

City of Montgomery  
City Council Work Session Minutes  
January 17, 2024

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager  
Terry Donnellon, Law Director  
Tracy Henao, Asst. City Manager  
Maura Gray, Finance Director  
Kevin Chesar, Community Dev. Dir.  
John Crowell, Police Chief  
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director  
Paul Wright, Fire Chief  
Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Serv. Dir.  
Amy Frederick, Communications and Engagement Coord.  
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Members Present

Ron Messer, Mayor  
Lee Ann Bissmeyer  
Catherine Mills-Reynolds  
Chris Dobrozsi  
Ken Suer  
Craig Margolis

Council Members Absent

Sasha Naiman, Vice Mayor

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City Council convened its Work Session for January 17, 2024 at 6:21 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Messer presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Messer asked for a roll call.

All members were present except for Vice Mayor Naiman. Mr. Margolis made a motion to excuse Vice Mayor Naiman's absence as she has previously informed Council of her absence. Mr. Suer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

**LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION THIS EVENING**

There was no legislation for consideration at the meeting.

**ESTABLISHING AN AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2024 BUSINESS SESSION**

**PENDING LEGISLATION**

There was no pending legislation.

**NEW LEGISLATION**

There was no new legislation

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

- The next City Council Business Session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7. He explained that the annual organizational meeting of the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) is normally held the first business session of February. He asked if City Council was available to begin this meeting at 5:45 p.m. that evening and, if so, would Council like to make a motion to move directly into the Business Session at the conclusion of the CIC meeting.

Mr. Margolis made a motion to begin the Business Session meeting immediately after the conclusion of the CIC meeting. Mr. Suer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

- 55 • The Law and Safety and Financial Planning Committees will meet on Monday, February 5 at 3:30 and 4:30  
56 p.m., respectively. The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee has cancelled their meeting for  
57 February.  
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- 59 • The Committee meetings for Monday, February 12 will be confirmed at the February 7 Council meeting.  
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- 61 • January 24 will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the passing of Mike Brown. For those who are unaware,  
62 Mike was an incredible employee at Public Works who was killed in an accident on his way to work.  
63 Several of us still donate funds each year at Christmas to support his wife Christal and their 3 kids.  
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- 65 • Thursday, January 18 marks Session #2 of MCLA the “Art of Connection” being held at the Twin Lakes  
66 North Clubhouse on Arborcreek Court. The session begins at 5:45 p.m.  
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68 **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

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70 **Mrs. Bissmeyer**

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72 Vice Mayor Bissmeyer stated that she would like to make a motion to reappoint Steve Uckotter to the Board of  
73 Zoning Appeals with a term ending on January 31, 2028 and Vince Dong and Alex Schneider to the Planning  
74 Commission with terms ending on January 31, 2028. She explained that the reappointments have not been discussed  
75 at the Committee level so they would need a second.  
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77 Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.  
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79 **Mrs. Mills-Reynolds**

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81 Mrs. Mills-Reynolds stated that she would like to make a motion to reappoint Aaron Kellenberger, Jane Hohn, and  
82 Andrew McKenrick to the Beautification and Tree Commission with terms ending on January 31, 2027 and Jody  
83 Lowe and John Tholking to the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms ending on January 31, 2027. She  
84 explained that the reappointments have not been discussed at the Committee level so they would need a second.  
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86 Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.  
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88 **Mr. Dobrozsi**

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90 Mr. Dobrozsi stated that he would like to make a motion to reappoint Greg Leader and Bonnie Pendleton to the Arts  
91 Commission with terms ending January 31, 2027; Priya Viswalingham and Juan Molina to the Diversity and  
92 Inclusion Commission with terms ending January 31, 2027; and Balbina Maniet and Melissa Linser to the Sister  
93 Cities Commission with terms ending January 31, 2027. He explained that the reappointments have not been  
94 discussed at the Committee level so they would need a second.  
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96 Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.  
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98 Mr. Dobrozsi made a motion to appoint John Kays to the Arts Commission with a term ending January 31, 2026  
99 and Rabbi Samantha Schapera to the Diversity and Inclusion Commission with a term ending January 31, 2027. He  
100 explained that it was a Committee recommendation to appoint Mr. Kays to the Arts Commission but would need a  
101 second to appoint Rabbi Schapera to the Diversity and Inclusion Commission.

102 Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.  
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104 Mr. Dobrozsi reported that he attended an OKI meeting where all Board Members were appointed. He stated that  
105 he also had a survey from OKI that he would ask Ms. Gaylor to send out to Council to participate in for OKI.  
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107 **Mr. Suer**

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109 Mr. Suer stated that he would like to make a motion to reappoint Larry Schwartz to the Landmarks Commission  
110 with a term ending on January 31, 2027. He explained that the reappointments have not been discussed at the  
111 Committee level so they would need a second.

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113 Mr. Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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115 **Mr. Margolis**

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117 Mayor Margolis stated that he would like to make a motion to reappoint Mike Hawkins to the Civil Service  
118 Commission with a term ending January 31, 2027. He explained that the reappointments have not been discussed  
119 at the Committee level so they would need a second.

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121 Mr. Dobrozsi seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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123 Mayor Margolis made a motion to appoint Mike Cappel to the Environmental Advisory Commission with a term  
124 ending January 31, 2027. He explained that the reappointments have not been discussed at the Committee level so  
125 they would need a second.

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127 Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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129 Mr. Margolis reported that a Public Works Committee meeting was held, and the 2024 Street Resurfacing program  
130 was discussed. He explained that due to the upcoming Brent Spence Bridge project in 2025 that the Committee  
131 approved the expansion of the paving program to include 4.6 centerline miles of roadway to avoid exorbitant costs  
132 in 2025.

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134 **Mayor Messer**

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136 Mayor Messer stated that MCLA was off to a great start and thanked Ms. Frederick and Mr. Vanderhorst for a great  
137 job in putting the program together.

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139 **MINUTES**

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141 Mr. Margolis moved to accept the January 3, 2024 Business Session minutes as written. Mr. Dobrozsi seconded.  
142 City Council unanimously agreed.

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144 **MAYORS COURT REPORT**

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146 Mayor Messer asked for a motion to disburse Mayors Court revenue for the month of December in the amount of  
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149 Mr. Margolis made a motion to disburse the Mayors Court revenue for the month of December in the amount of  
150 \$7,220. Mr. Suer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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153 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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155 **Liquor Permit**—Police Chief John Crowell explained that a request was received from the State of Ohio Liquor  
156 Control Board to transfer an existing license to Mehul Enterprises, LLC dba Tandoor India Restaurant located at  
157 8702 Market Place Lane. He stated that this was a transfer of ownership and did not change the existing licenses.  
158 He explained that he had no objections to the license and finds there is no reason to request a hearing.

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160 Mr. Margolis made a motion to not request a hearing with the Liquor Control Board. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded.  
161 City Council unanimously agreed.  
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163 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

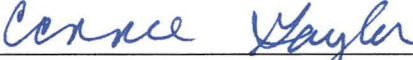
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165 There was no request for an Executive Session.  
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167 **ADJOURNMENT**

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169 Mayor Messer asked if there was any further business to discuss in Public Session. There being none he asked for  
170 a motion to adjourn.

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172 Mrs. Bissmeyer moved to adjourn. Mr. Dobrozi seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.  
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174 City Council adjourned at 6:36 p.m.  
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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council