

City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session Minutes
January 3, 2024

Present

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

City Council Members Present

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

City Council Members Absent

Sasha Naiman

City Council convened in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Messer presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Messer asked for a roll call.

All members were present except for Council Member Naiman. Mr. Margolis moved to excuse Mrs. Naiman's absence. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Margolis presented Mark Laskovics with a Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteerism and service on the Environmental Commission. City Council thanked Mark for his service on the EAC and wished Mark and Ginny Laskovics good luck on their move to South Carolina.

LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION

A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to The Current Contract with Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller for Legal Services to The City of Montgomery

Mayor Messer asked for a motion to add this legislation to the agenda for consideration at the meeting. Mr. Margolis moved to add the legislation to the agenda. Mr. Suer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Messer assigned the legislation to Mr. Dobrozsi.

Mr. Dobrozsi moved to read the Resolution by title only. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Dobrozsi read the title and moved for passage. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded.

Mr. Dobrozsi explained that this Resolution will authorize an amendment to the current contract with Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller for legal services to the City of Montgomery for the year 2024.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

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58 **NEW LEGISLATION**

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

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63 Mr. Margolis moved to accept the legislative agenda and read all legislation by title only. Mr. Suer seconded.
64 City Council unanimously agreed.

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66 **A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Ford**
67 **Development Corporation for the 2023 Montgomery Road Sidewalk Project**

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69 Mr. Margolis read the title and moved passage of the Resolution. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded.

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71 Mr. Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
72 authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ford Development Corporation to construct sidewalk
73 from 9840 to 10040 Montgomery Road. In March 2023, the City of Montgomery was approved by SORTA for a
74 reimbursement grant of 70% (not to exceed \$184,730.00) to complete the construction of a concrete sidewalk. The
75 project is included in the Capital Improvement Budget for 2023 and will be funded through account 410-261-5470
76 Street Maintenance and Repair. It is requested that the project be approved in the amount of \$199,600.00, which
77 is the amount of the Base Bid plus a 10% contingency.

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79 Mr. Margolis asked if there were any updates.

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81 Mr. Heitkamp replied there were none.

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83 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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85 AYE: Mills-Reynolds, Dobrozsi, Messer, Suer, Margolis, Bissmeyer (6)
86 NAY: (0)
87 ABSENT: Naiman (1)
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89 **A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing The City Manager To Enter into a Contract with Bansal**
90 **Construction, Inc. for the 2023 Montgomery Road Traffic Signal Improvements (North System) Project**

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

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94 Mr. Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
95 authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bansal Construction, Inc. to complete the Montgomery
96 Road Signal Improvement Project. The project will improve six (6) traffic signals located on Montgomery Road,
97 located at the intersections of Mitchell Farm Lane, Market Place Lane, Schoolhouse Lane, Hopewell Road,
98 Pfeiffer Road, and Bethesda North Hospital. The project was included in the Capital Improvement Budget for
99 2023 and will be funded through account 410-261-5470 Street Maintenance and Repair. It is requested that the
100 project be approved in the amount of \$280,000.00, which is the amount of the Base Bid, Alternates 1 through 4,
101 and a 3% contingency.

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103 Mr. Suer asked Mr. Heitkamp how the process of the installation would be done.

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105 Mr. Heitkamp replied that the lead time of receiving the materials will determine how they plan to install.
106 However, he anticipated that when they were able to begin that they would install the signals in sequence.
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108 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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110 AYE: Dobrozsi, Messer, Suer, Margolis, Bissmeyer, Mills-Reynolds (6)
111 NAY: (0)
112 ABSENT: Naiman (1)
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114 **A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with Penn Care Incorporated for the**
115 **purchase of a Braun 2025 E450 Chief XL Type III Ambulance**
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117 Mayor Messer reassigned the legislation to Mrs. Bissmeyer.
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119 Mrs. Bissmeyer explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, will
120 authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Penn Care Incorporated for the purchase of a Braun 2025
121 E450 Chief XL Type III Ambulance. The ambulance will be purchased through the bid process conducted through
122 the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. The base bid for the ambulance totals \$267,322.00, with
123 additional STS and Non-STS options totaling \$44,211.04 and a contingency amount of \$6,466.16. These numbers,
124 when combined, total \$317,999.20. \$320,000 is budgeted in account 223.000.5405 as part of the City's 2024
125 Capital Improvement Program.
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127 Mrs. Bissmeyer asked if there were any updates.
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129 Chief Wright replied there were none.
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131 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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133 AYE: Messer, Suer, Margolis, Bissmeyer, Mills-Reynolds, Dobrozsi (6)
134 NAY: (0)
135 ABSENT: Naiman (1)
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137 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**
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139 Mr. Riblet gave the following report:
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- 141 • City Council Work Session is scheduled for January 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
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- 143 • Mr. Riblet reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is requested to be held on Monday,
144 January 8 at 3:30 p.m. He explained that, as previously reported, the Government Affairs Committee
145 would be meeting to conduct interviews for a vacancy on the Arts Commission. He requested that the
146 Public Works Committee meeting be held at 4:00 to allow Government Affairs to meet later at 5:00 p.m.
147 to accommodate the applicants for the interviews. City Council agreed to the change in the Committees
148 meeting times.
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- 150 • Public Works has worked this week to take down all the holiday decorations and hosted the volunteer
151 event at the Annex today to put the decorations away for the year.
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- 153 • Officer Bob Otte notified staff that he will be retiring effective February 1, 2024. There will be a
154 retirement luncheon for Bob on Tuesday, January 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Safety Center to
155 honor Bob for his 22 years of dedicated service to the City of Montgomery.
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158 Events

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- 160 • As a reminder, staff will embark on the 14th MCLA class on Thursday, January 11 at Terwilliger Lodge
161 beginning at 5:45 p.m.

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163 MINUTES

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165 Mr. Margolis moved to approve the December 20, 2023 Work Session minutes as written. Mr. Suer seconded.
166 City Council unanimously agreed.

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168 MAYOR'S COURT REPORT

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170 Mayor Messer stated that the December Mayors Court Report would be presented at the January 17, 2024
171 meeting.

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173 OTHER BUSINESS

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

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178 Mr. Margolis moved to adjourn. Mr. Suer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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180 City Council adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council