

City of Montgomery
City Council Work Session Minutes
December 18, 2019

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
John Crowell, Police Chief
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Tracy Roblero, Asst. City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.
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
Shawn Cooper, Customer Service Representative

City Council Members Present

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

City Council Members Absent

Craig Margolis, Vice Mayor

City Council convened in Council Chambers for the Work Session at 6:50 p.m. with Mayor Dobrozsi presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dobrozsi conveyed that Vice Mayor Margolis previously notified City Council he would be unable to attend and asked for a motion to excuse him from the meeting.

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

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chief Crowell formally introduced Amy Smith, Police Department Clerk, to City Council and welcomed her to the team. Amy joined the City of Montgomery in April 2019 and came from the City of Sharonville. She was also formerly with the Cincinnati Police Department. City Council members welcomed her aboard.

Assistant Chief Vonden Benken introduced Katy Tolle and Becca Meacham as the newest Patrol Officers in the Police Department. Officer Tolle is an Ohio State University graduate and previously worked with the City of Blue Ash Police Department for 4.5 years. Officer Tolle thanked the City of Montgomery for selecting her.

Officer Meacham obtained her degree from the University of Cincinnati and came to the City from Hamilton County Corrections. Officer Meacham thanked everyone for the opportunity and expressed her happiness in joining the team.

Mr. Riblet performed the Swearing-in Ceremony for Officer Tolle and Officer Meacham. City Council members each expressed their gratitude for the officers' service offered their support and welcomed them to the City. Mayor Dobrozsi thanked them and expressed his gratitude for what they do for our community and welcomed them to the City.

Mr. Riblet welcomed them to the family and thanked them for what they do daily. He also stated, with these new hires, our Police Department is fully staffed for the first time in two years and it's the best it's ever been.

Ms. Roesch presented the 2019 Fall Seasons of Beauty Award on behalf of the Beautification and Tree Commission to Clinton and Diana Studt of 10395 Southwind Drive. She also thanked the commission members for their hard

work in selecting the winner. Mr. and Mrs. Studt expressed their gratitude for being chosen and thanked everyone on City Council for their hard work in keeping our community beautiful.

GUESTS & RESIDENTS

John Molander, 9905 Tollgate Ln - Mr. Molander presented City Council with a talk sheet regarding his concerns with the Roundabout design and possible traffic problems and dangers. Mr. Molander feels the current design will create more traffic problems. He also feels the design is complex and dangerous and gave examples from Dublin, Ohio on a similar design. Mr. Molander then proposed several recommendations to make sure the Roundabout is a success, such as slowing the traffic speed, moving the pedestrian walkway further back, keeping monuments and plants less than 2ft high, lots of signage and lighting and to contact Google to update their mapping systems.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Dr - Mr. Silverman expressed his discontent with City Council that the previous speaker went 11 minutes. He asked why the previous speaker could continue beyond the allotted time limit set in the Rules established and attached to the front of the agenda. He said if that would have been him, the Chief would have stood up. He would like to know the circumstances before he puts something in writing to Mr. Riblet and Mr. Donnellon as to why the previous speaker was allowed to speak for 11 minutes. He was also concerned the previous speaker approached each of the City Council members. As he understood from the Chief of Police previously it sets a precedence for future speakers. He said this is not allowed and thought someone could be charged with a misdemeanor if they moved forward from the podium. He stated he wants to understand, before he protests, why this was allowed.

Mayor Dobrozsi thanked Mr. Silverman for his comments.

LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION TONIGHT

An Ordinance Revoking Any Rule, Regulation, Resolution, Practice or Other Action Enacted by the City of Montgomery in Conflict with R.C. § 9.68 and Declare an Emergency

Mr. Donnellon gave background behind the need for passing the Ordinance by Emergency. He also said he corrected the title of the Ordinance to include Emergency language. He explained the State of Ohio, through the General Assembly, has mandated uniformity of licensing of carrying a firearm. He also explained if we didn't comply with the uniformity by December 23, we could expose ourselves to liability, not just with Ordinances that are passed, but also rules and regulations and policies we may have. He explained the Ordinance will revoke Chapter 137 of the City's Code.

Mrs. Bissmeyer moved to read the Ordinance by title only. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Bissmeyer moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings. Mr. Cappel seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

Mrs. Bissmeyer read the title and moved for passage as an Emergency. Mr. Cappel seconded.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Dr - Mr. Silverman asked if an animal, such as a coyote, is shot by a property owner in their yard, is it against the law. He stated a Hamilton County Sherriff said it wasn't against the law because of the type of animal it was. He then asked what would happen if a person is hit not the animal.

Mr. Donnellon explained that it is against the law to discharge a firearm within the city limits, as is hunting. The City does not specify animals as an exception. He stated our Police Department are not out actively looking for people hunting coyotes, but he does not recommend anyone to take the shooting of a coyote into their own hands.

Mrs. Harbison asked if townships have different rules and Mr. Donnellon confirmed that townships have different laws than cities.

Mr. Silverman asked about the use of a bow and arrow to hunt deer within city limits.

Mr. Donnellon explained that it is against the law to hunt within city limits except on private property around the Gates of Heaven cemetery property.

Dave Daniels, 9718 Ross Ave - Mr. Daniels asked what the circumstances were that require passing the Ordinance as an emergency. He stated that hearing this for the first time, it seems the State pulled a fast one.

Mrs. Bissmeyer explained that Mr. Donnellon discovered this legislation slipped into to another piece of legislation and wanted to mitigate our liability as soon as possible.

Mr. Donnellon stated the State passed the Bill almost 90 days ago. He clarified it was added at the last minute as an amendment and not published ahead of time. He explained most communities just found out about it a couple weeks ago. Mr. Donnellon further explained that after December 23, just having the law on our books, we could be charged civilly and be forced to pay damages, even if we aren't enforcing it.

Mayor Dobrozsi thanked Mr. Daniels for his questions and comments.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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, 2019

Mr. Cappel made a motion to add to the Agenda. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Dobrozsi assigned the legislation to Mr. Suer.

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

Mr. Suer moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings. Mr. Cappel seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

Mr. Suer read the title and moved for passage. Mr. Cappel seconded.

Mr. Suer explained the Ordinance, if approved, will amend appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. The year-end supplemental appropriations are

necessary to reconcile line items which had expenditures exceed budget for various reasons and need additional appropriations or are required to be reduced by law.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked Mrs. Smiddy, Finance Director, if there are any updates to what has been previously submitted. Mrs. Smiddy confirmed there were no updates.

Mayor Dobrozsi reminded everyone that although he has no ownership interest in Neyer Properties, Inc. nor any in the limited liability companies in partnership to develop the Montgomery Quarter, he will continue to recuse himself from discussion and abstain from voting upon legislation related to the Montgomery Quarter project.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Roesch, Suer	(5)
NAY:	(0)
ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi	(1)
ABSENT: Margolis	(1)

ESTABLISHING AN AGENDA FOR JANUARY 8, 2020

PENDING LEGISLATION

There is no pending legislation.

NEW LEGISLATION

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Prime AE, Inc. for Professional Services Related to Construction Management Services for the Montgomery Road/Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway Intersection Modification Project

Mayor Dobrozsi assigned this legislation to Mr. Cappel.

Mr. Heitkamp explained this Resolution, if approved, would authorize the City Manager to enter into a "Time and Expense (T&E), Not to Exceed" contract with Prime AE to provide construction engineering and inspection services for the HAM- SR126/US22-20.00/13.19 Montgomery Road and Cross County Highway Multi-Lane Roundabout Project. The maximum *Not to Exceed* amount is \$484,138.57, which equates to 6.5% of the John R. Jurgensen Company construction contract approved by City Council at the October 23, Council Work Session. The construction engineering and inspection services qualify for the Federal Grant approved by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) covering 70% of the cost. Thus, the City's remaining portion of the maximum *Not to Exceed* amount would be \$145,371.17, or 30%. Mr. Heitkamp explained they used ODOT's process to select the consultants. 7 companies submitted, they narrowed them down to three consultants and then Prime AE, Inc. was chosen.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Dr. - Mr. Silverman stated the Roundabout project has been discussed with residents and the public for almost two years and he feels the City has done a great job. Mr. Silverman then stated he is confused on what the previous speaker was talking about.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked if he was confused about what Mr. Molander presented; Mr. Silverman replied yes.

Mr. Silverman asked for clarification to what Mr. Molander's concerns were. Mr. Riblet explained Mr. Molander had brought up several concerns, all of which have been discussed with the design team, engineers, ODOT, etc., over the past couple years. Mr. Riblet went on to say he didn't feel there were any new concerns regarding the comments or recommendations Mr. Molander spoke of that the City hasn't already addressed or are in the process of addressing as they move through the project. Mr. Riblet expressed he is confident in the direction the project is moving but he is always willing to entertain comments and ideas.

Mayor Dobrozsi thanked Mr. Silverman for his questions.

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Reaffirm the City's Contract with National Inspection Corporation for Professional Services to Serve as Building Official and to Provide Plan Review and Field Inspection Authority and Services for the City's Building Department for the Calendar Year 2020

Mayor Dobrozsi assigned this legislation to Vice Mayor Margolis.

Ms. Roblero explained this Resolution, if approved, would authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with National Inspection Corporation for professional services to serve as Building Official and to provide plan review and field inspection authority and services for the City's Building Department for the calendar year 2020. The City has contracted for approximately 17 years with National Inspection Corporation to these services for the City's Building Department and the City continues to be very satisfied with their ability to perform each of these duties. She added there have been no changes to their contract.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Dr. - Mr. Silverman asked Ms. Roblero if National Inspection Corporation did the grading inspections for new homes.

Ms. Roblero replied that they did not. CT Consultants, which is the next item on the agenda, performs those inspections.

Mr. Silverman stated he will wait to ask his question until that agenda item.

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with CT Consultants, Inc. for Professional Services Related to General Engineering and Architectural Services for Calendar Year 2020

Mayor Dobrozsi assigned this legislation to Mr. Cappel.

Mr. Heitkamp explained this Resolution, if approved, would authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with CT Consultants, Inc. for professional engineering and architectural services for calendar year 2020. The City has contracted for approximately 27 years with CT Consultants to provide civil, traffic, structural, electrical and storm water engineering services. CT Consultants has provided a competitive fee structure for 2020 including slight hourly rate increases of 3% for engineering services. As was provided in previous years, CT Consultants has deleted the line item for billing of the "Principal" from the fee schedule. If for any reason the Principal Engineer provides engineering services during the contract year for development/design review or project design/review, that work would be billed at the hourly rate of a "Senior Manager". Funding for this professional services contract is included in the City's 2020 Operating Budget in both the Public Works and Community Development operating budgets.

Mr. Cappel asked Mr. Heitkamp if a 3% increase was standard in engineering services.

Mr. Heitkamp replied he wasn't aware of a standard, but the 3% seems to be a reasonable rate.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Dr. - Mr. Silverman asked if this is the company that would review the grading for all the tear downs and new construction.

Ms. Roblero explained CT Consultants reviews all the grading plans, as well as as-builts. Ms. Roblero stated that Nick Miller, Construction and Compliance Inspector for the City, does all of these inspections during construction.

Mr. Silverman then asked what the City of Montgomery's Code is when it comes to the amount of space required between the ground and the brick level to prevent termite infestations.

Ms. Roblero replied to Mr. Silverman that the Code does not state a specific distance but does state the ground must slope away from the foundation to provide for proper drainage. The City does have a code regarding tear downs; the new foundation can only be 12" above the previous foundation. Ms. Roblero expressed the City's concern is primarily with the drainage of the property, not termites.

Mayor Dobrozsi thanked Mr. Silverman for his questions.

A Resolution Amending and Extending Resolution No. 31, 2019 Authorizing a Continuing Reimbursement Agreement to Purchase Certain Design and Engineering Services for the Development of the Montgomery Quarter Project

Mayor Dobrozsi assigned this legislation to Mr. Suer.

Mr. Riblet explained this Resolution, if approved, would authorize an agreement not to exceed \$200,000 to purchase certain design and engineering services for the development of the Montgomery Quarter project which currently includes \$50,302.60 due to McGill Smith Punshon, Inc. (MSP) and \$76,000 due to MKSK Studios (MKSK) and will provide for additional design and engineering services in the near future until at which time a Construction Manager at Risk contract is executed. Funds would be drawn from the Downtown Improvement Fund 480.000.5365. These costs will qualify as reimbursable expenditures associated with the Montgomery Quarter project and will be recovered through the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) agreement structured for the development.

Mayor Dobrozsi reminded everyone that although he has no ownership interest in Neyer Properties, Inc. nor any in the limited liability companies in partnership to develop the Montgomery Quarter, he will continue to recuse himself from discussion and abstain from voting upon legislation related to the Montgomery Quarter project.

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 13, 2019 Authorizing A Development Agreement for The Development of The Montgomery Quarter Project

Mayor Dobrozsi assigned this legislation to Vice Mayor Margolis.

Mr. Donnellon explained this Ordinance, if approved, amends Ordinance 13, 2019 through which Council approved a Development Agreement with Gateway Partners Montgomery, LLC. While finetuning the financial model, it was determined that additional funds should be borrowed, fully supported by the Service Agreement, to be able to meet the cost of the expected garage improvements. It was also determined that it is a better option for the success of the project to allow the Developer to contract with the Port Authority of Greater Cincinnati, Ohio to manage construction and later the ownership, operation and maintenance of these public garage facilities. It is important to note in a separate agreement with The Port it was agreed that the garages will remain available to the Montgomery public at no cost during weeknights, weekends, federal holidays and other special events by agreement of the parties.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Dr. - Mr. Silverman asked if prior to the Port Authority getting involved, was there going to be a parking fee.

Mr. Donnellon explained, after long discussions with the developers, it was agreed that they were going to manage and maintain the garage for us. He stated they wanted some sort of mechanism to recover some of that expense. So, the City agreed to work with them to allow them to budget a certain amount and to recover that amount thru hotel users or maybe office tenants, etc. The City insisted there be a free component of a public garage. He explained the Port will present a budget every year that the City will review. The Port will be depositing the funds to the City and staff will be disbursing the funds to make sure it is not a profit center and truly a recovery of funds.

Mr. Silverman asked if it will be required to take a ticket when entering the garage and then pay a fee when leaving.

Mr. Donnellon replied currently it is not clear how the Port will structure the fees. He stated the biggest concern of the City is on week nights and weekends, during the busiest times, that the parking be free.

Mr. Silverman then asked, prior to this, was the City of Montgomery getting any money from the garage.

Mr. Donnellon responded that we would not.

Mr. Silverman asked if The Port would now be making a profit from parking.

Mr. Donnellon explained that any fee charged will be based on a budget to maintain the garage. He stated this is not a for profit center and that is why the City will be involved during budgeting and more importantly when disbursing funds.

Mayor Dobrozsi thanked Mr. Silverman.

Dave Daniels, 9718 Ross Ave. - Mr. Daniels asked what The Port brings to the party. He said the Port Authority is obviously taking on a role. He stated he wants to understand what they are going to do and asked who was going to manage this prior to them. He also stated that we mentioned The Port getting involved is not going to cost the City any money. He asked if it was safe to assume The Port gets compensated otherwise by some other party.

Mr. Donnellon explained, in the big picture, this could overall save the City of Montgomery money because the City will not be managing the construction of the garage. The City will not need to use staff's time internally or need to hire anyone additional to manage the construction of the garage. He explained The Port will manage the construction in conjunction with the contractor. There are certain savings The Port can achieve as the building authority relative to prevailing wage that the City cannot because of Statute. The Ohio law recognizes The Port as a unique animal, so there is a slight savings overall in the construction of the garage. The City can reap the rewards of that because the amount we borrow can be less, the TIF will be more and the City will have access to those funds – big picture down the road. He stated the City was always concerned about the fees to the Port and we did not want to incur that fee. They will have a fee structure with the developer to recover just the management of the garage. Again, this will be through that same budget. The Port could possibly play a role with a private developer - relative to cost savings and how they can borrow to build private improvements.

Mr. Daniels asked if their basic role is oversight of the construction.

Mr. Donnellon replied their role is oversight and then operation and maintenance. He stated they can off load the maintenance side of it with a contract to the developer and then 40 years from now, it would be easier for them to sell the garage if they wanted to. Whereas, the City of Montgomery would have a more difficult time.

Mr. Daniels asked if the role that they are taking on was formerly going to be done by the City.

Mr. Donnellon replied he was correct.

Mr. Daniels asked if that was going to be done with existing personnel or was the plan to bring on additional employees.

Mr. Riblet explained that similar to other contracts, the City would have had to hire an outside firm to oversee the construction and then management of the garage. This would have been costly for the City to take on. The Port will step in and take on that role.

Mayor Dobrozsi thanked Mr. Daniels.

Mayor Dobrozsi reminded everyone that although he has no ownership interest in Neyer Properties, Inc. nor any in the limited liability companies in partnership to develop the Montgomery Quarter, he will continue to recuse himself from discussion and abstain from voting upon legislation related to the Montgomery Quarter project.

A Resolution Approving a Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Montgomery, Ohio, The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, and Gateway Partners Montgomery, LLC

Mayor Dobrozsi assigned this legislation to Vice Mayor Margolis.

Mr. Donnellon stated this is a follow up to the previous legislation. He explained this Resolution, if approved, would authorize a Cooperative Agreement between the City, The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority and Gateway Partners Montgomery, LLC to construct, own and manage the Public Parking Facilities planned for Stage 1 of the Montgomery Quarter project. He explained that involving The Port provides a benefit not only to the Development Team, but to the City. The Agreement provides the Port will keep the facilities open for public use, particularly use at no additional charge during weeknights, weekends, federal holidays and special events. The City will continue to play a role in overseeing construction and the operation of the garages. The Developer will pay any required fees to the Port and involving The Port will not increase our borrowing costs. The Port will need to own the underlying pad, the land. But we are recovering the same amount of money in the entire project. He stated that the developer was told that even though we are carving out that portion, the Port will have it at no additional cost and the Developer still had to pay their 2.1 million for the rest of the property. He stated the City did not have to sacrifice anything by bringing The Port in that they need to do that for tax exempt purposes. We will own the property above the garage, the air rights and the parcels that we are selling for the development of the buildings and use of the public plaza.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Dr. - Mr. Silverman asked if the Port Authority of Cincinnati was an agent of the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, or a private agency.

Mr. Donnellon answered they are a private agency. He explained it is a development port authority allowed by statute that communities can designate as their economic arm for development. Their budget is supported by both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Mr. Silverman asked if the City of Montgomery's budget was supported by both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Mr. Donnellon explained that monies from both the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County support this entire region. He explained typically you see the Port Authority down in the City of Cincinnati and recently, also in the City of Blue Ash.

Mayor Dobrozsi thanked Mr. Silverman.

Mayor Dobrozsi reminded everyone that although he has no ownership interest in Neyer Properties, Inc. nor any in the limited liability companies in partnership to develop the Montgomery Quarter, he will continue to recuse himself from discussion and abstain from voting upon legislation related to the Montgomery Quarter project.

Mayor Dobrozsi pointed out that legislation was placed at each of the City Council seats from Mr. Terry Donnellon to be added to the agenda for January 8, 2020.

A Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Agreement with Traditions Development Group, LLC to Acquire Certain Real Property within the Vintage Club Development

Mr. Donnellon gave background information leading up to this piece of legislation. He explained this Resolution, if approved, would authorize an agreement with Traditions Development Group, LLC. This legislation is the last piece of the puzzle for Vintage Club-North to acquire the remainder of the public parking field which has been constructed and completed by Traditions under contract with the City. This last purchase was deferred until the parking field was completed, at which time it will be dedicated and accepted by the City to allow appropriate ingress and egress across the parking field extinguishing all prior easements.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to add the Resolution to the January 8 Business Session agenda. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Dobrozsi assigned this legislation to Mr. Suer.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

The City Council Business Session is scheduled for January 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee will meet Monday, January 6 at 5:30 p.m. The Law and Safety and Financial Planning Committees have cancelled their meetings for January.

The Public Works Committee will meet Monday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m. The Parks and Recreation and Government Affairs Committees have cancelled their meetings for January.

Breakfast with Santa was held Saturday, December 14 with 185 people attending. \$575 was raised for the Holiday Family Fund. Matthew 25 Ministries will also benefit from the event by receiving a large amount of donated food items. A special thanks to Santa Paul Payne for his abundant energy during the event and to all the staff who contributed to this successful event.

60 people attended the Holiday Live at the Uni performance by the Cincinnati Christmas Carolers on Sunday, December 15 at Universalist Church. The Holiday Live at the Uni concert was presented by the Montgomery Arts Commission and generously sponsored by Mayor Dobrozsi and his wife Michelle.

On Thursday, December 19 a meeting will be held with Chad Shaffer of Duke Energy, our new governmental representative. We anticipate we'll continue to have a great working relationship as they have always been very responsive to our needs.

An agreement was signed with RESLV in the amount of \$39,999 to include a variety of services beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. Staff has been impressed with their work in 2019 and we were able to negotiate a 4-year contract for less than we have appropriated in our 2020 budget.

As a reminder, City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Also, in observance of New Year's Day, City offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

Mr. Riblet wished a Happy Birthday to Matthew Vanderhorst (12/15) and Mike Cappel (12/30).

Mr. Riblet congratulated and recognized Connie Gaylor for graduating from NKU.

Mr. Riblet thanked staff and City Council for an incredible 2019 and wished everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Donnellon wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy New Year.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Cappel

Mr. Cappel reminded everyone of the cardboard recycling event along with the Christmas light recycling event coming up this weekend. He stated this month's Adopt A Spot cleanup along Pfeiffer Road yielded 7 or 8 bags of litter.

Mr. Cappel reported there are three people interested in joining the Environmental Advisory Commission and the Public Works Committee will be conducting interviews soon.

Mrs. Bissmeyer

Mrs. Bissmeyer thanked staff for all the extra hours put in lately for the different Holiday Events. She also thanked Mayor Dobrozsi and his wife for keeping Live at the Uni afloat.

Mrs. Bissmeyer attended the Sycamore Advisory Board Committee meeting on December 16. She reported that Sycamore School Board member, Mrs. Adamec resigned, so Sycamore Schools are currently looking for her replacement. She explained this year, the School Board is currently working on 5 projects for the upcoming year: service opportunities for current students, private transportation options for special needs students, feedback for Sycamore schools from graduates, Public School Education Foundations and engaging the 70%. Over the course of the year, they will be researching and presenting ideas for these projects.

Mrs. Harbison

Mrs. Harbison reported the Government Affairs Committee has compiled a list of possible street names for the Montgomery Quarter, of which have been distributed to City Council this evening. She asked City Council to submit back to Mr. Riblet and Ms. Roblero each person's top 4 names within a couple weeks.

Mrs. Harbison reported that the Community Leadership Forum will take place on February 8 with a new format. She explained in aiming to keep the meeting precise, the meeting will be from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and no food will be provided. She stated Chief Wright, with the Montgomery Fire Department, and Frank Forsthoefel, Superintendent of Sycamore Schools, will both present information regarding their respective levies since their passage. She stated that Carol Gorley will present on the Buy Local Campaign from the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Harbison reported the Arts Commission will host the Improv at the Uni on February 7 at 7:00 p.m. The Photo Contest is scheduled for April 4 and 5. The Commission will hold a strategic planning retreat soon.

Mrs. Harbison reported Sister Cities Commission did not meet in December.

Mrs. Harbison reported First Suburbs had a strategic planning meeting with Nancy Nolan as facilitator. The first general membership meeting will be held January 29 with Pete Metz presenting.

Mrs. Harbison reported the owner of Apollo Homes contacted her to rave about Julie Machon. She explained they are looking for sponsorship opportunities and are interested in sponsoring Bastille Day this year.

Mrs. Harbison reported a member of the Sister Cities Commission commented how impressed they were with Mr. Riblet for meeting with GE Credit Union and the relationship building that was promoted.

Mrs. Harbison reported an issue with Simple Recycling not picking up her items. She asked Mr. Cappel if the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) have had any discussions regarding Simple Recycling. Mr. Cappel commented no changes have been made with the contract.

Ms. Roesch

Ms. Roesch reported the Government Affairs Committee met on December 9 and is recommending the following re-appointments:

- Shirley Freedman and Darla Hall to the Beautification and Tree Commission for a term ending 1/31/2023
- Tammy Moore and Ben Linser to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 1/31/2023

City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Suer

Mr. Suer thanked the Beautification and Tree Commission for their work selecting the Fall Seasons of Beauty award winners.

Mr. Suer wished everyone a good and safe Holiday Season.

Mayor Dobrozsi

Mayor Dobrozsi wished everyone a happy holiday and great 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Dobrozsi asked for a motion to approve the December 4 Organizational and Business Session minutes. Mr. Cappel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

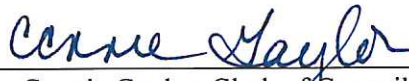
OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Riblet reported Friday, December 6, the City of Beavercreek presented the City of Montgomery with a Proclamation and signed photo for our involvement with the cleanup after the Memorial Day tornado that struck their area and presented the Public Works staff with their City Challenge Coin.

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. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

City Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council