

City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session Minutes
February 1, 2023

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
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Paul Wright, Fire Chief
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Dir.
Amy Frederick, Community Engagement Coordinator
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Members Present
Craig Margolis, Mayor
Lee Ann Bissmeyer, Vice Mayor
Mike Cappel
Ron Messer
Sasha Naiman
Ken Suer

Council Members Absent
Chris Dobrozsi

City Council its Business Session for February 1, 2023 at 5:48 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Margolis presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Margolis asked for a roll call.

The roll was called and showed everyone present except for Council Member Dobrozsi. Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to excuse Council Member Dobrozsi from the meeting.

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

Mayor Margolis explained that since all legislation has been made available to the public before this evening's meeting, he asked for a motion to accept the legislative Agenda and read all legislation by title only.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to accept the legislative Agenda and read all legislation by title only. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

NEW LEGISLATION

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Equitable Financial Life Insurance Company To Provide Financial Advisory Services To City Employees

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

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would authorize a contract with Equitable Financial Life Insurance Company to provide an additional opportunity for employees to discuss various financial options that are available. There is no financial commitment and/or liability required from the City of Montgomery, and we can opt out at any time. The program will be completely voluntary for employees who wish to interact with representatives from Equitable Financial Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

59 **A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Contract With Donald J. Schonhardt & Associates, Inc.**
60 **For Professional Management Consulting Services**

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

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64 Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would
65 authorize a contract with Donald J. Schonhardt & Associates for technical accounting and management oversight
66 in the preparation of the 2022, 2023 and 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

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68 Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

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70 Mr. Bigham replied there were none.

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72 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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74 AYE: Bissmeyer, Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer, Cappel (6)
75 NAY: (0)
76 ABSENT: Dobrozsi (1)
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78 **A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Ela Holding Corporation,**
79 **D/B/A Turnkey Technology, For A Security Camera System**

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

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83 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if
84 approved, would authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Turnkey Technology for purchase and
85 installation of a camera system throughout City buildings and other identified locations and a door access system
86 at several City-owned buildings. If approved, the City would enter into a contract with Turnkey Technology for an
87 amount of \$282,999.38. Funds for this project are included in the 2023 Budget in the "215" Law Enforcement
88 Operating and Capital requests.

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90 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer asked if there were any updates.

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92 Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

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94 Mrs. Naiman inquired if there would be information provided to the public on the intended use of the cameras.

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96 Mr. Riblet stated that a article would be placed in the Montgomery Bulletin to explain that the addition of the
97 cameras were for overall security efforts and were not intended to be intrusive or to infringe on the residents
98 privacy.

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100 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer inquired on the date of installation.

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102 Mr. Riblet replied that if the legislation was passed, he would send the necessary documentation to approve the
103 ordering of equipment and anticipates that it would be late spring before installation may begin.

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105 Mr. Suer stated that this contract was a great example of staff obtaining grant funding to offset the costs of these
106 types of technology projects that may have had to wait until funding was available.

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108 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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110 AYE: Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer, Cappel, Bissmeyer (6)
111 NAY: (0)

112 ABSENT: Dobrozsi

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114 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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116 Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

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- 118 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m.
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- 120 • As a reminder, the Financial Planning and Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committees will meet on
- 121 Monday, February 6 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., respectively. The Law & Safety Committee has cancelled
- 122 their meeting for the month of February.
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- 124 • Mr. Riblet reported that there were no agenda items for the Parks & Recreation, Government Affairs
- 125 and Public Works Committees for the month of February and requested to cancel those meetings.
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- 127 • Altafiber began installation of their Fioptics communication product in the Swaim Fields Subdivision
- 128 this past week. This involves the installation of new conduit across the frontage of residential lots on
- 129 Monte Drive and all of its side streets, most of which is installed by boring (not open trench). The
- 130 work is anticipated to be completed within a month.
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- 132 • The Fire Department will welcome new hire Eric Weiss on February 8. Two additional candidates
- 133 have been extended conditional offers and are completing post-offer screening steps. Assuming the
- 134 successful hiring of these candidates, there will be three remaining open firefighter/paramedic
- 135 positions to fill.
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- 137 • The MCLA Session #3- Taxes, Tif's and Our Town will be held at Constellation Insurance on
- 138 Thursday, February 2 beginning at 5:45 p.m.
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140 Mr. Riblet stated that prior to the February 15 Work Session he would like to request an Executive Session to be
141 held at 5:30 p.m. to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance. He
142 added that following the completion of the Work Session that evening he would request another Executive Session
143 to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of a public employee or official.

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145 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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147 Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to approve the January 18, 2023 Work Session minutes.

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

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152 **MAYOR'S COURT REPORT**

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154 Mayor Margolis stated the Mayors Court Report for the month of January would be presented at the February 15
155 Work Session.

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157 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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159 Mayor Margolis reported on meetings he had attended as follows:

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- 161 • State of the County presentation by Alicia Reese
- 162 • MCLA Session with Braver Angels
- 163 • Ohio Public Works Commission Integrating Committee

- 164 • Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency
165 • First Suburbs Consortium-Upcoming


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167 ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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174 City Council adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council