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2 City of Montgomery
3 City Council Business Session Minutes
4 January 4, 2023

5 Present

6 Brian Riblet, City Manager
7 Terry Donnellon, Law Director
8 Chris Bigham, Interim Finance Director
9 Kevin Chesar, Community Dev. Director
10 John Crowell, Police Chief
11 Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
12 Paul Wright, Fire Chief
13 Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Dir.
14 Amy Frederick, Community Engagement Coordinator
15 Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Members Present

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

Council Members Absent

Sasha Naiman

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17 City Council its Business Session for January 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Margolis presiding.

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19 ROLL CALL

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21 Mayor Margolis asked for a roll call.

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23 The roll was called and showed everyone present except for Council Member Naiman. Mayor Margolis explained
24 that Council Member Naiman had delivered a healthy baby girl on December 30 and asked for a motion to excuse
25 her absence from the meeting.

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27 Mr. Cappel made a motion to excuse Council Member Naiman's absence. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City
28 Council unanimously agreed.

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30 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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32 Julie Lyon with the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce provided an update to City Council on the Montgomery
33 Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Lyon discussed the changes to the Board since the last election. She stated that Lisa
34 Zimmers with Twin Lakes is the new President, Adam Rath with Rath Equity is the new Vice President, Cory
35 Danner with J. Nelson Financial is the new Secretary and Todd Steinbrink with Wealth Planning Corporation
36 remains in his role as Treasurer. Ms. Lyon estimated the membership at approximately 250 members and stated
37 that building membership will be a focus in 2023. She added that she is focused on growing the relationship with
38 the City, adding programs and finding opportunities for the Chamber to be more involved in City events.

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40 City Council thanked Ms. Lyon for her update and the relationship with the Chamber.

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42 LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED THIS EVENING

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44 Mayor Margolis stated that there was a piece of legislation to be added to the agenda for consideration this
45 evening. He asked for a motion to add a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to The Current Contract with
46 Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller for Legal Services to The City of Montgomery to the agenda. Mr. Cappel
47 seconded. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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49 Mayor Margolis assigned the legislation to Mr. Dobrozsi.

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51 Mr. Dobrozsi moved to read the Resolution by title only. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously
52 agreed.

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54 Mr. Dobrozsi read the title and explained that the Resolution will authorize an amendment to the current contract
55 with Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller for legal services to the City of Montgomery for the year 2023. Mr.

56 Dobrozsi explained that this legislation is a result of the annual review of Mr. Donnellon and thanked Mr.
57 Donnellon for his years of service as the Law Director.

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59 City Council all expressed their gratitude for the dedication that Mr. Donnellon has shown the city over the years
60 and thanked him for his continued service.

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62 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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64 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Suer, Messer (6)
65 NAY: (0)
66 ABSENT: Naiman (1)
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68 Mayor Margolis explained that since the following legislation has been made available to the public before this
69 evening's meeting, he would ask for a motion that Council accept the legislative Agenda and read all legislation
70 by title only.

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72 Mr. Cappel made a motion to accept the legislation for the January 4, 2023 Business Session and to read all
73 legislation by title only. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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75 **NEW LEGISLATION**

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77 **A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with CT Associates, Inc.**

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79 Mr. Cappel moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Messer seconded.

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81 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would
82 authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with enter into a contract with CT Consultants, Inc. for
83 professional engineering and architectural services for calendar year 2023. The City has contracted for
84 approximately 31 years with CT Consultants to provide civil, traffic, structural, electrical and storm water
85 engineering services. CT Consultants has provided a competitive fee structure for 2023 including slight hourly rate
86 increases for engineering services. As was provided in previous years, CT Consultants has deleted the line item for
87 billing of the "Principal" from the fee schedule. If for any reason the Principal Engineer provides engineering
88 services during the contract year for development/design review or project design/review, that work would be
89 billed at the hourly rate of a "Senior Manager". Funding for this professional services contract is included in the
90 City's 2023 Operating Budget in both the Public Works and Community Development operating budgets.

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92 Mr. Cappel asked if there were any updates.

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94 Mr. Heitkamp replied there were none.

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96 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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98 AYE: Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Suer, Messer, Cappel (6)
99 NAY: (0)
100 ABSENT: Naiman (1)
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103 **A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Contract With National Inspection Corporation For**
104 **Professional Services To Serve As Building Official And To Provide Plan Review And Field Inspection**
105 **Authority And Services For The City's Building Department For The Calendar Year 2023**

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107 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Cappel seconded.

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109 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if
110 approved, would authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with National Inspection Corporation for
111 professional services to serve as Building Official and to provide plan review and field inspection authority and
112 services for the City's Building Department for the calendar year 2023. The City has contracted for approximately
113 19 years with National Inspection Corporation to provide plan review and field inspection authority and services
114 for the City's building department and the City continues to be very satisfied with their ability to perform each of
115 these duties.

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117 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer asked if there were any updates.

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119 Mr. Heitkamp replied there were none.

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121 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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127 **A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Johnson's Emergency Vehicle**
128 **Solutions for a Spartan LT 110' NXT Quint Aerial Truck**

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130 Mr. Messer moved for passage of the Resolution. Mr. Cappel seconded.

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132 Mr. Messer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
133 authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson's Emergency Vehicle Solutions for the purchase
134 of a Spartan LT 110' Quint Aerial Truck.

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136 Mr. Messer asked if there were any updates.

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138 Chief Wright replied there were none.

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140 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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146 **An Ordinance Confirming Methods for Publication of Legislative Action**

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148 Mr. Dobrozsi moved for suspension of the second and third readings of the Ordinance. Mr. Cappel seconded.

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150 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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156 Mr. Dobrozsi explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, will
157 formally designate the methods for publication of legislative action by City Council. The Charter under Section
158 7.03 requires legislative action to be published either in full or by title and summary in a newspaper of general
159 circulation within the community or by posting a copy of such legislative action in a conspicuous public place

160 designated from time to time by City Council. At the November 16 Work Session, Council made a motion to
161 approve displaying a summary of legislative action at the Safety Center in the vestibule that is open 24/7 as well as
162 posting in the bulletin and on the City website. This legislation will codify that motion.
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164 Mr. Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

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166 Mr. Donnellon replied there were none.

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168 Mr. Dobrozsi moved for passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Cappel seconded.
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170 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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172 AYE: Messer, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Suer (6)
173 NAY: (0)
174 ABSENT: Naiman (1)
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176 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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178 Mr. Riblet reported the following items:
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- 180 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m.
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- 182 • As a reminder, the Public Works Committee will meet on Monday, January 9 at 4:30 p.m. The Parks
183 and Recreation and Government Affairs Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of
184 January.
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- 186 • Public Works is currently taking down the holiday decorations this week and will be hosting the
187 volunteer event at the Annex on Friday, January 6 to put the decorations away for the year.
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- 189 • Mr. Riblet recognized the Public Works Department for their extraordinary efforts over the Christmas
190 weekend on the snow and ice removal. He stated that by far the city roads were far better than any
191 around the entire area. Great work by everyone at Public Works.
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- 193 • Mr. Riblet recognized the Finance Department for the fact that calendar year 2022 earnings tax
194 collections totaled \$12,289,752 which represents a 13.4% increase from 2021. He stated that for the
195 first time, the City eclipsed the \$12M mark. Great work by everyone in Finance.
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- 197 • Mr. Riblet reported that he was happy to report that he learned the Congressionally Directed Spending
198 (CDS) grant application submitted for \$200,000 was approved by Congress as part of the final
199 Appropriations Bill approved in 2022. These funds will be used to subsidize a complete overhaul and
200 new camera system throughout city buildings, on traffic signals, Montgomery Quarter and other areas
201 throughout the City. He thanked Chief Crowell and Matthew Vanderhorst for helping with the
202 application and also special thanks to Congressman Steve Chabot who shepherded this through the
203 southwest Ohio region, Columbus and then to Washington D.C. for final approval. This is the first
204 time the City has ever received these funds.
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- 206 • Lisa Lorenz began full time on Thursday, December 29 in Recreation. Lisa assisted the Recreation
207 team working part time in the summers of 2019 and 2021 and we are excited to have her full time in
208 Recreation.

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210 • MCLA returns next week for the 13th year beginning on Thursday, January 12 at Terwilliger Lodge.
211 The first session is *We are Montgomery* and begins at 5:45. As you may recall, MCLA 2020 had just
212 wrapped up right before the pandemic halted all public meetings.

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214 • Staff had a great meeting today with Twin Lakes and Sycamore Schools regarding the Mental Health
215 Fair slated for Saturday, April 15 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. More details to come and staff will be
216 promoting this event in the Montgomery Bulletin as well as with Sycamore Schools and Twin Lakes.

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218 • Mr. Riblet congratulated Council Member Naiman and her husband Donnie on the birth of their
219 daughter Esther Ruth Naiman, born December 30, 2022

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221 • Mr. Riblet also congratulated Derek and Liz Morgan on the birth of their son Colton Levi Morgan,
222 born January 3, 2023 weighing in at 9.1 lbs.

223 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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225 Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to approve the December 21, 2022 Work Session minutes.

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

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230 **MAYOR'S COURT REPORT**

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232 Mayor Margolis stated there was a Mayors Court report for December at Council's seats and asked for a motion to
233 disburse the December collections in the amount of \$6,190.

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235 Mr. Cappel made a motion to disburse the December Mayor's Court Collection in the amount of \$6,190. Vice
236 Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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238 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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240 Mr. Suer stated that in light of past conversations regarding inviting speakers to City Council that he would
241 suggest that anyone who would like to invite a speaker to be placed on an agenda that they bring it up under *Other*
242 *Business* to get feedback from all of Council before scheduling.

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244 Council agreed with this suggestion.

245 Mr. Dobrozsi explained that he may miss the January 18 Work Session due to a work trip and stated he would let
246 Council know if and when that is confirmed.

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248 Mr. Messer praised the Public Works staff for their treatment of the roads during the past snow event and stated
249 how good the roads were in comparison to other areas.

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251 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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258 City Council adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council