

City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session Minutes
February 2, 2022

Present

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

City Council Members Present

Craig Margolis, Mayor
Lee Ann Bissmeyer, Vice Mayor
Mike Cappel
Chris Dobrozsi
Ron Messer
Sasha Naiman
Ken Suer

City Council convened its Business Session for February 2, 2022 at 6:50 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Margolis presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer made a motion to dispense with roll call. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer presented Kaitlin Johnston, along with her family, with a Proclamation acknowledging February 7-14, 2022 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week.

NEW LEGISLATION

An Ordinance Establishing an Excise Lodging Tax

Mr. Dobrozsi stated that he would recuse himself from this piece of legislation like he has done with all legislation that relates to the development and roundabout. He explained that although he has no ownership interest in Neyer Properties, Inc. nor any in the limited liability companies in partnership to develop the Montgomery Quarter, he will continue to recuse himself from discussion and abstain from voting upon legislation related to the Montgomery Quarter project.

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

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

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, will establish an excise tax within the City of Montgomery. The Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) § 5739.08 allows a municipal corporation to levy an excise tax of up to 3% on transactions by which the hotel provides lodging to transient guests.

Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Donnellon replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer,	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi	(1)

60 **A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Murphy Tractor & Equipment**
61 **Co. for the Purchase of a John Deere 410L Backhoe Loader**

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63 Mr. Cappel moved to read the Resolution by title only. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously
64 agreed.

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66 Mr. Cappel read the title and moved for passage. Mr. Messer seconded.

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68 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this legislation that, if passed, would
69 authorize the purchase of a John Deere 410L Backhoe. The purchase of a replacement backhoe is programmed in
70 the 2022 Capital Improvement Program with a requested amount of \$140,595.29, funded through the 410-261-5405
71 account. If approved, the purchased will be made utilizing the State Bid through the State of Ohio Cooperative
72 Purchasing Agreement (Supplier OAKS Contract ID 800864-48, Program ID – UINV9013).

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74 Mr. Cappel asked if there were any updates.

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76 Mr. Heitkamp replied there were none.

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78 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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80 AYE: Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer, Cappel (7)
81 NAY: (0)

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83 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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85 Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

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87 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.
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89 • The Law and Safety and Financial Planning Committees will hold their meetings on Monday, February
90 7 at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., respectively. The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee has cancelled
91 their meeting for February.
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93 • City Staff has begun the process of preparing for a #TurnMontgomeryOrange initiative for the next two-
94 week period to show our community support for the Bengals and their quest to win a Super Bowl on
95 February 13.
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97 ○ website and social media posts will be made to encourage all businesses and residents to light up
98 their properties with orange lighting and display Bengal decorations, etc.
99 ○ adapting exterior orange lighting for all City Buildings (City Hall, Safety Center, Public Works)
100 ○ Sam Hubbard will be invited to a future Council meeting after the Super Bowl for a Proclamation
101 and declaring an official Sam Hubbard Day.
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103 • The Weller Park COVID Test Site has been successful and will most likely be open through next Friday,
104 February 11. On average there have been 275 motorists daily going through the mobile test site.
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106 • Tuesday, February 1, the Roundabout Landscape/Hardscape RFP Team met with Human Nature who
107 provided the team with options to consider for the landscape/hardscape improvements at the
108 Montgomery Road Roundabout. It was a productive meeting in which the team provided feedback and
109 further direction to Human Nature. It is anticipated that refined concepts will be received in early March
110 with a goal of sharing with the public sometime in April.
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112 Mr. Suer stated that he felt it was a very productive meeting and feels that the team from Human Nature
113 listens to input and provided good direction in design of the surrounding landscape as well as the
114 roundabout.
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116 Mr. Dobrozsi added that he felt the team from Human Nature did a good job in pairing a landscape
117 architect with a building architect to bring all aspects of the design together.
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119 • Recognition is given to Michelle Dobrozsi for her quick action on Tuesday, February 1 which allowed
120 the police to quickly identify and contact a semi-truck driver's company that caused damage to the City
121 fountain at Neuilly-Plaisance
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123 • Three new firefighter/paramedics will begin employment with the City next week.
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125 ○ Darrick Treat (start date February 8) previously worked for Union Township Fire Department and
126 brings more than six years total full and part-time fire department experience.

127 ○ Ken Lynch (start date February 9) previously worked for Deerfield Township Fire Department and
128 brings more than 17 years of experience.

129 ○ Phil Klug (start date February 20) previously worked at Colerain Township Fire Department and
130 brings more than 20 years of experience .
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132 • After 25 years of service to the City, Sharon Savitt retired January 31. Employees held a luncheon in
133 her honor last Friday.
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135 Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session for matters related to the employment of a public employee.
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137 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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139 Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to approve the January 19, 20221 Work Session minutes.
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141 Mr. Cappel moved to approve the minutes as written. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously
142 agreed.
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144 **MAYOR'S COURT REPORT**

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146 Mayor Margolis explained that the January Mayors Court collections in the amount of \$6,225 need to be disbursed.
147 He asked for a motion to accept the funds.
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149 Mr. Cappel moved to accept the Mayors Court collections for the month of January in the amount of \$6,225. Vice
150 Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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152 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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154 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the respective boards and commissions
155 for the following terms. Mr. Suer added that these appointments were not discussed at a Committee meeting and
156 therefore would need a second.
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158 Carol Cottrill to the Landmarks Commission for a term ending January 31, 2025

159 John Durham to the Landmarks Commission for a term ending January 31, 2025

160 Peter Fossett to the Planning Commission for a term ending on January 31, 2025

161 Catherine Mills-Reynolds to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending on January 31, 2026
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163 Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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165 Mayor Margolis recognized February as Black History Month and the efforts by the Diversity and Inclusion
166 Commission and the community to embrace each other as fellow humans.
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168 Mr. Messer added that the Diversity and Inclusion Commission would host a group at the February 22 meeting called
169 Braver Angels who will address the topic of political differences and how to reconcile those differences.
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171 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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173 Mayor Margolis stated that Mr. Riblet has requested an Executive Session for matters related to the employment of
174 a public employee. He asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session.
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176 Mr. Cappel made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for matters related to the employment of a public
177 employee. Mrs. Naiman seconded.
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179 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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181 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Dobrozi, Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer (7)
182 NAY: (0)
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184 City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.
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186 City Council reconvened into Public Session at 7:44 p.m.
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188 Mayor Margolis asked if there was any other business to discuss. There being none he asked for a motion to adjourn.
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190 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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192 City Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.
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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council