

City of Montgomery  
City Council Business Session Minutes  
July 6, 2022

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager  
Terry Donnellon, Law Director  
John Crowell, Police Chief  
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager  
Mike Rogers, Asst. Public Works Director  
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Director  
Paul Wright, Fire Chief  
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council  
Amy Frederick, Community Engagement Coordinator

City Council Members Present

Craig Margolis, Mayor  
Lee Ann Bissmeyer, Vice Mayor  
Chris Dobrozsi  
Ron Messer  
Ken Suer

Council Members Absent

Mike Cappel  
Sasha Naiman

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City Council its Business Session for July 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Bissmeyer presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Margolis asked for a roll call.

All members were present except for Mr. Cappel and Mrs. Naiman. Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Cappel due to a vacation and Mrs. Naiman due to illness.

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer made a motion to excuse Mr. Cappel and Mrs. Naiman's absences. Mr. Messer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Pam Brown and family were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation as the 2022 Beautification and Tree Spring Seasons of Beauty Winners.

Michael Harbison was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service on the Planning Commission and service to the community.

**LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED THIS EVENING**

**NEW LEGISLATION**

**A Resolution Adopting A Tax Budget For 2023**

Mr. Suer moved to read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Messer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Suer read the title and moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Messer seconded.

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that is an annual requirement for governmental jurisdictions per the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5705.28. The Tax Budget will be submitted to the Hamilton County Budget Commission for approval, and will, in turn, be used to determine Local Government Fund allocations. The proposed budget is based on the year 2023 projections as reflected in the City's 2022-2026 Five-Year Operating and Capital Budget.

Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Suer, Messer	(5)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Cappel, Naiman	(2)

**A Resolution Authorizing Internet Auction of Surplus Personal Property Through Govdeals.com**

Mr. Dobrozsi moved to read the Resolution by title only.

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Dobrozsi read the title and moved for passage of the Resolution. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded.

Mr. Dobrozsi explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will designate GovDeals.com as internet auction agents for the disposal of surplus property for the period of August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. Ohio law authorizes the City to dispose of surplus and abandoned personal property through internet auction. Section 50.02 of the Code of Ordinances sets forth a procedure for the sale and disposition of lost, abandoned, stolen, seized, or forfeited property ("Surplus Property") through internet auction agents. This Resolution will also authorize the City Manager to enter into appropriate contracts with GovDeals.com.

Mr. Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

Chief Crowell replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Dobrozsi, Margolis, Suer, Messer, Bissmeyer	(5)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Naiman, Cappel	(2)

**A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Labor Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc., for Wage and Benefits from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025**

Mr. Messer moved to read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Messer read the title and moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Suer seconded.

Mr. Messer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will authorize the City Manager to enter into a labor agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The City and the FOP have reached an agreement on a new three-year labor contract that includes wage and benefit modifications, pending City Council's approval.

Mr. Messer asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Riblet replied there were minor edits made that were approved by both parties and were included in the packet.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Margolis, Suer, Messer, Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi (5)

NAY: (0)

ABSENT: Cappel, Naiman (2)

**A Resolution Amending Resolution Nos. 9, 2020; 39, 2020 and 43, 2021 To Approve A Final Modification To The Construction Agreement With Brandicorp, LLC For Stage I Montgomery Quarter Project Improvements**

Mr. Suer moved to read this Resolution and the Resolution following by title only.

Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Dobrozsi recused himself from the discussion and vote on this legislation and the following as he does for any legislation related to the Montgomery Quarter due to any possible professional conflicts.

Mr. Suer read the title and moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Messer seconded.

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would Amend Resolution #9, 2020, Resolution #39, 2020, and Resolution #43, 2021 to approve a final modification to the construction agreement with Brandicorp, LLC for public improvements associated with Stage I of the Montgomery Quarter Development Project. The cost of this additional work is \$472,875 and would be documented within the final change orders associated with Sequence III/Stage I of the CMAR. This proposed change would result in a not to exceed budget of \$15,722,875. This request will not require any new transfer of funds as the Montgomery Quarter Construction fund is able to absorb these costs. In addition, a companion piece of Legislation for consideration will, if approved, authorize the City to recover such costs with future TIF funds and/or proceeds.

Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Suer, Messer, Bissmeyer, Margolis (4)

NAY: (0)

ABSENT: Cappel, Naiman (2)

ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi (1)

**A Resolution Delegating Authority To Make Declarations Of Official Intent And Allocations With Respect To Reimbursements Of Temporary Advances During Fiscal Years 2023 And 2024 Made For Capital Improvements To Be Made From Subsequent Borrowings For The Montgomery Quarter Redevelopment Project (Formerly Known As The Gateway Redevelopment Project)**

Mr. Suer read the title and moved for passage. Mr. Messer seconded.

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would meet the formal Treasury requirement to recover from a future bond issue monies the City may advance today for Public Improvements in Stage II of the Montgomery Quarter Redevelopment Project. The City previously has issued similar reimbursement Resolutions to recover funds from both the Stage I and anticipated Stage II bond issues. These monies are anticipated to be recovered from the Stage II bond issue for Public Improvements. Each Resolution covers calendar years when the expenses may be incurred.

Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Donnellon replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Messer, Bissmeyer, Margolis, Suer	(4)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Cappel, Naiman	(2)
ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi	(1)

Mr. Dobrozsi rejoined Council on the dais.

**A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager Of The City Of Montgomery, Ohio To Prepare And Submit An Application To Participate In The Transit Infrastructure Fund Program(s) And To Execute Contracts As Required**

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

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer read the title and moved passage of the Resolution. Mr. Messer seconded.

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would allow staff to prepare and submit an application to SORTA to participate in the Transit Infrastructure Fund Program in the amount of \$184,730 for the addition of sidewalks along the east side of Montgomery Road to service bus stop locations at Schoolhouse Plaza., Camargo Cadillac and Twin Lakes south of Mitchell Farm . Grant applications are due June 30, 2022, with Council legislation being due by July 15, 2022.

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Rogers replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Suer, Messer	(5)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Cappel, Naiman	(2)

**A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Sycamore Community School District Board Of Education To Assign Two School Resource Officers**

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

Mr. Messer read the title and moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded.

Mr. Messer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Sycamore Community School District Board of Education to reimburse the City for the assignment of two School Resource Officers for the High School and the Junior High located within the City. The contract rate for the High School SRO has been a long-standing allocation, 60% to Sycamore and 40% to the City. The newer contract for the Junior High, which has been in effect for the last several years, has been increased to \$45,000 per year.

Mr. Messer asked if there were any updates.

Chief Crowell replied there were none.

Mr. Messer asked Chief Crowell if the current officers were still happy with their roles as SRO's.

Chief Crowell replied that they were and that being a school resource officer was not for everyone as there are so many dynamics to working within a school.

Mr. Suer stated that the officers do a tremendous job with the kids that far exceeds just the role of a law enforcement officer.

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

- City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- As a reminder, a Law and Safety meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7 at 3:30 p.m.
- The Parks and Recreation, Government Affairs and Public Works Committees have all cancelled their meetings for the month of July.
- Staff is working with Kolar Design to host a 'visioning' session for public art at Montgomery Quarter and the Heritage District. Similar to how we managed the process for the roundabout landscaping, we would recommend a committee consisting of two members of City Council, staff (Brian, Tracy, Kevin and Julie Machon), two members of the Arts Commission, two members of the Landmarks Commission and members of the development team. Staff will circle back with Council to confirm.
- A reminder that Bastille Day is Saturday, July 16 from 4:00 to 11:00pm.
- A retirement luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, July 28 to honor Cindy Abner who will be retiring at the end of July. The luncheon will be held at City Hall from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.
- A reminder that the City Council Staff Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, July 29 at Terwilliger Lodge from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to approve the June 22, 2022 Work Session and Public Hearing minutes.

Mr. Dobrozsi moved to approve the minutes as written. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

### **MAYOR'S COURT REPORT**

The June Mayor's Court Report will be presented on the July 20, Work Session Agenda.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Margolis stated that he would be out of town from July 8 through July 12 and stated that Vice Mayor Bissmeyer would be Acting Mayor during his absence.

Mr. Donnellon requested an Executive Session for matters related to personnel and the employment of a public employee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Margolis asked if there was any further business to discuss in Public Session. There being none he asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for matters related to personnel and the employment of a public employee.

Mr. Dobrozsi made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for matters related to personnel and the employment of a public employee. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded.

Mayor Margolis stated that it is not anticipated that Council will be taking any votes or discussing anything further in Public Session after the conclusion of the Executive Session.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Suer, Messer	(5)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Cappel, Naiman	(2)

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

City Council reconvened into Public Session at 8:34 p.m.

Mayor Margolis asked if there was any other business to discuss. There being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Messer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Suer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

City Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council