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
151 authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cargill, Inc. pursuant to a joint purchasing bid with Hamilton
152 County for 2019-2020 de-icing rock salt. The purchase of de-icing rock salt for the 2019-2020 winter season is
153 included in the City budget in the 261.000.5380 Street Maintenance, 266.000.5380 Permissive MVL Fund and
154 265.000.5380 State Highway Fund. It is requested to purchase 1000 tons at \$89.66 per ton. The total cost for this
155 contract shall not exceed \$89,660.00.

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157 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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159 AYE: Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch (7)
160 NAY: (0)
161 ABSENT: (0)
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163 **A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Service Agreement Governing Phase I of the**
164 **Montgomery Quarter Project**

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Mr. Donnellon explained that after meeting with the City's' Bond Counsel and the Development Team, it was discovered that language in the agreement needed clarification. He asked that City Council consider tabling the vote on the legislation until the October 23 Work Session.

Mr. Margolis moved to table the Resolution until the October 23 Work Session. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Dobrozsi stated to avoid any question of there being a conflict of interest, he will be abstaining from this legislation item, especially with the addition of Neyer Properties, Inc., (NPI). He explained that he has no ownership in NPI or in the LLC associated with the Montgomery Quarter. He explained that he will continue to recuse or abstain from votes associated with the Montgomery Quarter.

Vice Mayor Roesch stated that she would also recuse herself due to the reference to Dinsmore and Shohl and possible professional conflicts.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked Mr. Margolis to handle the reading and voting process for the legislation at the October 23 Work Session.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Riblet gave the following report:

- City Council Work Session is scheduled for October 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Financial Planning Committee will meet on Monday, October 7 at 4:30 p.m. The Law and Safety and Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of October.
- The Public Works Committee will meet on Monday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. The Parks and Recreation and Government Affairs Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of October.
- Gary Heitkamp reports that Remington Road will be closed in Indian Hill to replace a storm culvert beginning October 14. Remington Road will be open to Creekside Drive. It will be closed for 6 to 8 weeks for the repair.
- An amendment to the Street Resurfacing contract with Rack & Ballauer was signed in the amount of \$47,042.79 for costs related to the unforeseen deterioration of Windzag Road during the pavement project.
- A contract with Sundance Systems, Inc., for an initial amount of \$17,357 beginning October 1 to provide software record keeping services for our Police Department. The annual amount after the initial year would be \$6,900.
- On Thursday, October 3 and Friday, October 4 telephone interviews with 17 candidates for the open Service Worker I position are being conducted.
- Initial interviews have been scheduled this month with 10 firefighter/paramedic candidates. This is the first step in the interview and screening process to hire individuals to fill six new full-time Fire Department positions authorized for 2020.
- The City received 24 applications in response to the Finance Specialist job announcement. The applications have been reviewed and eight applicants will be contacted to schedule initial interviews.

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- 217 • The Fall Neighborhood Leaders Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29 at Terwilliger Lodge
218 beginning at 7:00 p.m.
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- 220 • The First Suburbs meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30 beginning at 6:0 p.m. and will be hosted
221 by the Village of Silverton.
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223 Minutes
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225 Mr. Cappel moved to approve the September 18, 2019 Work Session minutes as amended and the September 11,
226 2019 and September 23, 2019 minutes as written. Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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228 Mayor's Court Report
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230 Mayor Dobrozsi reported that the total Mayor's Court collection for the month of September is \$12,630 and asked
231 for a motion to accept the collections.
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233 Mr. Cappel moved to accept the Mayor's Court Report for the month of September. Mr. Margolis seconded. City
234 Council unanimously agreed.
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236 Other Business
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238 There was no other business to discuss.
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240 Mayor Dobrozsi asked if there was any further business to discuss in Public Session. There being none he asked for
241 a motion to adjourn.
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243 Mr. Margolis moved to adjourn. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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245 City Council adjourned at 7:53 p.m.
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Connie Gaylor
Clerk of Council