

November 5, 2021

TO: Ron Messer, City Council Member, Chair
Government Affairs Committee of City Council

FROM: Brian K. Riblet, City Manager *BKR*

SUBJECT: Government Affairs Committee Meeting of Monday, November 8, 2021

As a reminder, the Government Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 8 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Items to be discussed include:

1. Surplus Equipment-Police Department— Please find the attached correspondence from Police Chief John Crowell, requesting that the Government Affairs Committee declare a list of radar equipment and accessories as surplus property. Staff will be present to discuss the proposed request.
2. Surplus Vehicles-Police Department— Please find the attached correspondence from Police Chief John Crowell, requesting that the Government Affairs Committee declare three police cruisers as surplus property. Staff will be present to discuss the proposed request.
3. Update on Holiday Card— Staff will be present to provide an update on the Holiday Card Contest and to present the Arts Commission's proposed recommendations for the Holiday Card artwork.
4. Other Business—The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity to discuss any issue or ask questions that may be on your mind.

Also, attached are the minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting of the Government Affairs Committee for review and approval at Monday's meeting.

Should you have questions or concerns pertaining to these topics or have additional items to be discussed at Monday's meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

C: Mayor and City Council Members (4)
Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
Department Heads
File



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Agenda
November 8, 2021
4:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Guests and Residents
3. New Business
 - a. Surplus Equipment - Police Department
 - b. Surplus Vehicles - Police Department
 - c. Update on Holiday Card
4. Old Business
5. Other Business
6. Approval of Minutes–October 18, 2021
7. Adjournment

October 25, 2021

TO: Brian Riblet, City Manager
FROM: John Crowell, Police Chief *JDC*
SUBJECT: Request for equipment to be declared surplus

The City currently has speed measuring radar equipment and accessories we would like to have declared as surplus property. This equipment dates from the mid-1990s to early 2000s and has been replaced by newer equipment. The equipment will be auctioned through the GovDeals.com government surplus auction site. The total value of the equipment is approximately \$1000. The proceeds from auction will be deposited into the City general fund.

Listed below is a description of the equipment.

Decatur Genesis II Select radar unit	G2S-19498
Decatur Genesis II Select Ka-Band radar cone	G2SKA-20884
Decatur Genesis II Select Ka-Band radar cone	G2SKA-20893
Stalker dual radar head unit	041908
Stalker dual radar head unit	041940
Stalker dual radar head unit	DC079041
Stalker dual radar head unit	DC2048
Stalker dual radar head unit	DC079039
Stalker dual 34.7 GHZ radar cone	044902
Stalker dual 34.7 GHZ radar cone	044814
Stalker dual 34.7 GHZ radar cone	044859
Stalker dual 33.1-36 GHZ radar cone	KA2892
Stalker dual 33.1-36 GHZ radar cone	KA2884
Stalker dual 34.7 GHZ radar cone	027915
Stalker dual 34.7 GHZ radar cone	044915
Stalker dual 34.7 GHZ radar cone	027856
Marksman LTI-2020 Laser unit	011280

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

October 18, 2021

TO: Brian Riblet, City Manager
FROM: John Crowell, Police Chief *JDC*
SUBJECT: Request for vehicles to be declared surplus

The City currently has several vehicles we would like to have declared as surplus property. Three 2015 Ford Police Interceptors were removed from police service as part of our annual rotation and replacement of vehicles. The vehicles will be auctioned through the GovDeals.com government surplus auction site. The proceeds from these vehicles will be deposited into the City general fund.

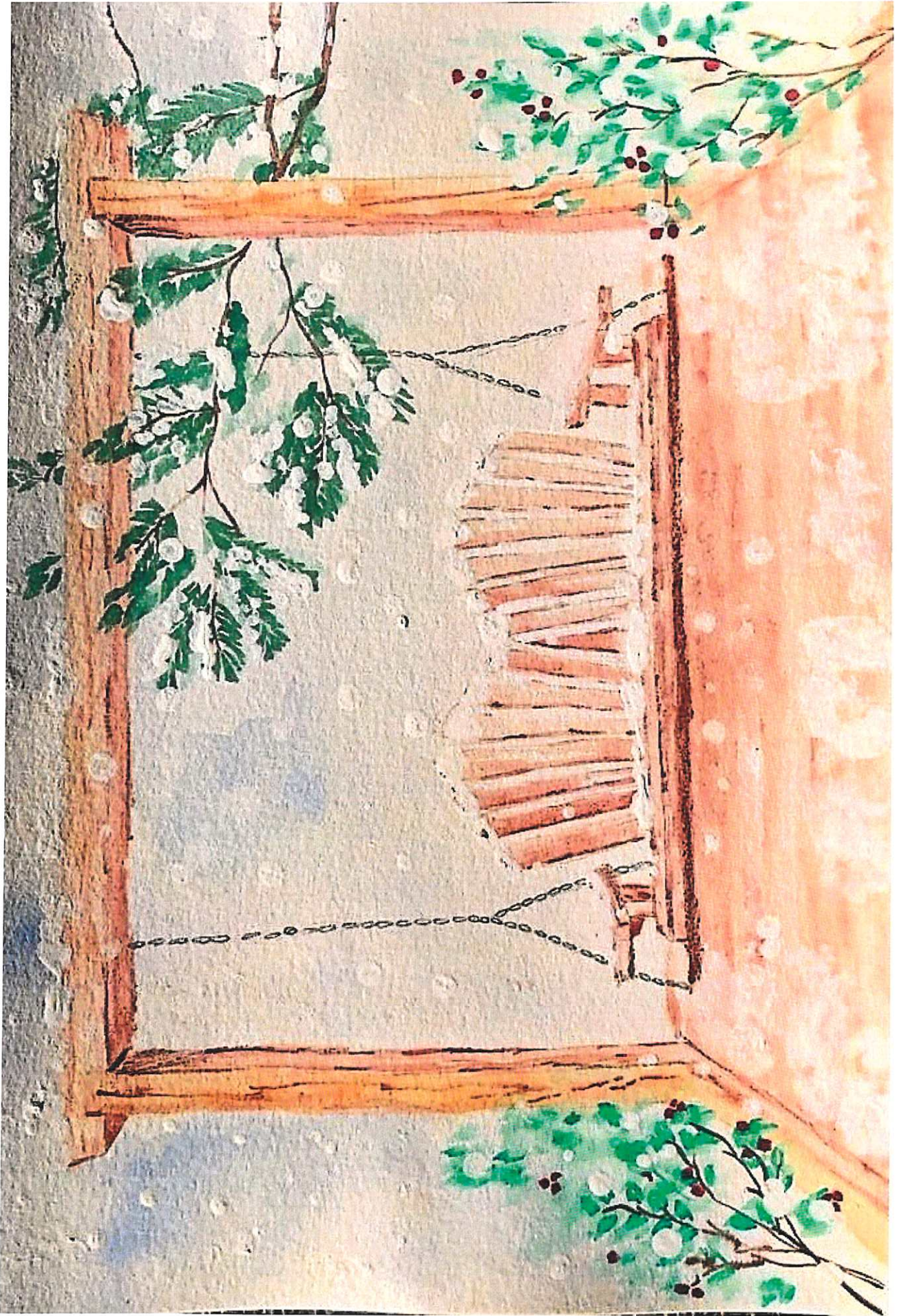
Listed below is a description of each vehicle.

2015 Ford Police Interceptor
VIN: 1FAHP2MT7FG165306
Mileage: 105,192
Estimated Value: \$8,000

2015 Ford Police Interceptor
VIN: 1FAHP2MT9FG165307
Mileage: 85,245
Estimated Value: \$8,000

2015 Ford Police Interceptor
VIN: 1FAHP2MT0FG165308
Mileage: 92,900
Estimated Value: \$8,000

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



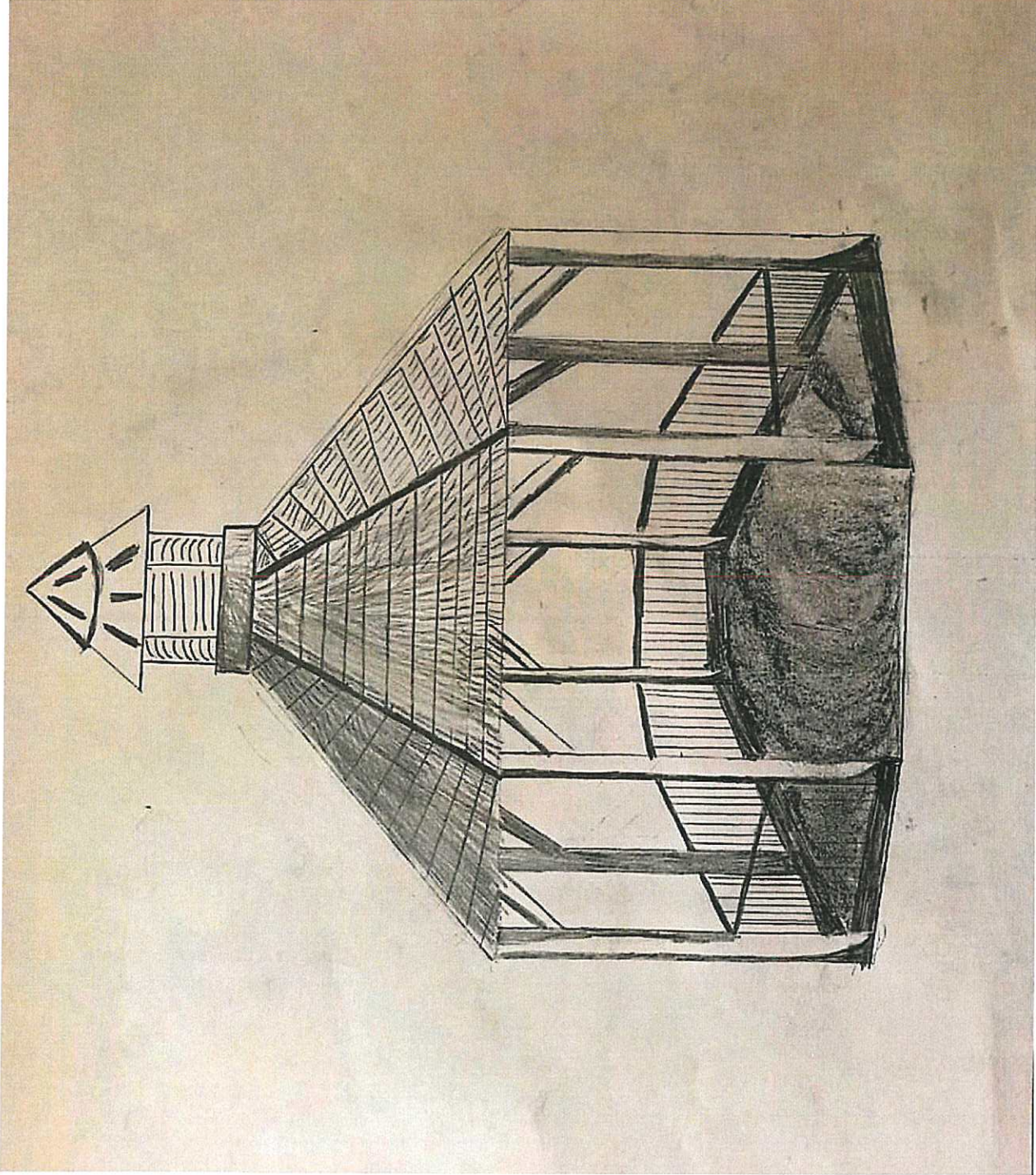
Bhawana B.

Blue Ash



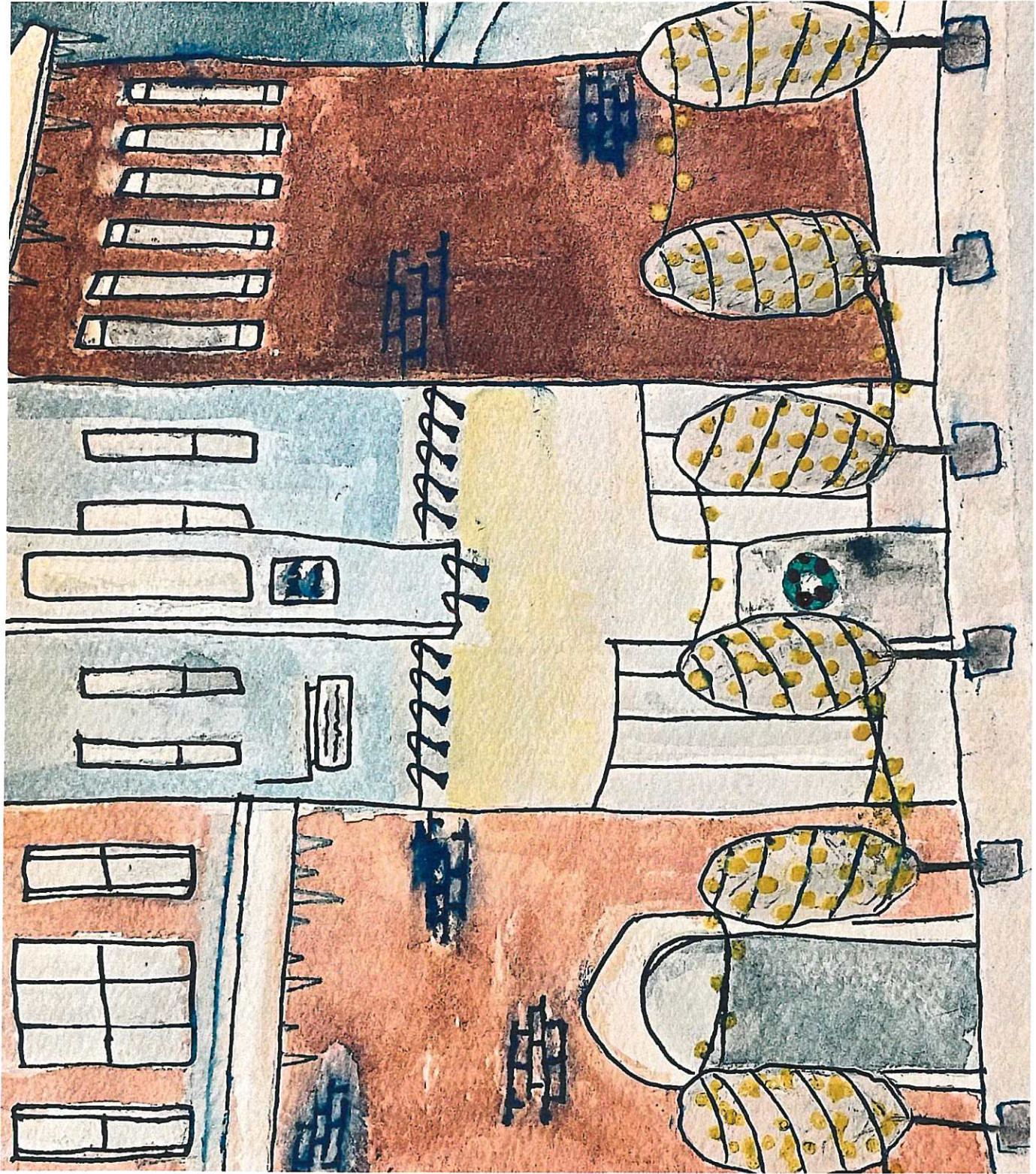
Samanvitha Vikram

Blue Ash



Siddharth Vikram

Blue Ash



Tanvi Mayya
Montgomery



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Holidays*

*from the
City of Montgomery*



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City of Montgomery
Government Affairs Committee Minutes
October 18, 2021

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Serv. Dir.
Amy Frederick, Community Engagement Coordinator

City Council Committee Members Present

Ron Messer, Chair
Lynda Roesch

City Council Committee Members Absent

Craig Margolis

The Government Affairs Committee of Council convened its meeting for October 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. with Mr. Messer presiding.

Ms. Roesch made a motion to excuse Mr. Margolis from the meeting. Mr. Messer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Guests and Residents

Steve Silverman
Roberta Rivera

New Business

Service to the Community Grant Update

Mr. Vanderhorst explained to the Committee that throughout the past few years, the Community and Information Services Department has received feedback from grant applicants about how cumbersome and repetitive the grant application was. The feedback prompted staff to review the grant guidelines and modify the application. He explained the following suggested changes:

1. The grant name was changed from "Service to the Community Grant" to "Service and Engagement Community Grant." This change is intended to broaden the appeal of the grant beyond just service options.
2. Items listed on pages 2 - 3 were consolidated to be less repetitive.
3. Several internal processes were removed from the Grant Process Timeline to reduce applicant confusion.
4. Several application questions from pages 7 - 11 were eliminated or consolidated to reduce repetitive, confusing, and unnecessary items.
5. The item "How will your plan provide recognition to the City of Montgomery" was removed from the scoring sheet on page 13. Also, the WeTHRIVE scoring item was changed from bonus points to a primary scoring item.

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Ms. Roesch stated that one year, there were two awards made and asked if there was a way to reach other applicants.

Mr. Vanderhorst confirmed that there have been two awards in the past and that we could split the total award more evenly among more applicants if we received them.

Mr. Riblet added that while the maximum amount for the grant program has been at \$5,000, that if applicable submissions were received staff could request to increase the overall grant amount.

Ms. Roesch made a motion to approve the proposed modifications to the grant application program. Mr. Messer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

2022 Montgomery Citizens Leadership Academy Update

Ms. Frederick passed out a list of MCLA applicants and tentative schedule for the 2022 program.

Mr. Riblet explained to the Committee that the same challenges that prompted the cancellation of the 2021 MCLA program were once again prevalent for the 2022 program. He explained that the sessions that would typically be held at our partnering facilities: Twin Lakes, Bethesda North, Sycamore Schools and Ohio National were still undecided at this time. He explained that it is not known if these facilities would allow the classes to be held or held with a mask requirement. He asked the Committee to allow staff to make a final recommendation at the December 1 Business Session on moving forward with the program as planned in 2022 or to defer to 2023. He stated that if the program was to be deferred, he would suggest retaining the applicants on file for 2023 if they were willing to wait.

Ms. Roesch stated that she would prefer to wait as long as possible to decide and to be as flexible as we could in order to offer the program.

Mr. Riblet explained that Operation Give Back could be an alternative site for a session.

Montgomery Roundabout Landscape/Hardscape Design

Mr. Riblet updated the Committee on the RFP process for the Roundabout Landscape/Hardscape design. Mr. Riblet reported that there were 3 submittals which included: MKSK, The Kleininger 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.

Ms. Roesch stated that there could be grant money through ODNR if someone wanted to reach out to Wendi VanBuren.

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Mr. Riblet replied that staff could look into that. He stated that he would also look at the Capital Budget grant issued from the State for funding of signage.

Mr. Riblet added that the Arts Commission has had a placeholder in the budget for some time for Public Art, but it is difficult to include art within a right of way, which is what the area of the roundabout is considered by ODOT. He stated that there may be other options within the public park in the development in which art could be placed.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman stated to the Committee that the company who conducted the hydroseeding didn't appropriately weed and that there are 4' tall weeds within the roundabout now. He also stated that there could be consideration of private funding for the landscape/hardscape at the Montgomery Quarter. He stated that Sycamore Schools received one-half of the budget for the new stadium at the High School. He feels there would be funds available from the community for trees or benches. He added that paver bricks like what the City uses for memorials could be utilized as a fund-raising effort. He stated that the Masonic Lodge of Montgomery is looking for opportunities for worthwhile donations.

Mr. Riblet stated that there had not been discussions on having those types of efforts for the Development and was concerned with how that type of fundraising would be conducted.

Other Business

Mr. Riblet reminded the Committee on the upcoming Law Director Evaluation process that Mrs. Harbison used to facilitate. He explained the process of selecting four to five staff members to provide evaluations as well as all of Council.

Mr. Messer stated he would facilitate the process and would work with Mr. Riblet to send out emails and timelines to those who would participate so the process could be wrapped up by the end of the year.

Mr. Riblet explained that he anticipated staff would bring suggestions for the holiday card to the November 8 Committee meeting. He stated that the annual contest garnered little interest and after looking at past submittals there were not good photos to use for a card. He stated that staff would work on alternatives and update the Committee in November.

Steve Silverman, 7504 Golf Green Drive-Mr. Silverman stated that for a number of years residents have been interested in utility aggregation. He stated that there is a ground swell of resident that feel this is a major issue this year. He stated that he hoped Mr. Riblet will reinvestigate this issue.

Mr. Messer replied to Mr. Silverman that the Committee looked at the issue of energy aggregation in depth at a previous meeting.

Mr. Riblet explained that it was requested by the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) to discuss at a Government Affairs Committee which it was and then their recommendation was taken to City Council to not proceed with entering into an aggregation agreement. Mr. Riblet explained that he subsequently met with Mr. Laskovics, Chair of the EAC and discussed the EAC submitting

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articles to the Montgomery Bulletin to educate residents on how to read their utility bill and how to investigate alternative providers on their own.

Mr. Messer explained that Mr. Riblet researched other communities and found that there was not good feedback. In fact, some of the communities in agreements were working to cancel the contracts. Mr. Messer stated that staff would continue to monitor rates as things could change.

Mr. Riblet stated that over the years there has been discussions on this issue.

Mr. Messer reminded Mr. Silverman that residents have the freedom to change providers on their own at any point.

Mr. Silverman asked how the conclusion to not proceed with energy aggregation was conveyed to the residents.

Mr. Riblet stated that it was discussed at previous Government Affairs, EAC and City Council meetings.

Mr. Silverman asked how it was communicated on a broadband level.

Mr. Riblet replied that the EAC would address this through the educational articles it would be submitting in the months ahead.

Minutes

Ms. Roesch moved to approve the August 9, 2021 Government Affairs Committee minutes. Mr. Messer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

Ms. Roesch moved for adjournment. Mr. Messer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed. The Governmental Affairs Committee of Council meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Chair