1 2 3 4	City of Montgomery City Council Work Session Mine August 21, 2019	utes
5	Present	City Council Members Present
6	Brian Riblet, City Manager	Chris Dobrozsi, Mayor
7	Terry Donnellon, Law Director	Lynda Roesch, Vice Mayor
8	John Crowell, Police Chief	Lee Ann Bissmeyer
9	Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director	Mike Cappel
10	Tracy Roblero, Asst. City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.	Gerri Harbison
11	Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Director	Craig Margolis
12	Paul Wright, Fire Chief	Ken Suer
13	Faith Lynch, Community Engagement Coordinator	
14	Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council	
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16 17	City Council convened in Council Chambers for the Work Session at 7:	00 p.m. 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.

GUESTS AND RESIDENTS

Chief Wright explained to City Council that as a result of the passage of the Fire Levy in 2018, the department held testing of internal candidates for a promotional process. He stated that as a result of testing and a retirement, the following new staff members were hired as fulltime employees. Chief Wright introduced Chris Ross, Mike Young, Jeff Ashpaw, Allison Miller-Bultman, Mike Henderson, Jason Quinn, Brian Brownfield and Jason Brice.

City Council congratulated all staff and thanked them for their commitment and service to the City and community.

ESTABLISHING AN AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Pending Legislation

An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Montgomery And the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners Relative to The Improvement of Montgomery Road

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that this would be the third reading of the Ordinance and asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Riblet stated there were none.

Mr. Cappel explained that if approved, this Ordinance would authorize an agreement between the City of Montgomery and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners for Municipal Road Funds (MRF) to the City of Montgomery in the amount of \$300,000 to assist with construction costs associated with repaving and storm water modifications to portions of Montgomery Road associated with the Roundabout Project.

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

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that this would be the second reading of the Ordinance and asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Donnellon stated that there were none. Mr. Donnellon explained that, if approved, this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to accept various Easement Agreements for properties in the 7800 block of Jolain Drive across which were constructed stormwater improvements to cure a long-standing problem in that area. Each of the property owners will accept these Easement Agreements and this Ordinance will authorize the Agreements to be

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signed and accepted by the City, as well as accepting the improvements as public improvements which the City will maintain.

New Legislation

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that the next three pieces of legislation are in relation to the health care benefits provided to the employees and invited a representative from the Health Care Benefits Committee to provide background on the following pieces of legislation:

A Resolution Establishing City Contributions for Health Care Benefits

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Humana Health Plan of Ohio, Inc. To Provide Medical Coverage for Full-Time Employees

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Dental Care Plus, Inc. to provide dental insurance coverage for Full-Time Employees

Patrick Morgan with the Health Care Benefits Committee spoke on behalf of the Committee regarding the annual quote for health care benefits. He introduced his fellow Committee members: Julie Prickett, Scott Schulte, TJ Shreve and Katie Smiddy. He added that Sharon Savitt attended the Committee meetings and provided valuable resource information. Mr. Morgan explained that this year the City received a 9% rate increase proposal from the current carrier, Humana, for medical insurance. (Humana initially proposed a 19% increase which was negotiated down to the final 9% rate increase.) Jefferson Health Plan and Aetna both declined to provide a quote. United Health Care and Anthem submitted proposals that did not match our current plan design. (These carriers' plan offerings would have resulted in higher prescription co-pays and out of pocket maximums for employees as well as potential disruptions in provider networks.) Medical Mutual of Ohio offered a 7.5% rate increase proposal that essentially matched the current plan.

Mr. Morgan explained that the Committee decided to recommend remaining with Humana with a 9.0% increase and continuing with the same plan structure of a High Deductible Health Plan/Health Savings Account (HDHP/HSA) with \$3,000/\$6,000 deductibles (which cover prescriptions after meeting deductibles.) The HDHP/HSA plan with the \$3,000/\$6,000 deductible would result in monthly premium costs of \$438.66 for Single coverage, \$965.05 for Employee/Spouse, \$833.45 for Employee/Child(ren), and \$1,403.71 for Family coverage.

He stated that it should be noted that participation in Humana's employees and family members wellness program (Go365) has resulted in additional savings on premiums for the City. During the current benefit period, the City has realized a savings of \$40,555 since September 2018. Overall, these wellness engagement incentives have resulted in a total savings of \$114,685 since inception of the program with Humana in September 2014. If Council approves renewing a contract with Humana, the HCBC plans to continue to encourage participation in the Go365 program to yield additional premium savings for the City. It should also be noted that factoring in the proposed 9% increase for the new contract period, the average annual premium increase with Humana over six contract periods is 0.463%.

Mr. Morgan stated that the City received a proposal from its current carrier, Dental Care Plus, Inc., for a two-year contract renewal with a 6% decrease for the two-year period. Other carriers submitted proposals which had network issues or were not competitive. The City has contracted with Dental Care Plus, Inc. for group dental insurance for over nine years. Given the superior plan coverage and network of providers compared to other dental insurance carriers, as well as a good history with Dental Care Plus, Inc., the Health Care Benefits Committee was able to reach unanimous agreement in favor of recommending renewing with Dental Care Plus, Inc. for a two year contract for group dental insurance.

Mr. Morgan explained that the City currently contracts with Humana for group life and AD&D benefits. However, as a member of the Center for Local Government, the City qualifies for a discounted group rate for life and AD&D

benefits through Reliance Standard. Reliance Standard proposed a three-year rate guarantee representing a 35.8% decrease in rates over the current Humana group life and AD&D contract (netting a savings of \$12,714.91.) The proposal from Reliance Standard also includes benefit enhancements (e.g. a critical illness rider, coverage of basic annual salary up to \$150,000 compared to Humana's \$100,000 limit, and maximum age coverage of 70 compared to Humana's maximum age coverage of 65.) The Committee was able to reach unanimous agreement in favor of recommending contracting with Reliance Standard for group life and AD&D coverage. He added that it should be noted that the cost for group life and AD&D coverage does not meet the threshold for which legislative action would be required; therefore, the Health Care Benefits Committee's recommendations do not include a request for City Council action concerning group life and AD&D benefits coverage.

City Council thanked the members of the Committee for their diligence in obtaining quotes and for seeking employee feedback for what coverage was valued and needed. They praised the team for working together across departments and bargaining units to present a unified recommendation for health care coverages.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman stated that he previously worked at a high level of corporate contract and purchasing. He asked the Committee in reference to the Humana 9% increase what portion of the increase accounted for the increase in the actual benefits paid versus the increase in the administrative cost of Humana. He stated this information can be found in the Dunn and Bradstreet Report or the annual report of Humana where they show benefits versus administrative cost. He stated that under the Uniform Health Care Act, the primary reason it was put in place is because health care companies were getting too many profits, especially the CEO and Chairman. He has that question for Humana. His second question was directed to Mr. Riblet, City Manager. He asked if we do a comparison between being self-insured and insured through a health care company.

Mr. Riblet replied that we have done both.

Mayor Dobrozsi recommended to Mr. Silverman to follow up with Mr. Riblet on his questions as he is asking for information that Humana was not prepared to address at the meeting.

A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with The Ohio Department of Transportation for Bridge Inspection Services

Mr. Heitkamp explained that, if approved, this Resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the project known as Bridge Inspection Program Services, PID 109334. Each year the City of Montgomery is required to complete an annual inspection of the bridge located on Terwilliger's Run Drive. In 2016, the City of Montgomery entered into a similar agreement with ODOT by passing Resolution 29, 2016 which included bridge inspection services for years 2016, 2017 and 2018. ODOT has indicated they are renewing the program for three more years which would extend their bridge inspection services through years 2019, 2020 and 2021. In this program the Ohio Department of Transportation shall assume and bear 100% of the necessary costs for bridge inspection program services requested by the City of Montgomery and agreed to by the State.

Mr. Margolis asked if the City had bridges other than the one on Terwilliger's Run Drive.

Mr. Heitkamp responded that we do, however those were located on state routes or county roads and are inspected by those jurisdictions.

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Patented Acquisition Corporation D/B/A/ Think Patented for Design and Production Services

Ms. Lynch explained that, if approved, this Resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Patented Acquisition Corporation D/B/A/ Think Patented for design, production, printing, and mailing of the monthly newsletter and annual calendar for 2019-2020 for \$67,557.00. After reviewing several proposals, staff has

recommended the work of Think Patented as meeting the high professional quality expected by the City at an effective price. Funds for these services are budgeted in 101.715.5390.

Mr. Margolis thanked Ms. Lynch for being diligent in obtaining the best price for the services needed. He acknowledged that this has a direct impact on her duties.

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that he receives frequent feedback from residents that the bulletin and calendar are still primary sources of information. He stated he appreciates efforts to maintain low costs in order to continue providing to this service to the residents.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked when the schedule rollout of the new branding imagery and tagline was expected to be performed.

Mr. Riblet stated that staff is targeting November of this year.

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

Ms. Smiddy explained that City Council is asked to consider approving 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. It is necessary for City Council to amend the 2019 Annual Appropriation Ordinance to reflect changes in the initial budget requests as the result of authorizing an agreement with Strand Associates for the professional design and consulting costs associated with the proposed Pfeiffer and Deerfield project. The proposed expenditures for the Pfeiffer Road and Deerfield Road Roundabout include all design services and preliminary engineering to complete the scope of services through the Stage 1 design. Funding for these services would be through the 2019 Capital Improvement Program 410-261-5470 account with an amount not to exceed \$132,925.00. Costs associated with this proposed contract will be eligible for reimbursement up to 90% through the Federal CMAQ Grant awarded to the project.

Mr. Suer asked Mr. Heitkamp if staff has been pleased with Strand's services.

Mr. Heitkamp replied that we have been.

Mr. Riblet added that Strand has met all of the marks with the Montgomery Road/ Ronald Reagan roundabout and are coming in under budget for the design costs of that project.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked Mr. Riblet to report on the amount of savings of our budget that we are not going to reallocate and that is going back into the treasury.

Mr. Riblet asked Mr. Silverman if he is referring to the Strand contract for the Deerfield and Pfeiffer roundabout.

Mr. Silverman replied that no he is referring to current appropriations and expenses for the current year.

Mr. Riblet explained that the Appropriation Ordinance was tied to the next piece of legislation specifically for the Strand contract.

Mr. Silverman stated that as he couldn't see the entire legislation language, he was referring to the total current expenses of the overall budget.

Mr. Riblet explained that this Ordinance was only to transfer money from the 2020 budget into the current year to match ODOT's CMAQ grant request.

Mr. Silverman stated he was referring to the total budget.

Mr. Riblet stated that Council and staff would go into the detail of the 2020 budget at the annual Budget Review meeting.

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Strand Associated for the Deerfield Road/Pfeiffer Road Intersection Modification Design Services

Mr. Heitkamp explained that, if approved, this Resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract with Strand Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services associated with the HAM-CR284-1.33 Pfeiffer Road & Deerfield Road Roundabout Project. The proposed contract includes professional design and consulting services and includes work to perform geotechnical, surveying and environmental components which are all necessary for the project. The total contract for these services, which takes the project through Stage 1 design is not to exceed \$132,925.00.

Mr. Margolis asked Mr. Heitkamp what Stage 2 would encompass.

Mr. Heitkamp replied that Stage 1 looks at the options of size, location and right of way impacts for the roundabout whereas Stage 2 and 3 will depict the final details for drawings.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked if Heritage Land Services were included in this contract to negotiate with property owners for acquisition of the right of ways needed.

Mr. Heitkamp replied they are not included in the scope of this contract.

Mr. Silverman asked if there was a fixed cost for acquisition of the right of ways.

Mr. Donnellon explained that under the grant conditions, it is a requirement that the City use the State's designated right of way service acquisition companies and there is a variety of them.

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that at this time we don't know if there would be acquisition costs.

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into An Agreement with The Sycamore Community School District Board of Education to Assign Two School Resource Officers

Chief Crowell explained that, if approved, this Resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Sycamore Community School District Board of Education to assign two School Resource Officer (SRO) positions for Sycamore High School and Sycamore Junior High School for up to a three-year period. The City's agreement to provide a School Resource Officers (SRO) to the Sycamore Community School District expired at the end of the 2018–2019 school year. In order to continue this partnership, the City and the School district need to re-enter into a contract for the SRO program. In previous years, the SRO contracts for the High School and the Junior High School have been administered as separate contracts. The two contracts have been merged into one agreement and would cover the 2019-2020 school year and renewal options for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. This year's agreement continues the 60%/40% split in costs with the school district picking up the larger share.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked why the officers were not employed by the schools.

Chief Crowell explained that as sworn police officers they cannot be employed by the schools due to having the power to make arrests.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked when the 60/40 split in costs came into play.

Chief Crowell explained that years ago there was a federal grant that paid for the SRO position at the high school and it was funded in this manner. He stated that when the grant money went away negotiations continued in the same manner. He added that SRO's weren't widely implemented in 2001 when the position was first added.

Mr. Donnellon added that the 60/40 split was calculated based on days and hours spent at the school by the officer.

Chief Crowell stated that before the SRO position at the high school was designated, officers spent a great deal of time there anyways.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked if other communities contributed to this cost.

Chief Crowell stated that they did not as our SRO's are only at schools in Montgomery.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman stated that on Blue Ash's Facebook page it shows officers in the schools. He asked how the civil rights of students under 18 are protected if they are being questioned.

Mr. Donnellon replied that our officers follow their constitutional rights as sworn officers. He also added that when school was not in session that the officers come back to the station and are utilized on road patrol or wherever they are needed.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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

• City Council Business Session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m.

• Mr. Riblet stated that the Committee meetings that would be scheduled for Monday, September 2 fall on Labor Day and asked City Council if they would like those meetings to be held on Tuesday, September 3.

City Council agreed to hold the Financial Planning and Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee meetings on Tuesday, September 5 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., respectively. The Law and Safety Committee has cancelled their meeting for the month of September.

• Mr. Riblet stated that at this time, it is anticipated that the Parks and Recreation, Government Affairs and Public Works Committees will not have agenda items for the Monday, September 9 meeting date. He stated that he would provide an update at the September 4 Business Session if this were to change.

Notice was provided to residents of Driftwind Court and Fairwind Drive that due to unanticipated conditions
of the sub-base surface of the roads, the final paving will require Rumpke services to be delayed until
Thursday of next week (their regular service day). Rumpke is working with the City to offer extra service
to collect all trash, recycling and yard waste accumulated due to the missed collection.

 Congratulations to Matthew Vanderhorst for being selected to the National Association of Government Web Professional Board (NAGW) as an At-Large Director

• The Service Worker I job announcement is running in the Cincinnati Enquirer and is also running on multiple online employment/recruiting websites (e.g. CareerBuilder, Indeed, Zip Recruiter, etc.) as well as on platforms geared towards minority, female, and veteran candidates. The announcement was also forwarded to the Center for Local Government and PWOSO for posting on these organizations' websites and it is on the City's website. Deadline for applications is Friday, September 6.

• With mediation efforts to reach a new contract agreement with the FOP being unsuccessful, a tentative date for fact-finding has been set for September 19.

• The annual City Council Employee Appreciation Luncheon will be held this Friday at Swaim Lodge from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Annual Chamber/City Staff Luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 26 at Twin Lakes North Campus Clubhouse beginning at 11:15 a.m.

> As previously mentioned, City offices will be closed on Monday September 2, in recognition of the Labor Day holiday.

• Labor Day also marks the end of the Municipal Pool season with the annual Dogfest & K9 Kerplunk event being held at the pool from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We thank all those employees and volunteers who work to make this event a pleasure for pool members and their four-legged family members.

Mr. Riblet request and Executive Session to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance.

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Donnellon stated he had nothing additional to report at this time.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Cappel

Mr. Cappel reported that the Environmental Advisory Commission would be holding two events in September. He stated that on September 7, the Community Wide Garage Sale would be held. He stated that Commission members would be at City Hall that morning to pass out maps and directories.

Mr. Cappel also stated that the annual One Stop Drop would be held on Saturday, September 21 at the Public Works facility. He stated that Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity, Matthew 25 Ministries, Operation Give Back and Royal Document Shredding Services would all be on hand to accept recyclable donations.

Mrs. Bissmeyer

Mrs. Bissmeyer stated that she plans to attend an upcoming Hamilton County Municipal League meeting in Blue Ash.

Mrs. Harbison

Mrs. Harbison reported that at the Government Affairs meeting the Committee discussed the following topics:

 Surplus property consisting of computer equipment and two police cruisers were approved to be listed for auction.

 • The use of the Service to the Community Grant funds was approved to be used for a scholarship competition creating a Landmark App to be created by students.

Mrs. Harbison reported that at the Sister Cities Commission meeting the following topics were discussed:

• The approval of the following bands for Bastille Day:

- o The Mystics
- o Hotel California An Eagles Tribute Band

- o The Jug Band
- o Everlasting Monsoon- A teen band scheduled for earlier in the day

Mrs. Harbison reported that at the Arts Commission meeting the following topics were discussed:

The 2020 Photo Contest was scheduled for April 4 and 5.

 • The Commission made the decision to move the Improv at the Uni event to the spring due to consistent bad weather normally experienced in January.

• Shakespeare in the Park will present Macbeth on Sunday, September 1 in Montgomery Park.

 • Live at the Uni has scheduled their Fall concert performers Thomas Hammons, Cincy Jazz Train and Madeleine Rosenthal.

Vice Mayor Roesch

Vice Mayor Roesch reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission met at the Pool in August and appreciated the new shade structure that had been installed.

Vice Mayor Roesch reported that the Beautification and Tree Commission would be conducting a Tree Academy on October 17 and 18 at Terwilliger Lodge.

Vice Mayor Roesch reported that BAMSO Board Members met recently and reminded everyone of the Labor Day Concert held on Sunday, September 1 at the Blue Ash Towne Square.

Mr. Suer

Mr. Suer relayed that a resident has shared with him their thoughts on how nice the wooden railings encompassing the foot bridges on Montgomery Road just north of Bethesda North hospital looked.

Mr. Margolis

Mr. Margolis stated how fun the Top Workplace celebration picnic was and praised staff for putting it together and for making it a climate of celebration.

Mr. Margolis stated that he participated in a ride-along with Officer Rich Riley who he felt is a tremendous ambassador for the City. He stated the Officer Riley was a truly caring individual with a big heart for the community.

Mayor Dobrozsi

Mayor Dobrozsi relayed thanks that he has heard from residents on Kennedy Lane for the installation of the sidewalk. He thought this was a wonderful example of neighboring jurisdictions collaborating their efforts for the benefit of the residents.

Mayor Dobrozsi informed City Council that he would be out of town from September 18 through September 21 and asked Vice Mayor Roesch to act as Acting Mayor during his absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Donnellon stated that he would like the record to reflect that the August 7 Business Session minutes should be corrected to reflect that there are multiple projections for the School Compensation agreement between \$20 to \$25 million dollars. This was reflected on lines 144 and 156 of the minutes.

Mr. Margolis moved to approve the August 7 Business Session minutes as amended. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance.

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427 428 Mr. Cappel made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider confidential information of an applicant 429 for economic development assistance. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. 430 431 The roll was called and showed the following vote: 432 433 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis (7)434 NAY: (0)435 ABSENT: (0)436 437 City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. 438 439 City Council reconvened into Public Session at 9:22 p.m. 440 441 Mayor Dobrozsi asked if there was any further business to discuss in Public Session. There being none he asked for 442 a motion to adjourn. 443 444 Mr. Margolis moved to adjourn. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed. 445 446 City Council adjourned at 9:22 p.m. Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council 447 448