City of Montgomery City Council Work Session Min	nutes
July 24, 2019	
Present	City Council Members Present
Brian Riblet, City Manager	Chris Dobrozsi, Mayor
Terry Donnellon, Law Director	Lynda Roesch, Vice Mayor
John Crowell, Police Chief	Lee Ann Bissmeyer
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director	Gerri Harbison
Melissa Hays, Construction and Compliance Officer	Craig Margolis
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Director	Ken Suer
Paul Wright, Fire Chief	
Faith Lynch, Community Engagement Coordinator	
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council	City Council Members Absent
	Mike Cappel
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Mayor Dobrozsi stated that this would be the second reading of this Ordinance that Mr. Cappel would sponsor at the Business Session. He asked if there were any updates.

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Mr. Riblet responded there were none and added that the Municipal Road Funds (MRF) in the amount of \$300,000 would assist with construction costs associated with repaving and storm water modifications to portions of Montgomery Road associated with the Roundabout Project.

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Mayor Dobrozsi stated that the following Ordinances were in relation to the creation of the Montgomery Quarter Tax Incentive Districts and asked Mr. Donnellon to provide an update on these Ordinances.

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Mr. Donnellon explained that these three Ordinances were originally introduced to City Council at the June 19, 2019 Work Session at which time it was advised to table them on the agenda until the July 10, 2019 Business Session in anticipation of Hamilton County and Sycamore Schools approving the compensation agreements at their respective monthly meetings. He explained that the purpose of the legislation is to create the various Tax Incentive Finance Districts for The Montgomery Quarter. The Commercial legislation will create the Commercial District which spreads across both Phase I and Phase II of the project for compensation to the schools. The two Incentive District Ordinances will create two separate Incentive Districts, each of which will be located in separate phases of the project dictating separate compensation to Sycamore Schools.

He added that the legislation declares the improvements to be public purpose improvements so that any development and improved value in the properties creates a stream of tax income to the City to finance the improvements. The income also is a source of revenue to compensate Sycamore Schools throughout the 30-year life of the Districts. The legislation, once approved, not only delineates each of the Districts and declares the improvements to be exempt, but the legislation approves the separate Tax Incentive Agreement and Compensation Agreement with the schools and the County, respectively. The schools receive agreed compensation equivalent to 10% of the exempted tax revenues for Phase I of the project, and 5% of the exempted tax revenues for Phase II of the project. The schools also receive a portion of accumulated excess in Phase I. Accumulated excess is defined as those revenues collected each year in excess of the debt service and required compensation to Sycamore Schools. A small portion of the compensation also is paid to Great Oaks as required by statute.

Mr. Donnellon recommended that City Council remove the pieces of legislation from the table and add them to the agenda for the August 7, 2019 Business Session.

An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Parcels Of Real Property Located In The City Of Montgomery, Ohio (Montgomery Quarter Commercial TIF), To Be A Public Purpose Under Section 5709.40(B) Of The Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements From Real Property Taxation, Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Incentive Agreement And A Service Agreement And Such Other Documents As May Be Necessary, Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund

An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Parcels Of Real Property Located In The City Of Montgomery, Ohio (Montgomery Quarter TIF Incentive District Phase I), To Be A Public Purpose Under Section 5709.40(C) Of The Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements From Real Property Taxation, Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Incentive Agreement And A Service Agreement And Such Other Documents As May Be Necessary, Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund

An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Parcels Of Real Property Located In The City Of Montgomery, Ohio (Montgomery Quarter TIF Incentive District Phase II), To Be A Public Purpose Under Section 5709.40(C) Of The Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements From Real Property Taxation, Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Incentive Agreement And A Service Agreement And Such Other Documents As May Be Necessary, Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund

Mr. Margolis moved to take the three respective Ordinances off the table and add to the August 7, 2019 Business Session agenda for consideration. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Donnellon stated that at the August 7 Business Session a motion could be made to waive the second and third readings of the Ordinances, which would then take effect in 30 days.

Mr. Margolis asked Mr. Donnellon to confirm if the project was financing the development and not the City.

Mr. Donnellon confirmed that he was correct, he stated that essentially everything that is a vertical improvement (office buildings, hotel) would in lieu of paying real estate taxes, those taxes will be captured into a fund. The fund would first pay debt services on bonds issued to build public garages only. Secondly, the funds would pay compensation incomes to the Schools and then continue to build up excess over the 30-year life of the TIF. Excess

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TIF funds can be used for further improvements in the district over the next 30 years. He explained that all of the project costs will then be paid for by the private property owners through their real estate property taxes. He stated the reason the City executed an agreement with the County and the Schools is that it changes a bit of their compensation formula. He reported the Schools are much in favor of it as they would go from currently receiving \$50,000 a year now from the property to after it is fully developed, receiving a projected \$25 million dollars over the life of the TIF.

Mrs. Bissmeyer stated that as seen on Exhibit A, it references Phase 2 Montgomery Station Condos. She asked if this area was developed.

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122 Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked Mr. Donnellon what the life of the project was for

Mr. Donnellon replied that they were not part of this project and were office condos.

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 125 Mr. Donnellon replied that the TIF's are created for a period of 30 years, but it is a rolling 30 years. It is not finite.
- As construction begins for each phase, the calendar starts and could last 35 to 40 years.

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- Mr. Silverman asked what the total amount of bonds that would be sold.
- Mr. Donnellon replied that we cannot predict the total amount because we don't know what will be necessary in Stage 2 of the project. Stage 1 of the project the anticipated bond issuance will net \$15.5 million to a construction improvement fund and depending on bond issuance costs and market at that time it could be \$18 million in total bonds.
- Mr. Silverman asked if Fifth Third would be marketing the bonds.
- 137 Mr. Donnellon replied that was correct.138

the \$25 million for the schools.

- Mr. Silverman asked if we went out to bid to market or do we always just use them.
 Mr. Donnellon replied that four to five years ago when the project started the City issued a Request
- Mr. Donnellon replied that four to five years ago when the project started, the City issued a Request for Qualifications at which time we interviewed and chose Fifth Third.
 - Mr. Silverman asked if there would be a fee to park in the public garage.
 - Mr. Donnellon stated that at this time there has been no discussion of a fee that it is the City's intention that it remains a public garage.

New Legislation

A Resolution Authorizing an Assessment for The Cutting of Noxious Weeds and Removal of Debris/Trash

Ms. Hays explained that, if approved, this Resolution would authorize an assessment for the cutting of noxious weeds at 10304 Kerrianna Drive. Due to negligence by the owner of the property, the City has been forced to cut the grass in order to bring the property into compliance with our property maintenance code. The property is located next to the hotel on the entrance ramp to Interstate 71 southbound, with the single-family dwelling facing Kerrianna Drive. Only the portion adjacent to the parking lot of the hotel was cut. Section 302.11 provides that all weeds and plant growth in excess of 6 inches shall be cut and destroyed within five (5) days after service of a notice of violation. If the owner fails to comply with the notice within the time allotted, the City may begin minor nuisance abatement. After providing the required notices, staff contracted with Cutters Property Maintenance to have the grass cut. The property at 10304 Kerrianna Drive has been cut on two occasions. The total cost of the cutting was \$450.The City now desires to assess a lien upon the property for the cost incurred by the City to cut the noxious

weeds, and an additional administrative fee of \$25. The adoption of this Resolution will allow for the assessment to be included in the upcoming property tax bills that will be mailed in January.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked if the owner was possibly handicapped or if he was just not complying.

Ms. Hays explained that he mows the property around his home but neglects this portion of his property and has ignored staff's explanation of the property maintenance code in order to reach an agreement with him.

Mr. Margolis asked what the height of grass was in order to be cited.

Ms. Hays replied that it was 6 inches.

Mr. Silverman asked what happens if the person is disabled.

Mr. Donnellon replied that the City would work to accommodate them if that was the case.

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

An Ordinance Levying Assessments for Stormwater Improvements in the 7800 Block of Jolain Drive

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Mr. Donnellon explained that for both of the Ordinances related to the Jolain Drive stormwater improvements, this is the final step in the project that was completed in 2018. He stated that the City wanted to ensure that the drainage improvements performed as designed before taking the final steps to gather the easements needed to assess the costs to the owner's property taxes. He stated that letters were sent to all the effected properties to allow them to pay their portion of the costs or to allow it to be assessed onto their taxes for a period of 20 years.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked if the City was splitting the cost with the property owners.

Mr. Riblet replied that their proportionate cost is half of the secondary pipe that was put into place. He stated that the entire project was \$150,000 and approximately \$42,000 total of that was split between those residents.

A Resolution Authorizing Internet Auction of Surplus Personal Property Through Govdeals.com

Chief Crowell explained that, if approved, this Resolution will designate GovDeals.com as internet auction agents for the disposal of surplus property for the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. Ohio law authorizes the City to dispose of surplus and abandoned personal property through internet auction. Section 50.02 of the Code of Ordinances sets forth a procedure for the sale and disposition of lost, abandoned, stolen, seized or forfeited property ("Surplus Property") through internet auction agents.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked if the items were big ticket items or smaller items.

Chief Crowell explained that it was a mix of vehicles, public works equipment, computers and also seized items that the departments deemed surplus.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked if that was something that could be shared with residents so they could possibly take advantage of purchasing the items.

Staff indicated that the information could be shared via the bulletin and social media.

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A Resolution Establishing City Contributions to Employee Health Savings Account and Health Reimbursement Accounts

Mr. Riblet explained that, if approved, this Resolution will continue the City's incentive contribution to employees' Health Savings Accounts for the period beginning September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. He explained this Resolution also provides for Health Reimbursement Accounts for employees who, as a result of being enrolled in Medicare, are no longer eligible for a Health Savings Account. The City's contribution to employees' Health Savings Accounts is recommended to be continued at \$1050 for a family plan and \$750 for a single plan for the twelve-month period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. In addition to the base City incentive contribution, it is recommended that the City continue to match the employee's contribution to his/her Health Savings Account in an amount up to \$700 for employees with family plans and up to \$500 for employees with single plans. It is also recommended that Health Reimbursement Accounts be established for qualifying employees in amounts of \$1050 for a family plan and \$750 for a single plan for the twelve-month period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. Employees cannot make contributions to Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA's); therefore, no matching employer contribution is recommended for HRA's.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked why the City match went down from year to year.

Mr. Riblet explained that when the match began, it was higher in order to be seed money to start the employee's HSA's and was incrementally decreased to allow time for the employees to build those funds.

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Federal Local Let Project Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Project Known as the HAM.CR284-1.33 Pfeiffer Road and Deerfield Road Intersection Modification Project, PID #107130

Mr. Heitkamp explained that, if approved, this Resolution will authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ODOT for the Pfeiffer Road and Deerfield Road Intersection Modification Project, PID #107130. He explained that the LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement will allow the City of Montgomery to be the "lead" agency for design, bid, award, and construction of the project that has been approved for a Federal reimbursement grant of up to \$1,081,584.50. The Federal funding is applicable to all phases of the project, including design, environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition, and construction. The project will consist of replacing the existing four-way stop intersection with an urban single lane roundabout. He added that this amount represents 90% of estimated design services, environmental clearance, and right-of-way acquisition and 70% of construction costs. The agreement includes the requirement for the City of Montgomery to be responsible for the remainder which is estimated to be \$404,003.50. The anticipated total project cost is \$1,485,588.00.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked if the project was in the concept phase at this time.

Mr. Heitkamp replied that was correct.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked Mr. Heitkamp if he could get a copy of the grant application and response from the federal government. He asked Council for empathy on this process and the four homeowners who are wondering what is going to happen to their properties. He stated that one home has a pending sales contract and one of them is wanting to do landscaping, but they don't know what is happening with their properties. He stated that Gary had stated there would be an Open House in 2020. He stated that the homeowners want to know information in advance. He stated that he wanted to share the grant application with the homeowners.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked if the homeowners have reached out to us.

Mr. Heitkamp replied that he has reached out to them already. He stated that he wanted to bring awareness to them regarding the scope and the grant funding. He explained that a lot of the specifics haven't been determined and wouldn't be until 2020. He explained that we couldn't have an Open House at this time as there is not enough in design to be specific to the homeowners.

Mayor Dobrozsi recapped that at this time it is in the concept stage and an Open House cannot be scheduled until such time that design is set and right of way requirements are known. He stated that although we are waiting for these details, we are open to hear feedback from those residents.

Mr. Riblet added that we may end up with several designs and would seek feedback from the homeowners. He stated that we wouldn't reach the final design and then ask feedback.

Mr. Silverman stated that the homeowners are dealing with the factual, emotional and psychological impact of this improvement. He asked Mr. Riblet and Mr. Heitkamp to meet with the homeowners rather than have them learn about it on social media.

Mrs. Harbison asked Mr. Silverman if he had spoken with the homeowners to know their psychological state.

Mr. Silverman replied that he has not verbally over the phone or in person talked to them but has received information of an electronic nature.

A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Strawser Construction, Inc. for the 2019 Crack Seal Program through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract #101L-20

Mr. Heitkamp explained that, if approved, this Resolution that will authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Strawser Construction for the 2019 Crack Seal program. The program includes work to crack seal 9.04 centerline miles on the streets as indicated on the attached memorandum. He stated that funding for this project is programmed in the 2019 Capital Improvement Program 410-261-5470 account and is requested that the 2019 Crack Seal Program be approved for funding in the amount of \$73,279.92.

Mrs. Bissmeyer asked why separate bids would exceed the cost of participating in the cooperative purchase program.

Mr. Riblet stated there is potential if each entity in Ohio were to solicit their own bids that the costs could be higher since the Coop program guarantees the vendor a higher quantity of work, which results in lower pricing for everyone.

Mr. Margolis thanked staff for always investigating ways to minimize costs.

<u>Steve Silverman</u>, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman reported that a contract stapled a post on a telephone pole. He stated that is illegal.

Mr. Heitkamp asked where that was.

Mr. Silverman stated that it was at the beginning of the project but asked Mr. Heitkamp to speak with the contractor about this issue overall.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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

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

The Law and Safety and Financial Planning Committees will meet on Monday, August 5 at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., respectively. The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee has cancelled their meeting for the month of August.

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- At this time, it is anticipated that the Parks and Recreation and Government Affairs Committees will have agenda items for the Monday, August 12 Committee meetings, however the Public Works Committee of has no agenda items and is requested to cancel their meeting for August.
- The Landmarks Commission met on July 17 to consider an application from Tom Hattersley to allow for the installation of exterior storm windows for the Wooley-Kelsch House at 7967 Cooper Road. After reviewing the application and hearing testimony, the Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to approve the application and recommend approval of the Historic Preservation Matching Grant. Staff would like to request a meeting of the CIC to consider application for the Historic Preservation Matching Grant on August 7th at 6:45 p.m. City Council approved the request for the August 7 CIC meeting to be held at 6:45 p.m.
- The Cooper Road Solar-Powered LED Pedestrian Crossing at Swaim Park has been installed and is fully operational. The system will help improve pedestrian safety at this heavily traveled crossing to the park.
- The construction of the Street Resurfacing Project is moving along nicely. A substantial amount of curb is currently being replaced in the Winds Subdivision and on Cooper Road in preparation of the new asphalt application.
- Kennedy Lane Sidewalk is roughly 90% complete with only a short portion of sidewalk and ADA ramps needing to be installed at Shadetree Drive.
- A new section of streetscape consisting of paver sidewalk and addition of a decorative streetlight is under construction at 9400 Main Street (State Farm Insurance office). This will provide a pedestrian connection to the existing sidewalks north and south of the location.
- He was happy to announce that the front desk, Customer Service position has been filled. Shawn Cooper will begin with the City on Monday, August 19. Shawn has over eight years of experience working in local government and currently works for West Chester Township as the administrative assistant for the Township's Fire Department. From her work experience Shawn has knowledge in the areas of customer service, processing building permits, public records requests, auditing payroll records, and taking meeting minutes for Township Board meetings.
- The second round of patrol officer interviews is scheduled began today. We will be interviewing seven candidates and there are two open positions to fill.
- The Health Care Benefits Committee will be reviewing proposals from various insurance carriers later this week. Due to our group's experience over the past 12 months, we are anticipating a rate increase (which we have not experienced since the 2016 plan year. In 2014 and 2015 we actually renewed with a decrease in rates.)
- It's not too late to register for the next Know Your Neighbor presentations scheduled for Monday, August 5. Shane DiGiovanna will be the highlighted speaker at this meeting.
- The annual State of the City address at Twin Lakes on Thursday, August 8 at their North Campus Clubhouse.
- A reminder for your calendars, the 2020 Budget Review meeting is scheduled for, Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 pm.
- A reminder that the Diversity Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 21 at Swaim Park beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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• Staff is working on assembling a presentation for a fall Neighborhood Leaders Forum. At this meeting will be a presentation on the Montgomery Quarter and possibly a visit from Ricky. City Council and staff discussed proposed dates and selected October 29 to hold the fall Neighborhood Leaders Forum.

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

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

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mrs. Harbison

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

 • A generator that was replaced at the Public Works facility was declared surplus and approved to be donated to Sycamore Schools, Montgomery Elementary in support of the City's partnership with them in the provision of fiberoptic internet and phone connection.

Final Branding standards were discussed and approved

 Hopewell Cemetery policy was revised and approved
WeTHRIVE activities and restructuring was discussed and approved

Mrs. Harbison reported that she and staff met with Stuart Zanger of the Montgomery Farmers Market to discuss the MFM participation in The Diversity ad Inclusion Dinner Party scheduled for Saturday, September 21 at Swaim Park. She stated that MFM discussed catering the event.

Vice Mayor Roesch

Vice Mayor Roesch reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission submitted a revision of Parks Rules that included restricting smoking in the parks to parking lots only.

Mr. Suer

Mr. Suer thanked staff for the great job they have done with the coordination and management of all the summer events.

Mr. Margolis

Mr. Margolis also thanked staff for all of their efforts in holding the summer events.

Mr. Margolis reported that he attended a Hamilton County Emergency Management Association/Homeland Security meeting in which the following topics were discussed:

• The Alert Hamilton County System now has 20,000 residents signed up to receive notifications

The outdoor warning system continues to be monitored for performance
 The discussion of model disaster scenarios and tabletop simulations was held to address mass care summits and private sector events

Mr. Margolis reported that there is a Partnership in Preparedness meeting scheduled for September.

Mayor Dobrozsi

Mayor Dobrozsi thanked staff for all the summer events and all they do throughout the year to make Montgomery a special place.

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428 APPROVAL OF MINUTES 429 430 Mr. Donnellon asked that the approval of the June 19, 2019 Public Hearing for the Tree of Life Public Hearing be 431 deferred to the August 7 meeting for further review. 432 433 Mayor Dobrozsi requested a motion to approve the July 10, 2019 Business Session minutes. 434 435 Mr. Margolis moved to approve the minutes as written. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously 436 agreed. 437 438 Mayor Dobrozsi asked if there was any further business to discuss in Public Session. There being none he asked for 439 a motion to adjourn. 440 441 Mr. Margolis moved to adjourn. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed. 442 443 City Council adjourned at 8:04 p.m. 444