

City of Montgomery  
City Council Business Session Minutes  
May 4, 2022

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager  
Terry Donnellon, Law Director  
John Crowell, Police Chief  
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager  
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Director  
Paul Wright, Fire Chief  
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council  
Julie Machon, Recreation Director

City Council Members Present

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

Council Members Absent

Ron Messer

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City Council its Business Session for May 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Margolis presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Margolis asked for a roll call.

All members were present except for Mr. Messer. Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Messer as he was on vacation.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to excuse Mr. Messer's absence. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

**LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED THIS EVENING**

**PENDING LEGISLATION**

**An Ordinance Establishing Schedules of Municipal Compensation**

Mr. Dobrozsi moved for passage of the second reading. Mr. Cappel seconded.

Mr. Dobrozsi explained that information has been previously supplied on this legislation that, if approved, would establish a new Schedule of Municipal Compensation for non-bargaining unit employees. It is necessary to establish a new Schedule of Municipal Compensation as the current Schedule does not specify any wage rate adjustments for July 2022 or beyond. A new schedule is also needed to provide for title changes to address organizational needs.

Mr. Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Riblet stated there were none at this time.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

**NEW LEGISLATION**

**A Resolution Recognizing The Month Of May 2022 As National Historic Preservation Month in The City Of Montgomery**

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer moved to read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will recognize the month of May as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Montgomery.

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer asked if there were any updates.

Ms. Henao replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

**A Resolution Authorizing An Application For Grant Funding To The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources/Natureworks**

Mrs. Naiman moved to read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Naiman explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that is required by ODNR for the NatureWorks Grant program application to replace a portion or portions of playground equipment in Swaim Park. \$125,000 is budgeted in the 2022 Capital Improvement Program in account 410.303.5470.

Mrs. Naiman asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

**A Resolution Ratifying A Pool Management And Maintenance Agreement With Swimsafe Pool Management, Inc. And Approving An Amendment To Such Agreement For The 2022 Season**

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

Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Dobrozsi explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would amend the 2022 contract amount to an additional amount of \$30,928.00, thus bringing the contract total for 2022 to \$162,888.00. In March 2022, SwimSafe Pool Management contacted staff and indicated that the contractual

amount of \$131,960.00 for 2022 would be insufficient due to a significant increase in chemicals as well as staffing rates as a result of the pandemic.

Mr. Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

Ms. Machon replied there were none.

Mr. Suer asked Ms. Machon if she was supportive of the increase and continuing with SwimSafe as the pool management fell under her role of Recreation Director. She replied she was a 100% supportive.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

**An Ordinance Providing for The Issuance of Not to Exceed \$7,500,000 Of Notes by The City of Montgomery, Ohio, For the Purpose of Making Public Infrastructure Improvements Within the City and Declaring an Emergency**

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

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

Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Donnellon explained that Mr. Dobrozsi could vote on the suspension of the rules as that was a procedural vote and not a vote to approve the Ordinance itself.

Mr. Dobrozsi rejoined Council.

Mr. Suer read the title and moved to suspend the rules requiring reading of the Ordinance on three separate occasions.

The roll was called and showed the following vote to suspend the rules:

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

Mr. Dobrozsi then recused himself from the formal vote to approve the Ordinance as he does for any legislation related to the Montgomery Quarter due to any possible professional conflicts.

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, will refinance certain Bond Anticipation Notes related to funding construction and engineering services for the Montgomery Quarter Project. The Notes must either be paid in full or refinanced within the second quarter of this year. It is recommended that the City refinance the Notes for another year due to the fluctuating financial markets. In the future, once the Montgomery Quarter Project through at least Stage 1 has been completed, the City can make the decision to issue permanent Notes to be repaid with revenues generated from the completed project. With the current market fluctuations, the Ordinance is being passed as an emergency to give our financial advisors the maximum flexibility to price the Bonds and complete refinancing.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Naiman, Suer, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Margolis	(5)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Messer	(1)
ABSTAIN: Dobrozsi	(1)

Mr. Dobrozsi rejoined Council.

**A Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Enterprise Fleet Management Through Sourcewell To Lease Motor Vehicles To Support City Services**

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

Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would authorize an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. to implement a Fleet Management Program. Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. utilizes the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, which is similar to the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, and the City of Montgomery is a member.

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, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Naiman	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Messer	(1)

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

- City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- As a reminder, B & C Chair Updates begin at the May 18 meeting and will be held prior to the June 1 and June 22 meetings. Updates scheduled for May 18 are as follows:
  - MJ Byrnes- BZA-6:00 p.m.
  - Larry Schwartz- Landmarks 6:15 p.m.
  - Tammy Moore-Parks & Recreation 6:30 p.m.
  - Marcallene Shockey- Sister Cities 6:45 p.m.
- The Parks and Recreation, Government Affairs and Public Works Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of May.
- Prior to the June 22 Work Session, a Public Hearing is requested to be held at 6:45 p.m. for the presentation of the 2023 Tax Budget. This is a requirement by the State of Ohio. This presentation was previously made to the Financial Planning Committee at the May 2 meeting.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to commence with the Work Session immediately following the conclusion of the Public Hearing. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

- Amy Frederick is in Charlottesville, VA this week attending LEAD at the University of Virginia. This is the first time this training has been held in person since the pandemic in 2019. We are excited to hear of Amy's experience when she returns. It has always been a valuable training for our staff.
- Tuesday, May 3, Council member Dobrozsi and Mr. Riblet had an opportunity to provide a State of the City presentation to the Rotary Club of Northeast Cincinnati. The presentation went well with lots of questions. The Rotary Club is a tremendous partner with the City and can be found at many of our City sponsored events: Beautification Day, July 3 & 4 and Bastille Day.
- The first of a series of Mental Health Meetings open to the public will be held on Thursday May 12 at Terwilliger Lodge. The National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) will be our featured organization and will speak on Mental Illness, Diagnosis and treatment. There will be two more sessions in the 2022 series held on August 16 and October 27.

Mr. Riblet provided the following event information to City Council:

- The City Hall Public Service Recognition Luncheon will be held this Friday, May 6 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Swaim Lodge.
- Beautification Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- A retirement luncheon is planned for Terry Willenbrink on Friday, May 20 from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m.
- The Public Works Recognition Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, May 26 from 7:30-9:00 at the Public Works Facility

Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session for matters related to preparing for negotiations with public employees And to consider compensation of public employees.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to approve the April 20, 2022 Work Session minutes.

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

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

Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to accept the April Mayors Court collections in the amount of \$6,535.00 Mr. Cappel moved to accept the Mayors Court collections for the month of April in the amount of \$6,535. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Margolis reported the following:

- His attendance to a Hamilton County EMA meeting and related discussions
- His interview at Twin Lakes regarding MCLA and Mental Health initiative
- His attendance to a Braver Angels Workshop
- His attendance to a Hamilton County Public Works Committee
- He will be out of town from May 5 through May 11, 2022

Mr. Suer stated that he recently visited the Bridge Park area in Dublin, Ohio and was impressed with its mixed amenities and looks forward to how the Montgomery Quarter being completed.

**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 preparing for negotiations with public employees and to consider compensation of public employees.

Mr. Dobrozsi made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for matters related to preparing for negotiations with public employees and to consider compensation of public employees. Mr. Cappel 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: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Naiman, Suer	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Messer	(1)


City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

City Council reconvened into Public Session at 8:12 p.m.

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

Mr. Cappel made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

City Council adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

  
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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council