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City of Montgomery  
City Council Business Session  
August 7, 2019

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager  
Terry Donnellon, Law Director  
John Crowell, Police Chief  
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director  
Tracy Roblero, Assistant City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.  
Ben Shapiro, Asst. Fire Chief  
Katie Smiddy, Finance Director  
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community Information Service Director  
Faith Lynch, Community Engagement Coordinator  
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Members

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

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City Council convened in Council Chambers at 7:04 p.m. for the Business Session 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.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragic shootings in Dayton, Ohio and El Paso, Texas.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Joel and Kathy Sorger, 7830 Hartford Hill Lane were in attendance to accept a Certificate of Appreciation as the winners of the Beautification and Tree Commission's Spring Seasons of Beauty Winner.

City Council thanked the Sorger's for their hard work in not only making their own home beautiful but for helping the city to be a place of beauty as well.

Carol Suer was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift in honor of her years of service on the Environmental Advisory Commission.

City Council thanked Mrs. Suer for her years of service as a volunteer and also a dear friend to the City.

**GUESTS AND RESIDENTS**

Toni Lehmkuhl, 9853 Knollbrook Terrace-Mrs. Lehmkuhl explained to City Council that she was in attendance to discuss the property at 7900 Mitchell Farm Lane, a new home that has been in construction for almost two years. She explained that Ireland May Builders have owned the home for almost four years, two of which it sat vacant. She explained that they have poorly maintained the vacant home and have broken various codes during construction. She stated at two times, the City placed stop orders on the construction until such time it was brought into compliance. She explained that on July 30 there was a very heavy period of rainfall that fell within 30 minutes. She stated that two trucks of City employees arrived to clean up the flash flooding of silt that came from the site. She stated the silt made it impassible for some vehicles to navigate through. She stated she was concerned for the workers safety as there was heavy lightening strikes during this time. She stated that she felt the City Building Department needs to come up with a better way of dealing with builders who defy codes. She stated she felt that stiffer fines are needed as well as larger bonds requested with the submission of building permits. She stated that builders need to be held accountable. She thanked City Council for allowing her to speak.

57 Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman stated that he wanted to support Mrs. Lehmkuhl's  
58 comments regarding holding contractors accountable. He stated that there was a tear down located right behind his  
59 property and that the dirt is piled up 20 feet beyond the flag on the property. He stated that one of his neighbors  
60 stated to him that they would like to see neighbors notified before construction on a home begins.

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62 Mr. Silverman stated that as a Council candidate, he will campaign on a tree restoration program like the City of  
63 Atlanta, where contractors or homeowners are required to pay for specific tree installation.

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65 **PENDING LEGISLATION**

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

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

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72 Mr. Cappel read the title and moved for passage of the second reading. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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

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80 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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82 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis (7)  
83 NAY: (0)  
84 ABSENT: (0)

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86 Mayor Dobrozsi stated that for the following legislation related to the Montgomery Quarter Tax Increment  
87 Financing incentive districts, he would recuse himself due to past, present and future development relationships.  
88 He asked Vice Mayor Roesch to run the meeting and removed himself from the dais during the discussion and  
89 voting process.

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91 Vice Mayor Roesch explained that items B, C, and D will be explained by Law Director Donnellon at one time and  
92 then voted on separately.

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94 Mr. Donnellon explained these three related pieces of legislation establish the Tax Incentive Financing Districts in  
95 The Montgomery Quarter from which we would collect the payments in lieu of taxes equivalent to what the real  
96 estate taxes would be. He stated that we are able to use the funds to develop the project and pay bonds which would  
97 be paid off over a period of time. He stated that the legislation as a whole authorizes the Tax Incentive Agreement  
98 with Sycamore Schools and the projections for the school compensation in all Phases looks to be \$20-25MM. He  
99 added that the County is entitled to compensation in the Incentive Districts and those two pieces of legislation  
100 authorize the City to accept the separate Compensation Agreement with the County. The negotiated Compensation  
101 Agreement with the County provides a one-time payment due 45 days after the legislation becomes effective, and  
102 as a result the County waives any compensation to which they may be entitled to receive by statute through either  
103 Incentive District. He explained that by approving these Ordinances approval is given to the City Manager to sign  
104 those agreements.

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106 He explained that the first piece of legislation creates The Montgomery Quarter Commercial District, which  
107 encompasses almost 16 acres. He stated that this district is the largest portion of the area and will include the  
108 commercial office buildings, retail/restaurants, and a small section of for rent apartments.

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110 Mr. Donnellon further explained that the second two pieces of legislation create two different Incentive Districts.  
111 Incentive Districts typically include residential properties and are authorized under a separate section of the Revised  
112 Code. These two Districts will encompass what has been defined as the For Sale residential properties, being two  
113 separate 24-unit buildings. He stated that this area is being divided into two separate Districts as there are two  
114 separate reimbursement rates to the schools based upon what is defined as Phase I and Phase II of the development.  
115 The first Incentive District is qualified as Phase I of the development and there is a compensation rate equal to 10%  
116 of the revenues generated plus a portion of the accumulated excess. The second District provides compensation to  
117 the schools at a flat 5% throughout the 30-year term.

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119 He stated that Council has asked to consider waiving the second and third readings of these Ordinances so they will  
120 take effect 30 days after approval.

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

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

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130 Mr. Suer moved to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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132 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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134 AYE: Bissmeyer, Harbison, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel (6)  
135 NAY: (0)  
136 ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi (1)

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138 Mr. Suer moved for passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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140 Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked Mr. Donnellon for clarification if Sycamore meant  
141 township or school district.

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143 Mr. Donnellon replied that it is Sycamore School District who will be receiving the compensation and not the  
144 township. He explained that Sycamore Schools will receive \$25 million in lieu of the property taxes that typically  
145 would be collected under their levy structure. He explained that the City also obtained an agreement with the Schools  
146 that future levies will be taxed at their full rate on the value of the property as its improved and stated that our  
147 projections are based on current values.

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149 Mr. Silverman stated that previously Mr. Donnellon had stated there were three projects on rolling averages of 30  
150 years.

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152 Mr. Donnellon explained that there are multiple sites that will be developed within the project but there are three  
153 different districts because of the statute and how we have to structure those districts. The \$25 million is  
154 encompassing all three of those districts over that period of time.

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156 Mr. Silverman restated there are three districts for the \$25 million compensation.

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158 Mr. Donnellon stated that collectively, he was correct.

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160 Mr. Silverman asked what the districts were.

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162 Mr. Donnellon stated that there is a commercial district and two incentive districts. The two incentive districts  
163 encompass the two condominium buildings. The commercial district encompasses everything else in the project.

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165 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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167 AYE: Harbison, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer (6)  
168 NAY: (0)  
169 ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi (1)  
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171 **An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Parcels Of Real Property Located In The City Of Montgomery,**  
172 **Ohio (Montgomery Quarter TIF Incentive District Phase I), To Be A Public Purpose Under Section**  
173 **5709.40(C) Of The Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements From Real Property Taxation,**  
174 **Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Incentive Agreement And A Service Agreement And Such Other**  
175 **Documents As May Be Necessary, Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund**  
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177 Mr. Suer moved to read the Ordinance by title only. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

178  
179 Mr. Suer moved to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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181 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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183 AYE: Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison (6)  
184 NAY: (0)  
185 ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi (1)  
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187 Mr. Suer moved for passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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189 Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green-Mr. Silverman stated that based on the description of the three districts with the  
190 first being commercial and Phase I and Phase II for condominium sales, he felt they do not correspond to the  
191 Developers description. He stated that Phase I included commercial, retail and townhouses, but did not include  
192 condominiums and that Phase II has not been scoped out yet.  
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194 Mr. Donnellon replied to Mr. Silverman that he is confusing the definitions and categories. He explained that Phase  
195 I and Phase II is terminology that was used strictly to determine the compensation structure to Sycamore Schools.  
196 He stated that Stage I and Stage II is terminology to determine the development timeline. He explained that Stage I  
197 includes much of the commercial area, apartment buildings and one of the condominium buildings. Stage II is the  
198 future placeholder that, may not start until several years down the road, and would include another group of office  
199 buildings and another condominium building. This is the targeted vision of Stage I and Stage II for the development.  
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201 Mr. Silverman stated that at the Planning Commission, where they approved the general development plan, there  
202 was no specification for condominiums, it was only apartments and townhouses and asked if that was correct.  
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204 Ms. Roblero explained that the Incentive District has different boundaries than the general development plan before  
205 the Planning Commission and she could provide him with those boundaries.  
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207 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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209 AYE: Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Roesch (6)  
210 NAY: (0)  
211 ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi (1)  
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213 **An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Parcels Of Real Property Located In The City Of Montgomery,**  
214 **Ohio (Montgomery Quarter TIF Incentive District Phase II), To Be A Public Purpose Under Section**  
215 **5709.40(C) Of The Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements From Real Property Taxation,**  
216 **Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Incentive Agreement And A Service Agreement And Such Other**  
217 **Documents As May Be Necessary, Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund**  
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219 Mr. Suer moved to read the Ordinance by title only. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.



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Mr. Suer moved to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

Mr. Suer moved for passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked Mr. Donnellon to clarify that if Sycamore Schools were to waive property taxes in lieu of compensation would that apply to future levies.

Mr. Donnellon stated that the School is agreeing to mills and what it generates today and will accept compensation from that millage. He stated that it is less compensation than they would receive if the project was built out, but we cannot move forward without them waiving the millage. He stated that if the millage grows due to future levies, the increased mills would be taxed on the full value of the improvements of the property and would not be deferred. He added that the City thought this was fair.

Mr. Silverman asked Mr. Donnellon to explain the relationship between the upcoming School levy and the compensation agreement.

Vice Mayor asked Mr. Silverman if he was asking Mr. Donnellon to talk about the School District levy financing is as opposed to the development.

Mr. Silverman stated that the levy in November, if passed, would increase the mills and asked if that would apply to this project.

Mr. Donnellon stated that it would apply to the future value of the project. He stated they will collect as long as the levy is in place without discount. He stated once the value was added to the tax duplicate for the increased improvements the School would collect taxes directly on that at the millage that is passed from this day forward.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

**NEW LEGISLATION**

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

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

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

Mr. Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would authorize an assessment for the cutting of noxious weeds at 10304 Kerrianna Drive. He explained that due to neglect 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

274 within the time allotted, the City may begin minor nuisance abatement. After providing the required notices, staff  
275 contracted with Cutters Property Maintenance to have the grass cut. The property at 10304 Kerrianna Drive has  
276 been cut on two occasions. The total cost of the cutting was \$450. The City now desires to assess a lien upon the  
277 property for the cost incurred by the City to cut the noxious weeds, and an additional administrative fee of \$25. The  
278 adoption of this Resolution will allow for the assessment to be included in the upcoming property tax bills that will  
279 be mailed in January.

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281 Mrs. Bissmeyer asked why we placed a lien on the property for this cost without just invoicing the resident.

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283 Mr. Donnellon explained that it is a process provided by statute to ensure that the costs are paid.

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285 Ms. Roblero explained that the property owner has not maintained this portion of his property for two years. She  
286 stated that this type of assessment doesn't typically get cited to Mayors Court, but this has been an ongoing dispute  
287 with the resident. She stated that the resident is scheduled to appear in Mayors Court on Tuesday, August 13.

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289 Mr. Cappel asked if the resident knew that portion of the property was his.

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291 Ms. Roblero replied that he does, and in the past the hotel would maintain it out of courtesy but there was a falling  
292 out between the two and the hotel ceased maintaining it.

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294 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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296 AYE: Harbison, Dobrozi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer (7)  
297 NAY: (0)  
298 ABSENT: (0)  
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300 **An Ordinance Accepting Publicly Dedicated Easement Rights for Stormwater Improvements from Various**  
301 **Property Owners on Jolain Drive**

302  
303 Mr. Cappel moved to read the Ordinance by title only. Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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305 Mr. Cappel read the title of the Ordinance and moved for passage of the first reading. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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307 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, would  
308 authorize the City Manager to accept various Easement Agreements for properties in the 7800 block of Jolain Drive  
309 across which were constructed stormwater improvements to cure a long-standing problem in that area. Each of the  
310 property owners have accepted these Easement Agreements and this Ordinance will authorize the Agreements to be  
311 signed and accepted by the City to be accepted as public improvements which the City will maintain.

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313 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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315 AYE: Dobrozi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison (7)  
316 NAY: (0)  
317 ABSENT: (0)  
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319 **An Ordinance Levying Assessments for Stormwater Improvements in the 7800 Block of Jolain Drive**

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

322  
323 Mr. Cappel moved to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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325 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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327 AYE: Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozi (7)  
328 NAY: (0)

329 ABSENT: (0)

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331 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, would  
332 authorize the assessment against various properties in the 7800 block of Jolain Drive to finance a small portion of  
333 the Stormwater Improvement Project. He explained that the proportionate cost to the homeowners was negotiated  
334 several months ago, and now that the project is complete that proportionate share is being divided equally among  
335 the properties. This legislation authorizes their proportionate share to be added to the tax duplicate to be paid over  
336 a period of 20 years. Each of the homeowners has the option of paying out the assessment in advance this calendar  
337 year before it is certified to the Hamilton County Auditor. At least one of the property owners already has made  
338 that election and their property will not be assessed in the final stages of this project.

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340 Mr. Cappel moved for passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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342 Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked if the proportionate share was \$6,000 per property.

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344 Mayor Dobrozsi replied that it is \$5,845 per property.

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346 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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348 AYE: Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch (7)

349 NAY: (0)

350 ABSENT: (0)

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

354

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

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

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359 Mrs. Harbison explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will  
360 continue the City's incentive contribution to employees' Health Savings Accounts for the period beginning  
361 September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. This Resolution also provides for Health Reimbursement Accounts  
362 for employees who, as a result of being enrolled in Medicare, are no longer eligible for a Health Savings Account.  
363 The City's contribution to employees' Health Savings Accounts is recommended to be continued at \$1050 for a  
364 family plan and \$750 for a single plan for the twelve-month period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.  
365 In addition to the base City incentive contribution, it is recommended that the City continue to match the employee's  
366 contribution to his/her Health Savings Account in an amount up to \$700 for employees with family plans and up to  
367 \$500 for employees with single plans. It is also recommended that Health Reimbursement Accounts be established  
368 for qualifying employees in amounts of \$1050 for a family plan and \$750 for a single plan for the twelve-month  
369 period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. Employees cannot make contributions to Health  
370 Reimbursement Accounts (HRA's); therefore, no matching employer contribution is recommended for HRA's.

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372 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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374 AYE: Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer (7)

375 NAY: (0)

376 ABSENT: (0)

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

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

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



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385 Mrs. Harbison explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will  
386 designate GovDeals.com as internet auction agents for the disposal of surplus property for the period of August 1,  
387 2019 through July 31, 2020. Ohio law authorizes the City to dispose of surplus and abandoned personal property  
388 through internet auction. Section 50.02 of the Code of Ordinances sets forth a procedure for the sale and disposition  
389 of lost, abandoned, stolen, seized or forfeited property ("Surplus Property") through internet auction agents. This  
390 Resolution will also authorize the City Manager to enter into appropriate contracts with GovDeals.com.

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392 Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman asked where the funds that were collected from online sales  
393 were sent to.

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395 Mr. Riblet responded that they were deposited back into the general fund.

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397 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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399 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis (7)

400 NAY: (0)

401 ABSENT: (0)

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

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

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409 Mr. Cappel read the title and moved for passage. Mr. Margolis seconded.

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411 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will  
412 authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ODOT for the Pfeiffer Road and Deerfield Road Intersection  
413 Modification Project, PID #107130.

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415 Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman stated that Mr. Heitkamp provided him with the ODOT  
416 grant application, and he seen that \$50,000 was budgeted for purchase of property from landowners. He asked if  
417 this is the budget and what is in place at this time.

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419 Mr. Riblet replied that it is a placeholder until we get through the design phase and is subject to change.

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421 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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423 AYE: Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel (7)

424 NAY: (0)

425 ABSENT: (0)

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

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

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433 Mr. Cappel read the title and moved for passage. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded.

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435 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied that, if approved, would authorize the City  
436 Manager to enter into a contract with Strawser Construction for the 2019 Crack Seal program. The program includes  
437 work to crack seal 9.04 centerline miles on the streets indicated on the attached memorandum. Funding for this



438 project is programmed in the 2019 Capital Improvement Program 410-261-5470 account. It is requested that the  
439 2019 Crack Seal Program be approved for funding in the amount of \$73,279.92.  
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441 The roll was called and showed the following vote:  
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443 AYE: Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer (7)

444 NAY: (0)

445 ABSENT: (0)  
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447 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**  
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449 Mr. Riblet gave the following report:  
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- 451 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
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- 453 • The Government Affairs Committee of Council will meet on Monday, August 12 at 4:30 p.m. The Parks  
454 and Recreation and Public Works Committees of Council have cancelled their meetings for the month of  
455 August.  
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- 457 • Chief Wright is attending the Fire Rescue International Conference in Atlanta, GA this week. He serves as  
458 the Ohio representative to the Great Lakes Division of the International Fire Chiefs Association, which will  
459 be meeting during the conference.  
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- 461 • Chief Wright shared with the Law and Safety Committee on Monday, August 5 that Mr. Harold Thomas  
462 has extended his generosity to the City once again, donating \$15,000 for the purchase of a Lucas 3 Chest  
463 Compression System. You will remember that Mr. Thomas donated the funds to purchase the new Braun  
464 Ambulance and is the benefactor of The Thomas Comprehensive Care Center at Bethesda North.  
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- 467 • Mr. Riblet stated that Mr. Vanderhorst has been working on several versions of new email signature lines.  
468 The new designs incorporate the new brand logo and colors as well as highlight the Top Workplace  
469 accreditation. He thanked Mr. Vanderhorst for creating several versions and narrowing feedback to produce  
470 a new, refreshed template that reflects our new look.  
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- 472 • Mr. Heitkamp has been notified that a portion of Remington Road located in Indian Hill will be closed for  
473 four weeks due to a GCWW water main project. Once he receives the final information we'll begin sharing  
474 on social media, etc.  
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- 476 • Fred A. Nemann Company is complete with the sidewalk project on Kennedy Lane with the exception of a  
477 new home currently under construction. They will return within the next month or two to complete this  
478 segment of the sidewalk once the house is complete.  
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- 480 • Rack & Ballauer is continuing construction of the 2019 Resurfacing Program. They have been replacing  
481 curb and rebuilding catch basins on Cooper Road this week and are scheduled to begin milling and asphalt  
482 resurfacing work in The Winds subdivision next week.  
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- 484 • Ford Development will begin construction of the Montgomery Road watermain replacement project on  
485 Monday, August 12. This work was originally scheduled to take place in June/July; however, materials  
486 became unavailable after GCWW had a contract issue with the supplier. Work will begin at the south end  
487 of the project adjacent to Hartfield Place and is expected to take 3-4 weeks.  
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- 489 • Mr. Riblet signed a contract with KZF Design for the master planning and concept designs for Hopewell  
490 Cemetery in the amount of \$18,000. He stated that staff are excited to begin the process of long-term  
491 planning for the cemetery and feel that KZF will do a great job in capturing our vision for the cemetery.

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- Staff recently received word from our workers' compensation third party administrator, CompManagement, that the City will be receiving a \$119,396.78 premium rebate sometime in October. This rebate represents approximately 88% of our annual premium of \$150,000 and is the result of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation "Billion Dollar Back" program designed to rebate premium dollars to many Ohio employers.
- Mr. Riblet stated it is anticipated that the second round of patrol officer interviews will be concluded by mid-August. As part of the patrol officer hiring process, extensive background investigations will be conducted prior to any conditional offers of employment. There are currently two open positions to fill.
- The Healthcare Benefits Committee has met several times to review proposals from various insurance carriers and will be presenting its recommendations to City Council at the August 21 Work Session. Due to our group's experience over the past 12 months, we are anticipating a rate increase for group medical insurance. We have not experienced an increase for group medical insurance since the 2016 plan year. (In 2014 and 2015 we renewed with a decrease in rates for group medical insurance.)
- In anticipation of the Smokin' Irish barbecue Mr. Donnellon has indicated that either 10/11 or 10/18 would be good dates for him. Would Council like to check their schedules to see what date works for you. This year the event would be held at Public Works as Terwilliger Lodge was already booked. The date of October 18 was selected as the date to hold the annual barbecue sponsored by Mr. Donnellon.
- Thanks to our partnership with the Montgomery Farmers' Market, the Montgomery Quarter Roundabout Communications Team, consisting of Faith Lynch, Tracy Roblero and Mike Rogers, will be demonstrating the use of the roundabout this Saturday morning at the Farmers' Market with the re-appearance of the Roundabout Races, which debuted at Bastille Day, and also appeared at the Touch A Truck Event.
- Mr. Riblet state that he was pleased to announce that Jane Hohn has been selected as Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Northeast Cincinnati. A ceremony and dinner to honor Jane and other award winners will be held on Thursday, October 17 at the Cooper Creek Event Center in Blue Ash. He reminded Council and staff that Mrs. Harbison was a past Citizen of the Year recipient in 2016. He added that if anyone was interested in attending, to please let Ms. Gaylor know.
- Mr. Riblet extended birthday wishes to Mrs. Harbison, Ms. Roesch and Mr. Heitkamp whom all celebrate their birthdays in the month of August.

Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session for matters related to reviewing negotiations with public employees; to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance; to discuss an issue that is a potential subject of pending or imminent court action.

**Minutes**

Mr. Margolis moved to approve the June 19, 2019 Public Hearing and the July 24, 2019 Work Session minutes as written. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

**Mayor's Court Report**

Mayor Dobrozsi reported that the total Mayor's Court collection for the month of July is \$15,375 and asked for a motion to accept the collections.

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

**Other Business**

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546 Mr. Margolis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for matters related to reviewing negotiations with  
547 public employees; to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance; to  
548 discuss an issue that is a potential subject of pending or imminent court action. Mr. Cappel seconded.  
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550 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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552 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis (7)  
553 NAY: (0)  
554 ABSENT: (0)  
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556 City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.

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558 City Council reconvened into Public Session at 8:54 p.m.  
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560 Mayor Dobrozsi asked if there was any further business to discuss in Public Session. There being none he asked for  
561 a motion to adjourn.  
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564 Mr. Cappel moved to adjourn. Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.  
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566 City Council adjourned at 8:54 p.m.  
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Connie Gaylor  
Clerk of Council