

City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session
February 6, 2019

Present

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

City Council Members

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

Council Members Absent

Lee Ann Bissmeyer

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 excuse Mrs. Bissmeyer as she was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Margolis moved to approve Mrs. Bissmeyer's absence. Mr. Cappel seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Vice Mayor Roesch presented Pete Teitelman with a Certificate of Appreciation in honor of his retirement from the Parks and Recreation Commission. City Council thanked Mr. Teitelman for his many years of service and volunteerism in the City.

GUESTS AND RESIDENTS

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman addressed City Council regarding a program that he seen in the Montgomery Bulletin regarding a Step into Fall Prevention class being conducted at the Safety Center by TriHealth. Mr. Silverman shared his concerns of the small number of handicap spots available at the Safety Center in anticipation of the number of participants who may qualify to use them. He stated that according to ADA guidelines, a driver is allowed to take up two parking spaces if needed and wanted to make staff and City Council aware of that.

Mr. Riblet thanked Mr. Silverman for his comments and explained that all City facility parking lots are included in a facility study that is currently underway. He stated that staff would review the recommendations from this report once it is received.

Albert Christie, 7815 Pfeiffer Road- Mr. Christie addressed City Council regarding snow removal of public sidewalks within the city. He stated that he recalled when past administration considered this service to the residents. He stated that the City prides itself for its accessibility by walkability, yet this is a key problem during adverse conditions. He stated that during the winter snow events that residents are forced to walk through snow on the sidewalks and that the snowplowing makes this more dangerous. Mr. Christie suggested that the City look into purchasing a four-wheel drive tractor with a snow blower, salt spreader, and a soft cab that staff could use to plow

the sidewalks. He stated that he looked into the pricing and that he estimated a tractor could be purchased for approximately \$9,000. He stated that he felt that staff could plow the sidewalks within two eight-hour shifts. He estimated there are 30 miles of sidewalks within the City.

Mayor Dobrozsi thanked Mr. Christie for his comments and suggestion and stated that staff would take his request in consideration.

LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION TONIGHT

PENDING LEGISLATION

An Ordinance Amending Portions of Chapter 97, Parks and Recreational Facilities

Ms. Roesch read the title and moved for passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

Ms. Roesch stated that information has been supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, would resolve inconsistencies in Chapter 97 of our Municipal Code concerning the authority to establish rules and regulations governing the City parks and recreation activities. Rulemaking authority will rest with City Council; however, recommendations for any changes may be made by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Council's own Parks and Recreation Committee. Updating this Ordinance will give the City more flexibility in establishing rules and modifying rules as circumstances require.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked City Council if this Ordinance would enable Montgomery to ensure the safety of children in sand with lit cigarettes.

Mr. Donnellon explained that the amendment of this Ordinance was to correct language that gave the Parks and Recreation Commission power to approve park rules without City Council's permission. Mr. Donnellon clarified that the Parks and Recreation serves in an advisory role and can make recommendations to City Council regarding park issues, however the ultimate authority falls to City Council for approval.

Ms. Roesch asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Donnellon stated there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

NEW LEGISLATION

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

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

Mrs. Harbison read the title and moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Cappel seconded.

Mrs. Harbison stated that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if passed, would authorize the Hamilton County, Ohio Amended and Restated Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement. 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. 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.

Mrs. Harbison asked if there were any updates.

Chief Crowell replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel (6)

NAY: (0)

ABSENT: Bissmeyer (1)

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Riblet gave the following report:

- City Council Work Session is scheduled for February 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Parks and Recreation and Government Affairs Committees of Council 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.
- Tracy Roblero, Gary Heitkamp, Melissa Hays and Nick Miller along with CT Consultants met with representatives from Robert Lucke Homes and SiteWORX for a pre-construction meeting for the Villas of Montgomery along Montgomery Road. The team discussed the City's expectations during construction, which is anticipated to begin as soon as the weather allows.
- A contract was signed with the Masonic Lodge. The agreement will run through the end of 2023 and the 5-year total is \$21,000 (\$4,200 annually).
- A contract was signed with Dunrobin for right of way acquisition services in the amount of \$35,200.
- The first round of interviews for the assistant city manager position will be conducted next week.
- The deadline for patrol officer applications is February 13.
- The deadline for the customer service representative position at City Hall applications is February 15.
- The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy will convene on Thursday, February 7, at Sycamore High School. The program starts at 6:00 p.m. Attendees should enter through the main doors and meet the class participants and staff members in the commons area. The following MCLA session will be hosted by Bethesda North Hospital on Tuesday, February 12, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Golder Conference Room.
- Over 50 residents (not including Commissioner Members and their families) have registered to attend Dinner Around the World, sponsored by the Montgomery Sister Cities Commission. The event will be held at Terwilliger Lodge this Sunday, February 10 at 5:00 p.m. There will be a French cooking demonstration by Chef Frédéric Maniet, and origami demonstration by Toshi Miller, and a violinist and cellist to play music during dinner.

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

Minutes

Mr. Margolis moved to approve the January 23 Special Session, Public Hearing, and Work Session minutes as written. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor's Court Report

Mayor Dobrozsi reported that the total Mayor's Court collection for the month of January is \$10,465.

Mr. Cappel moved to accept the Mayor's Court Report for the month of January. Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Other Business

Mr. Margolis reported that he attended a Hamilton County Emergency Management Association Meeting at which time Commissioner Todd Portune discussed the progress of roundabouts within the region.

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that as Mr. Riblet had requested an Executive Session and asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider confidential information relative to an applicant for economic development assistance.

Mr. Cappel motioned to adjourn into Executive Session to consider confidential information relative to an applicant for economic development assistance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

City Council reconvened into Public Session at 7:50 p.m.

Mrs. Harbison stated that as directed by the Government Affairs Committee, Management Partners would be attending the March 11 Government Affairs Committee meeting to discuss the City Manager evaluation process and that she had confirmed with Mr. Donnellon that the Committee could adjourn into an Executive Session to discuss matters related to personnel. She stated that Management Partners would also attend a future Council meeting to present their summary to the full City Council.


Mayor Dobrozsi reported that he would be out of town from Wednesday, February 27 through Sunday, March 3. He stated that Vice Mayor Roesch would be Acting Mayor during this time.

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

City Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Connie Gaylor
Clerk of Council