

City of Montgomery  
City Council Work Session Minutes  
January 23, 2019

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager  
Terry Donnellon, Law Director  
John Crowell, Police Chief  
Gary Heitkamp, Asst. Public Works Director  
Tracy Roblero, Community Development Director  
Katie Smiddy, Finance Director  
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Director  
Paul Wright, Fire Chief  
Faith Lynch, Community Engagement Coordinator  
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Members Present

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

City Council Members Absent

Lynda Roesch, Vice Mayor

City Council convened in Council Chambers for the Work Session at 8:50 p.m. with Mayor Dobrozsi presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that Vice Mayor Roesch had previously notified City Council that she would be on vacation and asked for a motion to excuse her from tonight's meeting.

Mr. Margolis moved to excuse Vice Mayor Roesch's absence. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Suer, Margolis	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Roesch	(1)

**LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION THIS EVENING**

**A Resolution Reaffirming the City of Montgomery's Credit Card Use Policy**

Mayor Dobrozsi asked for a motion to add the legislation to the agenda for consideration this evening.

Mr. Margolis made a motion to add the Resolution Reaffirming the City of Montgomery's Credit Card Use Policy to the agenda. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Dobrozsi assigned the legislation to Mr. Suer.

Mr. Donnellon explained that the State of Ohio passed a new code that required all cities to adopt a credit card use policy. He explained that although the City has had a formal policy in place for many years, this Resolution will reaffirm the policy and comply with the State regulations.

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

Mr. Suer read the Resolution by title and moved for passage.

Mr. Margolis seconded.

Mr. Suer didn't have anything additional to add to Mr. Donnellon's explanation.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Suer, Margolis	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Roesch	(1)

## **ESTABLISHING AN AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

### **Pending Legislation**

#### **An Ordinance Amending Portions of Chapter 97, Parks and Recreational Facilities—(Ms. Roesch-3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that Vice Mayor Roesch would be in attendance at the February 6 Business Session to sponsor the legislation.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Donnellon stated there were none.

### **New Legislation**

#### **A Resolution Authorizing the Hamilton County Ohio Amended and Restated Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement**

Police Chief, John Crowell, explained that, if passed, this Resolution would authorize the Hamilton County, Ohio Amended and Restated Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement. He explained that for many years the City has participated in a Mutual Aid Agreement with other jurisdictions throughout Hamilton County to provide reciprocal police services across jurisdictional lines. He stated this agreement would allow the City to call upon the assistance of other departments as well as granting to our department personnel the same powers, duties, rights and immunities as an employee of our City when they act in a neighboring community. The Hamilton County Police Chief's Association, which administers the contract, will periodically work with legal counsel to update the Agreement. The updated Agreement is then submitted to all participating jurisdictions to be accepted and reaffirmed. This legislation will allow the City to accept the updated Agreement and enhance our shared services in the Hamilton County region.

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Mr. Riblet, City Manager, gave the following report:

- The City Council Business Session is scheduled for February 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Financial Planning and Planning, Zoning, and Landmarks Committees will meet on Monday, February 4 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., respectively. The Law and Safety Committee has cancelled their meeting for the month of February.
- Staff requested a CIC meeting prior to the February 6 Business Session at 6:45 p.m., to hold the annual meeting of Members and Trustees.
- The Park and Recreation and Government Affairs Committees will meet on Monday, February 11 at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., respectively. The Public Works Committee has cancelled their meeting for the month of February.

- Officer Alex Janszen will be completing his training at Shallowcreek Kennels in Pennsylvania with the new K9 "Ricky" this week. We'll be looking at a future date for Alex and Ricky to attend at City Council meeting.
- Thank you to our Public Works Department for handling the winter storms over the past two weekends.
- Public Works reports that they are working with both Symmes Township and Amberley Village to supply salt brine to them temporarily. The City's ability to make the brine onsite is a benefit not only to the City but also to our neighboring partners.
- Mike Davenport and Assistant Chief Vonden Benken were sworn in as Executive Board Members with the Hamilton County Police Association, last week during the annual banquet at the Montgomery Inn. Greg will be the Board's Social Committee Chairman while Mike will be the Honor Guard Administrator for 2019.
- Tomorrow marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of former employee Mike Brown. We continue to stay in contact and support the Brown family at Christmas time each year.
- City Staff and City Council may participate in the Annual Food Drive now through February 14. Our goal once again is 500 items supporting the FreeStore Foodbank. Monetary donations are also accepted and checks payable to the FreeStore Foodbank may be given to Julie Machon. Also, again this year is a competition between teams consisting of City Hall/Public Works and Council Members Bissmeyer, Cappel, Harbison and Margolis versus the Safety Center and Council Members Dobrozsi, Roesch and Suer. Please let Julie Machon know what you donated, and you will be entered into a drawing which will occur at noon on February 1 and February 8.
- The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy session, Montgomery, Our Town, will be held on Thursday, January 24 in City Council Chambers, starting at 5:45 p.m. In this session, participants will explore Montgomery City government structure, and the City's mission and operating philosophy.
- The Community Leadership Forum will be held on Saturday, February 2, starting at 8:15 a.m. We currently have 40 expected guests for this event to be held at the Twin Lakes Davies Center. Rasor Marketing will conduct a presentation on the Branding and Imaging Campaign. Please let Connie know if you plan to attend.
- Mr. Riblet wished Council Member Suer a belated birthday from January 16, 2019.

#### **LAW DIRECTOR REPORT**

There was no report given.

#### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

##### **Mr. Cappel**

Mr. Cappel stated that the following Commission members will have terms expiring on January 31, 2019 and will need to be reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Commission. He explained that these reappointments would require a second by City Council as a motion had not been made at the Committee.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to reappoint:

Laith Alfaqih to the Environmental Advisory Commission for a term expiring on 1/31/2022

Mary Ann Folz to the Environmental Advisory Commission for a term expiring on 1/31/2022

Carol Suer to the Environmental Advisory Commission for a term expiring on 1/31/2022

Mr. Margolis seconded the reappointments. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Cappel reported that the EAC held their monthly Cardboard Recycling day on Saturday, January 19. He stated that the weather this time of year is always a challenge and he thanked the volunteers who manage the event every month.

**Mrs. Bissmeyer**

Mrs. Bissmeyer stated that the following Commission member will have a term expiring on January 31, 2019 and will need to be reappointed to the Civil Service Commission. She explained that this reappointment would require a second by City Council as a motion had not been made at the Committee.

Mrs. Bissmeyer made a motion to reappoint:

Fred Kleiser to the Civil Service Commission for a term expiring on 1/31/2022

Mr. Suer seconded the reappointment. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Bissmeyer stated she attended the Sycamore Advisory Commission meeting where the upcoming levy was discussed. She stated that there would be an information session held on February 15 at Terwilliger Lodge.

**Mrs. Harbison**

Mrs. Harbison reported that at the Government Affairs Committee meeting there were items declared as surplus from the Community Information Services department and that these items would be placed on GovDeals.com for auction. She also stated that the Committee made their final reviews of the Rules of Council which has been reviewed by the Law Director and is at their seats tonight. She asked that everyone review and return to Ms. Gaylor by February 5.

Mrs. Harbison also reported that the Sister Cities Commission would be hosting the Dinner Around the World program to be held on February 10 at Terwilliger Lodge and it is at capacity at this time not included staff and the Mayor.

Mrs. Harbison reported that Tammy Bennett made a presentation at the Diversity and Inclusion meeting held on January 22 on the topic of Implicit Bias. She stated that it was a very informative session and that Ms. Bennett is scheduled to present this material to City Council on Tuesday, February 26 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Harbison reminded everyone of the First Suburbs meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 29 at Silverton City Hall. The key note speaker is Joy Pierson, Hamilton County Community Development Administrator.

**Mr. Suer**

Mr. Suer stated that the following Commission members will have a term expiring on January 31, 2019 and will need to be reappointed to the Board of Tax Review. He explained that these reappointments would require a second by City Council as a motion had not been made at the Committee.

Mr. Suer made a motion to reappoint:

Gary Blomberg to the Board of Tax Review for a term ending 1/31/2021

Chris Skufca to the Board of Tax Review for a term ending 1/31/2021

Ed Steinebrey to the Board of Tax Review for a term ending 1/31/2021

Mr. Cappel seconded the reappointments. City Council unanimously agreed.

**Mr. Margolis**

Mr. Margolis stated that the following Commission members will have a term expiring on January 31, 2019 and will need to be reappointed to the Landmarks Commission and Planning Commission. He explained that these reappointments would require a second by City Council as a motion had not been made at the Committee.

Mr. Margolis made a motion to reappoint:

David Clark to the Landmarks Commission for a term ending 1/31/2022

Jane Garfield to the Landmarks Commission for a term ending 1/31/2022

Mark Stella to the Landmarks Commission for a term ending 1/31/2022

James Matre to the Planning Commission for a term ending 1/31/2023

Barbara Steinebrey to the Planning Commission for a term ending 1/31/2023

Mr. Cappel seconded the reappointments. City Council unanimously agreed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Dobrozsi requested a motion to approve the January 2, 2019 Business Session minutes.

Mr. Margolis moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to report.

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 9:11 p.m.



Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council