

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

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager
Kevin Chesar, Community Dev. Director
John Crowell, Police Chief
Maura Gray, Finance Director
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Dir.
Paul Wright, Fire Chief
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 July 5, 2023 at 6:13 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Margolis presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Margolis stated that the roll was called at the previous Public Hearing and that all members were present.

PENDING LEGISLATION

There was no pending legislation

Mr. Cappel stated that since all following legislation has been made available to the public before this evening's meeting it is moved that Council accept the legislative Agenda and read all legislation by title only. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

NEW LEGISLATION

A Resolution Adopting A Tax Budget For 2024

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 passed, will approve the City's 2024 Tax Budget. The Tax Budget will be submitted to the Hamilton County Budget Commission for approval, and will, in turn, be used to determine Local Government Fund allocations. The proposed budget is based on the year 2024 projections as reflected in the City's 2023-2027 Five-Year Operating and Capital Budget.

Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

Ms. Gray replied there were none.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

A Resolution Authorizing Internet Auction of Surplus Personal Property Through Govdeals.com

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

Mr. Dobrozsi explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will authorize the City Manager to enter into appropriate contracts with GovDeals.com and will designate

59 GovDeals.com as internet auction agents for the disposal of surplus property for the period of August 1, 2023
60 through July 31, 2024.

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62 Mr. Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

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64 Chief Crowell replied there were none.

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66 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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68 AYE: Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer, Cappel (7)

69 NAY: (0)

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71 **A Resolution Approving the Update of the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Hamilton County Solid**
72 **Waste Management District**

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

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76 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved,
77 will accept the update of the 2024-2038 Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan update fulfills the
78 requirements of Ohio solid waste laws and regulations, established a 15 year planning period and outlines
79 how solid waste programs will continue to operate in Hamilton County.

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81 Mr. Cappel asked if there were any updates.

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83 Ms. Gaylor replied there were none.

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85 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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87 AYE: Dobrozsi, Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer, Cappel, Bissmeyer (7)

88 NAY: (0)

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90 **A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 26, 2020 To Modify The Authorized Hours Of Operation For The**
91 **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area Within The City**

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93 Mr. Dobrozsi read the title and moved passage of the Resolution. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded.

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95 Mr. Dobrozsi explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would
96 modify the existing DORA hours on Friday to begin at noon rather than 5:00 p.m. As required by R.C. § 4301.82,
97 advanced notice has been published in the Cincinnati Enquirer of Council's proposed modification to the DORA
98 by this Resolution. This Resolution will reaffirm all other terms and conditions of the DORA enacted in
99 Resolution No. 26, 2020, and simply modify the authorized hours for DORA operations on Fridays.

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101 Mr. Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

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103 Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

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105 Mrs. Naiman asked if there was consideration to extend hours on holidays such as Cinco de Mayo.

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107 Mr. Riblet replied that while that has not yet been a discussion, it could be a consideration moving forward.

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109 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer stated that brunch hours should also be considered.

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111 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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113 AYE: Margolis, Naiman, Suer, Messer, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Dobrozsi (7)
114 NAY: (0)
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116 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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118 Mr. Riblet reported the following items:
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- 120 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19. He explained that staff would like
121 to request a CIC meeting prior to the Work Session at 5:45 p.m. to consider an application for the
122 Historic Preservation Matching Grant. He stated that if Council is so inclined a motion can be made to
123 begin the Work Session immediately following the conclusion of the CIC meeting.
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125 Mr. Dobrozsi made a motion to commence with the Work Session immediately following the
126 conclusion of the CIC meeting. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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- 128 • The Parks & Recreation, Government Affairs and Public Works Committees have all cancelled their
129 meetings for the month of July.
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131 • Thank you goes out to all staff and Council members who worked and participated in the BAMSO
132 concert and the July 4th parade and festival.
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134 • Mr. Heitkamp reports that for the final surface course, Barrett will be closing the entire intersection at
135 Pfeiffer and Deerfield the evening of Friday July 8 to mill and install the final surface asphalt and
136 pavement markings. The intersection will re-open the evening of Sunday July 10.
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138 • A meeting was held last Wednesday evening with Duke Energy representatives and residents of
139 Schoolhouse Lane to discuss power outages. Mr. Riblet expressed his gratitude for the tremendous
140 partnership that we have with Duke Energy. He stated that Chad Shaffer has been a great government
141 representative for the City and is always willing to address concerns and issues to find solutions.
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143 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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145 Mayor Margolis asked for a motion to approve the June 21, 2023 Public Hearing and Work Session minutes.
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147 Mr. Cappel moved to approve the minutes as written. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously
148 agreed.
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150 **MAYOR'S COURT REPORT**

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152 Mayor Margolis stated that due to the holiday the June Mayors Court will be presented at the July Work Session
153 meeting.
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155 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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157 Mr. Suer explained that due to the resignation of Darrell Leibson from the Planning Commission a vacancy needed
158 to be filled. He explained that the Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee had previously interviewed Alex
159 Schneider for a previous Planning Commission vacancy and are happy that he is still interested in serving on the
160 commission.
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162 Mr. Suer made a motion to appoint Alex Schneider to the Planning Commission. Mr. Cappel seconded. City
163 Council unanimously agreed,
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165 Mayor Margolis thanked staff for their continued hard work in putting together wonderful community events like
166 the July 4th events. He stated that seeing so many employees volunteering their time away from their own families
167 and communities truly means a lot.

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169 Mr. Suer added that at the July 4th events Mr. Chesar and Ms. Henao worked to begin the process of obtaining
170 information for the Community Comprehensive Plan. He explained that staff would be working at Bastille Day as
171 well to talk with the public about what they like about Montgomery or would like to see.

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173 Mr. Suer congratulated Mr. Riblet on being awarded a \$500,000 grant on behalf of the City.

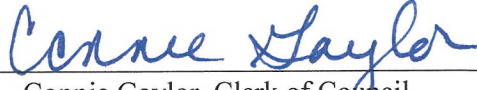
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175 Mr. Messer stated that he attended the Know Your Neighbor presentation by Scott Knox who presented on the
176 LGBTQ+ community.

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178 Mr. Dobrozsi also thanked staff for their efforts in all of the July 4th celebration activities.

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180 **ADJOURNMENT**

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182 Mayor Margolis asked if there was any other business to discuss in Public Session. There being none, Mr. Cappel
183 made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer. City Council adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council