

City of Montgomery  
Government Affairs Committee Minutes  
February 14, 2022

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager  
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager  
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Serv. Dir.  
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Committee Members Present

Chris Dobrozsi, Chair  
Sasha Naiman

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The Government Affairs Committee of Council convened its meeting for February 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. with Mr. Dobrozsi presiding.

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to excuse Mr. Messer from the meeting. Mr. Dobrozsi

New Business

Sister Cities Proposed Dinner Event

Mr. Vanderhorst explained that the Montgomery Sister Cities Commission seeks to replace the Dinner Around the World event with something more traditional to the French culture. The Commission would like to propose a refined, elegant social event for couples and small groups in the French tradition of Dîner en Blanc (Dinner in White), honoring the relationship between Montgomery and Neuilly-Plaisance, France. The name of the event would be called Soirée en Blanc.

The proposed event date is May 7, 2022, to not interfere with other City events, student graduations, spring break, and other potential conflicts. The target audience is groups of residents that are friends and couples. The proposed location is the Pioneer Park Gazebo and Meadow next to the gazebo.

Mr. Dobrozsi stated that he likes the concept and stated that the Sister Cities Commission has thoroughly vetted the proposal.

Mrs. Naiman asked how many people would need to attend in order to cover all costs.

Mr. Vanderhorst replied that they estimated revenues at 100 people in order to break even.

The Committee and staff discussed the event and Mrs. Naiman moved to approve the new event. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Surplus Property Disposal (Administration)

Mr. Riblet explained that Staff is requesting that a 1988 Specialty Vehicle (Trolley) be declared as surplus by the Government Affairs Committee of City Council. He stated that if approved as surplus, the specialty vehicle will be sold through Gov-Deals.

Mr. Riblet explained that the vehicle was purchased in 2020 with the intent of refurbishing the vehicle and utilizing it for city sponsored events and tours. Upon soliciting quotes to make necessary repairs to the motor, upgrades to the interior and exterior, and meeting ADA requirements as well as ensuring safety, staff feels the project is no longer warranted.

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to declare the 1988 Trolley as surplus to be listed on GovDeals.com for auction. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

### Other Business

Mr. Riblet provided an update on the progress of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. He explained that the Goal Teams were nearing completion of the development of all strategies and expected to bring a completed plan for review to the April City Council Work Session.

Mr. Riblet also explained that as the strategies are completed staff are seeing some redundancies so recommendations may be made to combine those strategies.

Mr. Riblet added that highlights from the last 5-year plan would be presented at the April Work Session as well.

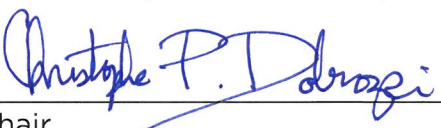
Mr. Riblet shared that he has compiled a list of events and meetings that are outside of the normally scheduled Council and Committee meetings and will provide to Mr. Dobrozsi to share at the February Work Session. He stated the intent was to provide those dates now so that Council has time to review and place on their calendars ahead of time.

### Minutes

Mrs. Naiman moved to approve the January 10, 2022 Government Affairs Committee minutes. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

### Adjournment

Mrs. Naiman moved for adjournment. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed. The Governmental Affairs Committee of Council meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

  
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Chair