

City of Montgomery
Government Affairs Committee Minutes
January 10, 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
Ron Messer
Sasha Naiman

The Government Affairs Committee of Council convened its meeting for January 10, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. with Mr. Dobrozsi presiding.

New Business

Appointments and Reappointments of Boards and Commission Members

Mr. Riblet explained to the Committee that on December 1, 2021, City Council approved Ordinance #9, 2021 recognizing and formally establishing the Diversity and Inclusion Commission. He explained that as a result of the creation of the Commission that the members now needed to be appointed to the Commission. He explained that the Diversity and Inclusion Commission shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of the City appointed by City Council with staggering terms commencing February 1 in the appropriate year of appointment. Initially, four (4) persons shall be appointed for a term commencing February 1, 2022, who shall serve until January 31, 2024, and three (3) persons shall be appointed for a term commencing February 1, 2022, who shall serve until January 31, 2025. Mr. Riblet stated that staff recommends the Government Affairs Committee consider the following as the first appointed members of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission:

Steve Coppel	2-year term
Priya Viswalingham	2-year term
Juan Molina	2-year term
Lydell Carter	2-year term
Chip Harrod	3-year term
Umama Alam	3-year term
Benny Miles	3-year term

Mr. Riblet added that Mrs. Naiman would be the Council Liaison to the new commission and that they would continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. He stated this would ensure continuity from when the Diversity and Inclusion Committee was initially meeting so that others would continue to come as they normally had.

Mr. Messer moved to appoint the Diversity and Commission members as recommended by staff. Mrs. Naiman seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Ms. Gaylor explained that there were also several members of the Arts Commission and Sister Cities Commission who needed to be reappointed. She stated the following members and terms:

Elise Williams to the Arts Commission with a term ending on January 31, 2025

Christine Genovese to the Arts Commission with a term ending on January 31, 2025
Marcallene Shockey to the Sister Cities Commission with a term ending on January 31, 2025
Blair Davis to the Sister Cities Commission with a term ending on January 31, 2025

Mr. Messer moved to appoint the members as noted by Ms. Gaylor. Mrs. Naiman seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Surplus Property Disposal (Community and Information Services)

Mr. Vanderhorst explained that a list of computer equipment was provided in the packet of items that are of no use to the department due to equipment condition and obsolescence and asked the Committee to designate the items as surplus. He stated that the equipment does have value as parts and will be placed on GovDeals.com for auction. Hard drives have been removed or erased of all data and formatted according to US DoD 5220.22-M standards.

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to declare the list as surplus and to approve the sale of the items on GovDeals.com. Mr. Messer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Discussion of the City Manager Evaluation Process

Mr. Dobrozsi explained that it is time to begin the process for Mr. Riblets' annual evaluation. He recommended using Management Partners to facilitate the evaluation process as has been done in the past. He explained that he has reached out to Jerry Newfarmer of Management Partners to discuss the steps and timeline and with the agreement from the Committee will confirm with Mr. Newfarmer to begin the process.

The Committee discussed the value of having an outside firm conduct the process and advised Mr. Dobrozsi to proceed with hiring Management Partners to handle the City Manager evaluation process.

Other Business

Sons of the American Revolution Request

Ms. Gaylor explained to the Committee that Scott Freeman with the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) reached out to her to request that the City consider the installation of 18 flag poles to display the 18 historical flags that represent the different conflicts that occurred during the Revolutionary War era. She explained that these flags are currently on display at Lytle Park in the City of Cincinnati but had to be removed due to the reconstruction at that park that will no longer be a place they can be displayed. Ms. Gaylor explained that the group will be responsible for the hanging of the flags as well as their maintenance however the cost of the poles, installation and then lowering of the flags would be the City's responsibility.

Staff and the Committee discussed the challenges of this request. The Committee advised staff to do more research and approved a final determination to be made at the staff level.

Trolley

Mr. Riblet explained that several years ago the City partnered with the City of Wyoming to purchase a trolley with the anticipation of jointly sharing the vehicle to use for various events and city purposes. He explained that the total cost of the trolley was \$5,000 and was split between the City and the City of Wyoming at \$2,500 each. He explained that once delivered and inspected by the City's mechanic the cost of the restoration was deemed cost prohibitive to restore for safety reasons. Mr. Riblet explained that he anticipates bringing the issue back to the Committee to declare as surplus in the future but wanted to provide background on the original purchase of the vehicle.

Emergency Operation Plan

Mr. Riblet stated that at Mr. Messer's request staff would be scheduling a Law and Safety Committee meeting in which to present an update and overview of the City's current Emergency Operation Plan for those Committee Members as well as other Council members who would like to attend. He stated this would be a broad overview as the plan is very in depth.

Mr. Messer stated that a one page document that would provide general information for Council members to know how to proceed in the event there was a need to enact the plan would be very helpful.

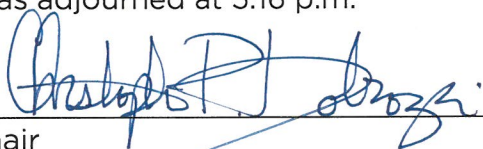
Mr. Riblet stated that he would work with staff to make this presentation.

Minutes

Mr. Messer moved to approve the November 8, 2021 Government Affairs Committee minutes. Mrs. Naiman seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

Mrs. Naiman 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