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City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session Minutes
April 5, 2023

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
Kevin Chesar, Community Dev. Director
John Crowell, Police Chief
Maura Gray, Finance Director
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
Chris Dobrozsi
Ron Messer
Sasha Naiman
Ken Suer

City Council Convened its Business Session for April 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Margolis presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to dispense roll call as all members are present.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to dispense of roll call as all members are present. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer presented the family of Sofia LaTorre with a Proclamation to proclaim April 16 as 4p- /Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome (WHS) Awareness Day. City Council thanked the LaTorre family for attending the council meeting and bringing awareness to the rare genetic disorder and for meeting their beautiful family.

Mr. Riblet conducted a ceremonial swearing in of Kenney Bertz as the City's newest sergeant. City Council congratulated Sgt. Bertz on his promotion and wished him well in his new role with the police department.

GUESTS AND RESIDENTS

Mike Frazee, 5325 Cooper Road- Mr. Frazee explained to City Council that he lived behind Sycamore Junior High and was concerned about the demolition of the old building now that the new building was constructed. He stated that he wanted to be assured that there was analysis performed prior to demolition of the old building so there would not be hazardous material released into the air at the time of demolition.

Mr. Chesar explained that as part of the demolition permit the contractor is required to obtain asbestos and hazardous material surveys. He stated that if there was anything found in those reports that remediation would be required.

Mr. Frazee stated that he felt the Schools would not want to disclose that information and wants the City to provide oversight.

Mr. Chesar asked for Mr. Frazee to provide him with his contact information, and he would follow up with him on the process.

56 **PENDING LEGISLATION**

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58 There is no pending legislation.

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

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

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66 **NEW LEGISLATION**

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68 **A Resolution Advocating For The Restoration of The Local Government Fund To Pre-Recession Levels**

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

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72 Mr. Suer explained that the information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
73 formally endorse Council's support to maintain the Local Government Fund as a part of the State Budget. The
74 Local Government Fund provides valuable resources to many communities throughout the State of Ohio, and it has
75 been cut in half over the last 10+ years causing a considerable budget strain for many small communities. This
76 legislation openly endorses our support for the Fund.

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78 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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80 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer (7)
81 NAY: (0)

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83 **A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Accept The Opioid Settlement And Enter Into The**
84 **Participation Agreement With Opioid Manufacturers Teva And Allergan And Pharmacies/Distributors**
85 **CVS, Walgreens And Walmart**

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

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89 Mr. Messer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would
90 endorse the City's support to settle litigation with various opioid manufacturers and pharmacies who have been
91 sued across the United States. The City participates through One Ohio Negotiating Committee headed by the Ohio
92 Attorney General. This legislation authorizes us to accept the Participation Agreement and execute an appropriate
93 Settlement and Release to secure these funds for the benefit of the State and many of its local subdivisions.

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95 Mr. Messer asked if there were any updates.

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97 Mr. Donnellon replied there were none.

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99 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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101 AYE: Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer, Cappel (7)
102 NAY: (0)

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108 **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 156.02 of The Land Usage Code, Subdivision Regulations: Requirements**
109 **For Subdivision Approval**

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111 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer read the title and moved for passage of the first reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Cappel
112 seconded.

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114 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if
115 approved, would authorize a series of text amendments to Chapter 156.02 Subdivision Regulations: Requirements
116 for Subdivision Approval, to become consistent with the Hamilton County Engineers Office.

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118 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer asked if there were updates.

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120 Mr. Chesar replied there were none.

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122 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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124 AYE: Dobrozsi, Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer, Cappel, Bissmeyer (7)
125 NAY: (0)

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127 **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 157 of The Land Usage Code, Floodplain Management Regulations And**
128 **Flood Damage Prevention, And Declaring An Emergency**

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130 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer read the title and moved for passage of the first reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Cappel
131 seconded.

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133 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if
134 approved, would authorize a series of text amendments to Chapter 157 Flood Damage Protection. She explained
135 that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a Letter of Final Determination that contains
136 revised Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps that will become effective on June 7, 2023. Due to
137 this requirement by FEMA, staff are asking the third reading to be suspended and the legislation to be passed as an
138 emergency.

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140 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer asked if there were updates.

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142 Mr. Chesar replied there were none.

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144 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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146 AYE: Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi (7)
147 NAY: (0)

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149 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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151 Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

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- 153 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.
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- 155 As a reminder, the 2023 Volunteer Walk of Fame ceremony will be held at 5:30 prior to the Work
156 Session. The ceremony will be held in Montgomery Park, weather permitting, and will be held in
157 Council Chambers if needed.
- 158 • Mr. Riblet reported that there were agenda items for the Government Affairs Committee and
159 confirmed that the Committee would meet at 4:30 p.m. on April 10. He added that the Parks and

- 160 Recreation and Public Works Committees do not have agenda items and requested to cancel those
161 meetings.
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- 163 • Staff were notified by Hamilton County that the City has been awarded \$15,000 for the Mini-Grant
164 that will pay for the majority of the conversion of the ambulance.
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 - 166 • 250 photos were entered in the 35th Annual Montgomery Photo Contest which is 76 more photos as
167 compared to 2022. Also, 80 students entered from 11 area schools, which is 25 more students as
168 compared to last year. Winning photos will be on display at Pella Windows and Doors from April 5
169 through May 3. The contest is sponsored by Pella and is presented by the Montgomery Arts
170 Commission.
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 - 172 • Ms. Henao and Mr. Riblet will both be attending the OCMA conference in Columbus on Thursday,
173 April 6 and Friday, April 7. They will sit on a panel regarding the City's Diversity and Inclusion
174 efforts on Thursday afternoon and will also give a presentation on Montgomery Quarter on Friday
175 morning.
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 - 177 • Barrett Paving has been making great progress on the Pfeiffer Road at Deerfield Road roundabout
178 project. They are almost complete with Phase 2 of the work; thus, they are tentatively scheduled to
179 switch the traffic pattern to Phase 3 on Monday April 10. Traffic on the north leg of Deerfield will
180 transition onto the newly placed asphalt.
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182 Events

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184 Mr. Riblet reminded Council that the Mental Health Fair will be held on Saturday, April 15 at Twin Lakes from
185 9:00-noon. This event will feature nine speakers, including our own Police Department and feature approximately
186 22 vendor booths. State Representative Jessica Miranda and Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus
187 will be in attendance to support the City's mental health initiative.
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189 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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191 Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to approve the March 22, 2023 Work Session minutes.

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193 Mr. Cappel moved to approve the minutes as written. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously
194 agreed.
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196 MAYOR'S COURT REPORT

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198 Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to disburse with the Mayors Court collection for the month of March in the
199 amount of \$9,600.
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201 Mr. Cappel made a motion to disburse with the Mayors Court collection for the month of March in the amount of
202 \$9,600. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed,
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204 OTHER BUSINESS

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206 Mayor Margolis reported that as two members of City Council would not be able to attend the previously
207 scheduled April 20 Braver Angels workshop that he has asked Mr. Riblet to work with Braver Angels to
208 reschedule the workshop to the fall so all members would be attending.
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213 **ADJOURNMENT**

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215 Mayor Margolis asked if there was any other business to discuss in Public Session. There being none, Mr. Cappel
216 made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded.

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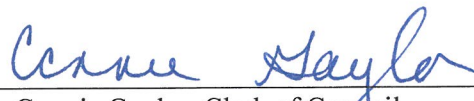
218 City Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council