

City of Montgomery  
Government Affairs Committee Minutes  
August 14, 2023

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager  
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager  
John Crowell, Police Chief  
Amy Frederick, Community and Engagement Coordinator  
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Committee Members Present

Chris Dobrozsi, Chair  
Sasha Naiman  
Ron Messer

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The Government Affairs Committee of Council convened its meeting for August 14, 2023 at 5:35 p.m. with Mr. Dobrozsi presiding.

New Business

2025 Calendar Theme Discussion

Ms. Frederick explained that during the 2021 City Calendar process, it was decided that the Government Affairs Committee should approve the annual calendar theme. Arts Commission Member and Sycamore High School Art Teacher, Elise Williams, asked if the theme could be chosen early in the school year to allow time for the students to complete the project. Ms. Frederick explained that the theme chosen for the 2025 calendar is "What's your favorite Montgomery Event".

She explained the following process for executing the theme for the calendar:

- a. Request residents to submit photos (both old and new) of their favorite events. Ideas include Harvest Moon, Holiday in the Village, Independence Day Parade, Dogfest, Touch A Truck, etc.
- b. Calendar Planning Committee members will select various photos and provide them to the art teacher in the fall.
- c. Residents who submit pictures would also be asked for a quote to describe why this event is their family's favorite or why they enjoyed the moment so much.

Ms. Frederick explained that she will send out social media posts explaining the process and requesting photos by mid-September.

The Committee discussed the theme and expressed their approval and excitement to see the submissions.

Police Department Surplus

Chief Crowell explained that the Police Department is requesting that a 2018 Dodge Charger and a 2011 Ford Fusion be declared surplus. He explained that the vehicles are being replaced by vehicles purchased through the Enterprise fleet management process. For the Ford Fusion, he expects an auction sale amount between \$ 6,000 and \$9,000. He stated the Dodge Charger could potentially sell in the \$8,000 to \$14,000 range, based on similar vehicle sales found online.

Mr. Messer asked Chief Crowell what determines when a vehicle is to be replaced. Is it mileage, age or condition.

Chief Crowell replied that it was all of those things. He said it also depends on the costs of the repairs. He stated that now that we are working with Enterprise Fleet, they consider the market value and suggest when it would be beneficial to put a vehicle out of service and to trade in or sell it.

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to declare the vehicles as surplus and to sell through auctions. Mr. Messer seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously agreed.

### Other Business

Mr. Riblet stated that staff are meeting to compile a master calendar of all City events and meetings. He explained that he would like to change the second Council meeting of the month to always be on the third Wednesday regardless of it being a five-week month or not. He stated that it has always caused confusion and that Council would still have the ability to change dates for consideration of a religious or federal holiday. He stated that Council rules would need to be changed to reflect this if approved.

The Committee discussed and agreed to the change upon the condition that religious holidays are reserved.

### Minutes

Mr. Messer moved to approve the June 19, 2023 minutes. Mrs. Naiman seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

### Adjournment

Mrs. Naiman moved for adjournment. Mr. Messer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Governmental Affairs Committee of Council meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

  
Chair