

City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session Minutes
September 7, 2022

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager
Chris Bigham, Interim Finance Director
Kevin Chesar, Community Dev. Director
John Crowell, Police Chief
Mike Rogers, Asst. Public Works 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
Sasha Naiman
Ken Suer

City Council Members Absent

Mike Cappel

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Margolis asked for a roll call.

The roll was called with one member absent, Council Member Cappel.

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer made a motion to excuse Mr. Cappel for a scheduled vacation. Mr. Messer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Julia Saldanha, Director of Programs with the Southwest Ohio National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) was presented a Proclamation recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Month.

President Jackie Lang and Members of the Montgomery Woman's Club were presented with a Proclamation honoring their 70th Anniversary as a civic organization and for their partnership and friendship with the City over the years.

President Jackie Lang was presented with a Proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month on behalf of the Montgomery Woman's Club as part of their efforts and mission to support the victims of domestic violence.

Jessica Miranda, Ohio House of Representatives for the 28th District, update City Council on her accomplishments and efforts as State Representative as well as her goals if reelected.

GUESTS AND RESIDENTS

Dr. Sandy Osher, 10430 Grandoaks Lane- Dr. Osher stated he has lived in the city for 25 years. He read a letter that was addressed to City Council regarding front yard trapping of animals being done by neighbors in the daylight hours. He explained that he also has seen and heard injured animals who have been struck with pellet or "BB" guns and it is very upsetting to see. He asked City Council to consider an Ordinance banning front yard trapping, use of arrows and BBs to catch or kill animals.

Mayor Margolis thanked Dr. Osher for reading his letter and sharing his concerns.

Mr. Riblet explained that staff would research existing Ordinances to determine what was addressed regarding these issues.

60 **LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED THIS EVENING**

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62 **NEW LEGISLATION**

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64 **A Resolution to Adopt the Recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with Respect**
65 **to The Compliance of All Tax Increment Financing Districts Within the City of Montgomery**

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67 Mr. Suer moved to read the Resolution by title only. Mr. Messer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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

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71 Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this legislation that, if approved, would adopt
72 the recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with respect to the compliance of all Tax
73 Increment Financing Districts within the City of Montgomery.

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75 Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

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77 Mr. Bigham replied there were none.

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79 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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85 **An Ordinance Accepting Dedicated Streets Within The City**

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87 Mr. Dobrozsi moved to read the Ordinance by title only. Mr. Messer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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89 Mr. Dobrozsi read the title and moved for passage of the first reading of the Ordinance. Mrs. Naiman seconded.

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91 Mr. Dobrozsi explained that information has been previously supplied on this legislation that, if approved, would
92 formally accept various streets within the City of Montgomery which have been dedicated for public use but had
93 never been properly accepted. Several years ago, the City updated the Hamilton County records to reflect various
94 streets within the City which had been dedicated on the various subdivision plats. However, the Developer had not
95 followed through to have the streets accepted after construction was complete. This legislation will provide
96 Hamilton County with the authorization to update the necessary parcels on the county plats as public
97 improvements.

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99 Mr. Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

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101 Mr. Rogers replied there were none.

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103 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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109 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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111 Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

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- City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Committees are scheduled to meet on Monday, September 12 at 3:30 and 5:30 respectively.
- The pool season ended on Labor Day. There were 25,488 check ins at the pool this season which is 677 more as compared to 2021. 816 pool memberships were sold this season which is 97 more as compared to 2019 and a whopping 149 more as compared to 2021.
- This week, Matthew Vanderhorst is attending the National Association of Government Web Professionals (NAGW) Conference, of which Matthew serves as a Board Member, in Little Rock, AR. The information presented provides insight into some of the best work in government.
- On Friday, September 9, it is anticipated that Congressman Steve Chabot will visit the Police Department. A few months ago, staff submitted a Congressionally Directed Spending grant application in which his office supported. The Funding Bill has currently passed the House, is anticipated to be passed by the Senate and then signed by the President.
- Mr. Riblet pointed out the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for 2021 were placed at the Council Members desks.
- Mr. Riblet reported that he signed two separate contracts with JK Meurer, Inc.
 - The annual curb replacement program in an amount of \$48,000 and includes work in Terwilligers Run, The Winds and on Knollbrook Terrace.
 - The annual sidewalk replacement program in an amount of \$18,750 and includes several sites in the N/E and S/W portions of the city.

Hiring Updates

- Patrol Officer – Conditional job offers have been extended to three candidates who are now completing post offer screening steps – background check, polygraph exam, psychological evaluation, physical exam and drug screen.
- Police Sergeant – The Civil Service Commission will meet September 12 to certify the eligible list for the Police Sergeant position classification.
- Finance Director – Advertising for this position started this week.
- Firefighter/Paramedic – the written exam and agility test portions of the Civil Service testing process will be conducted on September 12. Eight candidates have signed up for the testing. There are five new firefighter/paramedic positions to be filled.

Events

- The Diversity and Inclusion Commission is hosting a “Know Your Neighbor” community education presentation on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge. Priya Viswalingam will talk about Indian culture and Hinduism. She will cover topics such as culture, demographics, values,

163 languages, art, and food. Over 40 are registered to attend and registration is still open on the city's
164 website for anyone who wishes to attend.

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166 • As a reminder the 2023 Budget Review meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m.
167 The 2023 – 2027 Operating and Capital Budget Books, along with the transmittal letter will be in your
168 mailbox here at City Hall by the end of business on Friday. A tremendous amount of work was done
169 by our department heads in working with their staffs to put together their requests. Thanks to the
170 Finance staff for the significant work, they have done and special thanks to Chris Bigham for coming
171 in near the end of our process and working to put the final touches on the budget.

172 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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174 Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to approve the August 24, 2022 Work Session minutes.

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176 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer moved to approve the minutes as written. Mrs. Naiman seconded. City Council
177 unanimously agreed.

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179 **MAYOR'S COURT REPORT**

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181 Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to disburse the August Mayor's Court Report in the amount of \$7,485.

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183 Mr. Dobrozsi made a motion to disburse the August Mayor's Court Report in the amount of \$7,485. Vice Mayor
184 Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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186 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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188 Mr. Suer reported he received an unsigned letter regarding the footbridges in the city parks requiring maintenance.

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190 Mayor Margolis reported he attended a First Suburbs meeting where they discussed the States continued
191 usurpation of Home Rule for those chartered municipalities.

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193 Mayor Margolis commented on the Braver Angels pilot program on having difficult conversations.

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195 **ADJOURNMENT**

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197 Mayor Margolis asked if there was any other business to discuss. There being none, he asked for a motion to
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201 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer a motion to adjourn. Mr. Messer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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203 City Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council