

City of Montgomery
City Council Work Session Minutes
October 20, 2021

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.
John Crowell, Police Chief
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Katie Smiddy, Finance Director
Paul Wright, Fire Chief
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Dir.
Amy Frederick, Community and Engagement Coordinator
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Members Present

Chris Dobrozsi, Mayor
Vice Mayor Margolis
Lee Ann Bissmeyer
Mike Cappel
Ron Messer
Lynda Roesch
Ken Suer

Council convened its Work Session for October 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers with Mayor Dobrozsi presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dobrozsi asked for a motion to dispense with the roll call as all members were present.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to dispense with the roll call. Mr. Messer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Roesch presented Forrest Smith with a Certificate of Appreciation as the 2021 Residential Summer Seasons of Beauty Winner.

Council Member Roesch presented Brett Gilmore of Wild Birds Unlimited with a Certificate of Appreciation as the 2021 Business Summer Seasons of Beauty Winner.

City Council thanked both recipients for the beautification efforts of their properties.

GUESTS & RESIDENTS

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive- Mr. Silverman stated that at the Planning Commission meeting held on October 18, there was a 4-2 vote in favor of an applicant asking for rezoning on their property to 'OM-Old Montgomery Outer' to allow for the construction of two townhomes. He asked for the applicant's name and address.

Ms. Henao replied it was Jim Sykes and Ann Henry and the address was 7960 Remington Road.

Mr. Silverman asked if the applicant has a connection to the Cincinnati Housing Authority.

Ms. Henao replied they did not. The home owned by the Cincinnati Housing Authority is located across the street from the applicant.

LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION THIS EVENING

There was no legislation for consideration at the meeting.

ESTABLISHING AN AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2021 BUSINESS SESSION

PENDING LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that this would be the second reading of the Ordinance.

Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

Ms. Smiddy replied there were none.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive- Mr. Silverman explained that there was a social media post that stated that the treasury of the City was down to three months in reserves because of the Montgomery Quarter. He asked if that was true.

Mr. Riblet replied that was incorrect and that there is a balance of 16 months of reserves.

An Ordinance Approving A Planned Development Overlay For Property Owned By Twin Lakes Located On Montgomery Road At Schoolhouse Lane

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that this would be the second reading of this Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Margolis asked if there were any updates.

Ms. Henao replied there were none.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive- Mr. Silverman asked how this development would be different from what Twin Lakes has previously built.

Ms. Henao explained that this development includes 32 'flat' style condominium units. She stated that the building would be 2 stories along Montgomery Road and transition to 3 stories near the back of the property that adjoins to Indian Hill.

Mr. Silverman asked if the building would look like the Twin Lakes campus building.

Ms. Henao replied that the architecture has not been designed at this time, but she anticipated it would look more like the existing condos rather than the multi-story building on the main campus.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

- The next City Council Business Session is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Financial Planning, and Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committees will meet on Monday, November 1 at 4:30 and 5:00 p.m., respectively. The Law and Safety Committee has cancelled their meeting for November.
- The Government Affairs Committee will meet on Monday, November 8 at 4:30 p.m. The Parks and Recreation and Public Works Committees are not anticipated to have agenda items at this time, but an update will be provided at the November 3 Business Session.

- The Planning Commission met on Monday night to discuss rezoning and a concept plan from the property owner at 7960 Remington Road. After discussion, the Planning Commission voted (4-2) to recommend a small area study be completed by a third-party consultant to determine the appropriate zoning for the area. Staff will bring the recommendation forward to the Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Commission of Council in November for discussion at that time.
- John R. Jurgensen and their subcontractor Elex began the installation of the new traffic signal at Montgomery Road and future Roosa Street this week. Next week, JRJ, along with Oglesby, is planning on installing the paver crosswalk across Montgomery Road at this same location.
- On the Montgomery Quarter development front, Dugan and Meyer is installing finishes on Block 1 garage and west stone façade on Block 2 garage. Bray and Atkins and Stang is installing site lighting and the lighting foundations, conduits, etc. along Cameron Lane and Roosa Street.
- The second round of screening interviews with 8 firefighter/paramedic candidates were completed this week. The next step is to complete background checks followed by final interviews.
- The first round of interviews with Finance Specialist candidates are scheduled for next week (to fill an upcoming vacancy due to a retirement in early 2022.)
- Arrangements are being finalized with National Testing Network (NTN) for testing candidates to establish an eligible list for the patrol officer position classification.
- The HealthCare Benefits Committee has started the process of requesting and reviewing proposals from carriers for employee group insurance coverages. Preliminary feedback from the current health insurance carrier (Humana) indicates there could be a substantial increase in renewal rates.
- The IAFF bargaining unit members met on October 13 and voted to accept the tentative agreement for a new collective bargaining agreement. A recommendation and legislation to enter into the new IAFF collective bargaining agreement will be presented to City Council at an upcoming meeting.
- As a reminder, Terry Donnellon's barbecue will be held this Friday, October 22 at Terwilligers Lodge from 11:00 to 1:00.
- The Lanterns and Landmarks Tour is scheduled for this Saturday, October 23 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and lasting until 9:00 p.m. The Tour would be offered jointly by the Landmarks Commission, Montgomery Historic Preservation Association, and the Recreation and Community Development Departments.
- Another reminder, the National First Responder Day will be recognized on Thursday, October 28 with a recognition breakfast for the City's Fire and Police staff. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be held in the Mayor's Court/Training Room at the Safety Center.
- Another DORA event is planned for Saturday, October 30 on Remington Road. The tailgating theme includes the broadcasting of the following football games : University of Cincinnati vs Tulane, Purdue vs. Nebraska and Ohio State vs. Penn State along with music and food.

Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans of an applicant for economic development.

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Donnellon reported that he participated in an Ohio Municipal League Board Meeting at which it was reported that there are currently 175 Bills relative to local government proposed and under review. He reported that these bills will not be voted on until later in 2021 and 2022 and even likely beyond that.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Cappel

Mr. Cappel reported that electronic recycling was added to the monthly cardboard recycling on Saturday, October 16. He stated that 120 cars attended the event resulting in two large roll-off dumpsters filled with electronics.

Mrs. Bissmeyer

Mrs. Bissmeyer thanked staff for a great job in conducting the Harvest Moon Festival on Saturday, October 9.

Mr. Suer

Mr. Suer echoed Mrs. Bissmeyer in his thanks to staff for their tremendous efforts on the Harvest Moon Festival.

Ms. Roesch

Ms. Roesch stated that the Spring Concert for BAMSO would be held on October 24 at the Summit City Church (formerly the Montgomery Assembly of God) at 7:00 p.m. She stated the concert would feature the Jack & Lucille Wonnell Young Artist Concerto Competition Concert 2020 Winners.

Ms. Roesch reported that Beautification and Tree Commission picked the flower selection for next year.

Ms. Roesch reported that the Annual Montgomery Chamber of Commerce Dinner will be held on November 11 at the Montgomery Inn.

Mr. Messer

Mr. Messer reported that the second Live at the Uni will be held on November 1 at Sycamore High School and would feature Tom Steele.

Mr. Messer reported that the Sister Cities Commission decided to discontinue the International Dinner and replace it with a "Diner en Blanc".

Mr. Messer reported that the past Government Affairs Committee meeting the following topics were discussed:

- The Service to the Community Grant was proposed with revised guidelines and a new name "Service and Engagement Community Grant" with the intentions of streamlining the application process as opening it up to a broader scope of applicants.
- 2022 MCLA was discussed with an update of the 25 candidates as well as a proposed schedule. Since it is still unknown if all sessions would be able to be offered with our partners, an update will be provided at the December 1 Business Session along with a recommendation to proceed or postpone the academy in 2022.
- The Roundabout Landscape/Hardscape RFP was reported on by Mr. Riblet. Mr. Riblet reported that there were 3 submittals which included: MKSK, The Kleining Group, and Human Nature. He shared that all three were interviewed by a team that consisted of the Mayor, Council Members Roesch and Suer, Bonnie Pendleton of the Arts Commission, Darla Hall of the Beautification and Tree Commission, and staff

members Terry Willenbrink, Gary Heitkamp, Tracy Henao and Brian Riblet. He reported that after all interviews were conducted the team selected Human Nature to advance into the detailed design phase which would include drawings and concept up to about 30%. It is anticipated that it would be Fall of 2022 before construction would begin. Staff will follow up with updates as they occur.

- Law Director Evaluation- The Law Director Evaluation process is beginning, and he will be sending emails out to everyone along with the assessment form with a timeline in order to have everything wrapped up and meet with Mr. Donnellon by the end of the year.

Vice Mayor Margolis

Vice Mayor Margolis stated that he also felt the Harvest Moon Festival was a great success and explained that he heard many residents state they were glad it started earlier this year. He reported that the History Club featured the former Swaim Field Golf Course with an overlay that showed how it was laid out prior to the housing development being constructed and allowed residents to view where their homes were in relation to the holes of the golf course.

Mayor Dobrozsi

No report.

MINUTES

Mr. Cappel moved to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2021 Business Session. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that Mr. Riblet had requested an Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans of an applicant for economic development.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans of an applicant for economic development. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

NAY: (0)

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

Council came back into Public Session at 8:30 p.m.

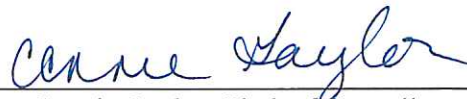
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dobrozsi asked if there was any further business to discuss in Public Session. There being none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Bissmeyer moved to adjourn. Vice Mayor Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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City Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie Gaylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It is positioned above a horizontal line.

Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council