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2 City of Montgomery
3 City Council Work Session Minutes
4 April 22, 2020

5 Present

6 Brian Riblet, City Manager
7 Terry Donnellon, Law Director
8 Tracy Roblero, Asst. City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.
9 Katie Smiddy, Finance Director

City Council Members Present

Chris Dobrozsi, Mayor
Craig Margolis, Vice Mayor
Lee Ann Bissmeyer
Mike Cappel
Gerri Harbison
Lynda Roesch
Ken Suer

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15 City Council convened its Work Session for April 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by telephone conference with Mayor
16 Dobrozsi presiding. This remote access meeting was allowed by emergency legislation adopted by the Ohio General
17 Assembly and approved by the Governor. The emergency legislation added language to RC Section 121.22
18 allowing public meetings by telephone conference during the current pandemic and declared State of Emergency.
19 As required by the statute, notice of the telephonic meeting was publicized more than 24 hours in advance to allow
20 public access through the same conference call in service. The public was also given a backup number to call in the
21 event there were technical difficulties. This Notice was posted on the City's website and a similar Notice was sent
22 to The Cincinnati Enquirer.

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24 ROLL CALL

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26 The roll was called, and Vice Mayor Margolis was noted as absent at the time of the call. All other Council Members
27 answered as present.

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29 Mr. Cappel moved to excuse Council Member Margolis. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously
30 agreed.

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32 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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34 Mayor Dobrozsi read a proclamation designating April as Ohio Native Plant Month in the City of Montgomery.

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36 Mayor Dobrozsi stated that for the records Vice Mayor Margolis joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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38 GUESTS & RESIDENTS

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40 Mayor Dobrozsi explained that in an effort to better manage the teleconference meeting he would like to move this
41 portion of the agenda to after item number 11 and allow any public participating in the call to speak at that time. He
42 stated that comments will be allowed but asked that all questions be forwarded by email to City Manager Brian
43 Riblet. He stated that all comments will be limited to three minutes in total.

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45 Vice Mayor Margolis made a motion to move the Guests and Residents item to the end of the agenda. Mr. Cappel
46 seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

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48 ESTABLISHING AN AGENDA FOR MAY 6, 2020 BUSINESS SESSION

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50 PENDING LEGISLATION

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52 **An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$20,000,000 Special Obligation Revenue Bonds**
53 **Of The City Of Montgomery; Providing For The Pledge Of Revenues For The Payment Of Such Bonds;**
54 **Authorizing A Trust Agreement Appropriate For The Protection And Disposition Of Such Revenues To**
55 **Further Secure Such Bonds; Authorizing An Official Statement; Authorizing Other Necessary And**
56 **Appropriate Documents; And Authorizing Other Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of Such Bonds**
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58 Mayor Dobrozsi asked Mr. Donnellon for an update on the legislation.

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60 Mr. Donnellon responded that it is still recommended by the City's Bond Advisors for the legislation to remain
61 tabled and to not enter into the market at this time to issue bonds. He stated that staff would continue to be in
62 communications and monitor the situation. He stated an update would be provided at the May 6 Business Session.

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64 **An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Municipal Compensation**

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66 Mayor Dobrozsi stated that this would be the second reading of this legislation. He asked Mr. Riblet if there were
67 any updates.

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69 Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

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71 Mayor Dobrozsi asked Mrs. Harbison to provide an explanation for anyone that may be listening to the meeting.

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73 Mrs. Harbison explained that every two years in July City Council is presented with an updated schedule of
74 municipal compensation to adjust annually the pay ranges of non-bargaining unit employees to be consistent with
75 bargaining unit employees. She explained that staff also looks at the current market ranges and titles in an effort to
76 be consistent and competitive. She added that among the recommendations in the ranges, staff would like to change
77 the Recreation Coordinator to Recreation Director to be consistent with the duties of the position and also would
78 like to title of the Building and Development Manager changed to Office Manager.

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80 **An Ordinance Adopting Amended Articles I, III, and V, Rules and Regulations for The Hamilton County**
81 **Storm Water District**

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83 Mayor Dobrozsi stated that this would be the second reading of this legislation. He asked Mr. Riblet if there were
84 any updates.

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86 Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

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88 Mayor Dobrozsi asked Mr. Cappel to provide an explanation for anyone that may be listening to the meeting.

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90 Mr. Cappel stated that City Council is asked to pass this Ordinance that is required to be adopted in order to be in
91 compliance with the Hamilton County Storm Water District and the United States Environmental Protection Agency
92 (USEPA) and Ohio EPA (OEPA)'s Storm Water Phase II Permit Program of the National Pollutant Discharge
93 Elimination System (NPDES).

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95 **NEW LEGISLATION**

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97 **A Resolution Recognizing the Month of May 2020 as National Historic Preservation Month in The City of**
98 **Montgomery**

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100 Mayor Dobrozsi assigned the legislation to Vice Mayor Margolis.

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102 Ms. Roblero explained that City Council is asked to consider this Resolution that, if approved, will recognize the
103 month of May as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Montgomery. She explained that the legislation
104 is done annually to recognize the significance of the City's importance on the preservation of its historical properties
105 and history.

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107 **Resolution Designating the Public Depositories for Funds of The City of Montgomery, Ohio**

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109 Mayor Dobrozsi assigned the legislation to Mr. Suer.

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111 Ms. Smiddy explained that City Council is asked to consider adopting this Resolution designating public
112 depository/depositories for a five (5) year period beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2025. She explained
113 that the City's current agreement for banking services expires on May 31, 2020. In accordance with Chapter 135 of
114 the ORC, the City began the lengthy process of designating public depository/depositories with City Council passing
115 the Resolution estimating amounts and setting a date of May 6, 2020 for designating public depositories. A Request
116 for Proposal was mailed to all banks located within the corporate limits of the City with a due date for submission
117 of March 6, 2020. Staff has reviewed the submissions to request for proposals and is recommending that the active
118 deposits of funds be awarded to Fifth Third Bank and Heritage Bank; and the interim and inactive deposits of funds
119 be awarded to Chase Bank, Fifth Third Bank, First Financial Bank, Heritage Bank, Huntington Bank, Key Bank,
120 and WesBanco.

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122 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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124 Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

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- 126 • The City Council Business Session is scheduled for May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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- 128 • The Law and Safety and Financial Planning Committees will meet on Monday, May 4 via teleconference
129 at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., respectively. The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee has cancelled its
130 meeting for the month of May.

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- 132 • The Parks & Recreation and Government Affairs Committees will meet Monday, May 11 via teleconference
133 at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., respectively. The Public Works Committee has cancelled its meeting for the month
134 of May.

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- 136 • Monday evening Montgomery went "Blue" in tribute to our healthcare professionals, Kroger employees,
137 senior living staff and frontline staff. He stated that Council may have noticed blue ribbons, blue lights and
138 a banner at Pfeiffer and Montgomery Road honoring all those who continue to serve the community
139 throughout these challenging times. Mr. Riblet thanked the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, staff and
140 Council for making this happen.

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- 142 • He thanked Mayor Dobrozsi and Council for donating funds that will be used to deliver lunches to staff at
143 Care Corp of Montgomery, Meadowbrook Care Center, Twin Lakes, Bethesda North Hospital and
144 Kroger's. He added that Stone Creek Dining worked with them to provide approximately 350 lunches.

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- 146 • He stated that he had been contacted by London Quicci of Bethesda North and Jim Mayer of Twin Lakes
147 in their appreciation of the Montgomery Goes Blue appreciation campaign.

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- 149 • He explained that residents, Joe and Colleen Fairless contacted staff with a desire to donate a large amount
150 of gift cards for various local restaurants to City staff in appreciation of all their efforts during this time.
151 He stated that gained permission from the Fairless's to pay this gift forward by sharing with local health
152 care professionals and Kroger employees. He stated they were thrilled with this idea and gave their blessing
153 to distribute the cards.

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- 155 • The Gertz Company is performing curb replacement in the downtown. This is part of the 2019 curb
156 replacement program that was not completed last year.

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158 The areas of curb being replaced are:

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- 160 1. Montgomery Road between Cooper and Remington (northbound side)
- 161 2. Remington Road (between Shelly Lane and Montgomery Road and between Montgomery Road and
162 Main Street)

3. Ted Gregory Lane (east of Montgomery Road)

- Last week the City received a \$54,565.88 check from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. He stated that staff believes this check is a premium refund for the City's participation in the BWC's group retrospective rating program. This program can result in a premium refund based on the employer's actual versus anticipated claims experience. He added that it's our understanding that the City may also receive an additional dividend check in the next several weeks as part of BWC's recently approved dividend payout to Ohio employers
- The City was notified today from the Hamilton County Solid Waste District that the City will be awarded \$28,915 through the 2019 Residential Recycling Incentive Grant Program. The City achieved a 28.53% diversion rate for 2019.
- He will be presenting to the Hamilton County TID Board via ZOOM on Monday, April 27 requesting consideration for an additional \$250K in funding to support infrastructure needs associated with the Montgomery Quarter Project.
- He signed a contract with The Gertz Company for the 2020 Fire Hydrant Replacement program in the amount of \$48,350.60. This work is done in tandem with the 2020 Street Resurfacing Program.
- He explained that in light of the current circumstances with COVID-19 that hiring processes for Service Worker I and Firefighter/EMT(Paramedic), as well as our promotional process for Fire Lieutenant, have been put on hold.
- As a reminder, Meadowbrook Care Center will host a car parade on Friday, April 24, from 2:00-2:30 p.m., at 8211 Weller Road. Participants are encouraged to blow their horns, wave their hands, hold up signs to let those at Meadowbrook Care Center know that you care.

Mr. Riblet wished Vice Mayor Margolis a belated Happy Birthday on April 14.

Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session for matters related to Purchase and Sale of Real Estate

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Donnellon stated he had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Cappel

No update.

Mrs. Bissmeyer

No update.

Mrs. Harbison

Mrs. Harbison wished to thank the Fire Department for participating in birthday parades for various children's birthdays over the last two weeks. She stated that during this time of restricted activities this mean so much to the kids to have something special on their birthday.

215 Mrs. Harbison thanked Chip Harrod for his investment in the Montgomery Goes Blue banner.

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217 **Mr. Roesch**

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219 Ms. Roesch stated that she participated in a teleconference meeting with the BAMSO Conductor to discuss the July
220 3rd Concert. She stated that they discussed the stage and a draft program. She added that Blue Ash has cancelled
221 their Memorial Day Concert.

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223 **Mr. Suer**

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225 No report.

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227 **Vice Mayor Margolis**

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229 Vice Mayor Margolis thanked the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for their support of the Montgomery Goes
230 Blue initiative.

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232 Vice Mayor Margolis reported that at the Landmarks Commission meeting, the Montgomery Quarter design
233 proposals were approved.

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235 Vice Mayor Margolis reported that at the Planning Commission meeting, Twin Lakes submitted concept plans for
236 the property north of First Financial Bank that will attract a younger demographic. He stated there were some site
237 issues and that Twin Lakes took the comments from the Commission and were going to rework the plans to resubmit
238 to the Commission at a later date.

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240 **Mayor Dobrozi**

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242 Mayor Dobrozi also thanked the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and staff for their quick work in introducing
243 the Montgomery Goes Blue campaign. He stated that combined with all the donations, it was a special way to
244 recognize the efforts of all.

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246 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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248 Mayor Dobrozi asked for a motion to approve the April 1, 2020 Business Session minutes.

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250 Mr. Cappel made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Mayor Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously
251 agreed.

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253 **MAYORS COURT REPORT**

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255 Mayor Dobrozi asked for a motion to disburse the March Mayors Court collections of \$13,114.12.

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257 Mr. Cappel moved to disburse the March Mayors Court collections of \$13,114.12. Vice Mayor Margolis seconded.
258 City Council unanimously agreed.

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260 **GUESTS AND RESIDENTS**

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262 No Guests or Residents responded.

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264 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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266 There was no other business.

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268 Mayor Dobrozsi stated that Mr. Riblet has requested an Executive Session for matters related to the purchase and
269 sale of real estate. He explained that the teleconferenced public meeting would end and advised that the public
270 session would reconvene at approximately 7:55 p.m. on the same phone number. He advised all participants upon
271 completion of the motion to end their calls and call back at the advised time on the public line for the completion
272 of the public meeting.
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274 Mr. Cappel made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for matters related to the purchase and sale of real
275 estate. Vice Mayor Margolis seconded.
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277 The roll as called and showed the following:
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279 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Margolis, Suer (5)

280 NAY: (0)

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282 Council adjourned in Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.
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285 City Council reconvened into Public Session at 7:58 p.m.
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288 Mayor Dobrozsi asked if there was any further business to discuss in Public Session. There being none he asked for
289 a motion to adjourn.
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292 Vice Mayor Margolis moved to adjourn. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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295 City Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council