

City of Montgomery
City Council Business Session Minutes
May 6, 2020

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
Tracy Roblero, Asst. City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.
Katie Smiddy, Finance Director
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

City Council Members Present

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

City Council convened its Business Session for May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by telephone conference with Mayor Dobrozsi presiding. This remote access meeting was allowed by emergency legislation adopted by the Ohio General Assembly and approved by the Governor. The emergency legislation added language to RC Section 121.22 allowing public meetings by telephone conference during the current pandemic and declared State of Emergency. As required by the statute, notice of the telephonic meeting was publicized more than 24 hours in advance to allow public access through the same conference call in service. The public was also given a backup number to call in the event there were technical difficulties. This Notice was posted on the City's website and a similar Notice was sent to The Cincinnati Enquirer.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dobrozsi asked for the roll to be called.

The roll was called with all members answering as present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Levi Roblero led the pledge of allegiance for the meeting and did an outstanding job.

GUESTS & RESIDENTS

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

Mr. Cappel made a motion to move the Guests and Residents item to after item #8 on the agenda. Vice Mayor Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION TONIGHT

PENDING LEGISLATION

An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$20,000,000 Special Obligation Revenue Bonds Of The City Of Montgomery; Providing For The Pledge Of Revenues For The Payment Of Such Bonds; Authorizing A Trust Agreement Appropriate For The Protection And Disposition Of Such Revenues To Further Secure Such Bonds; Authorizing An Official Statement; Authorizing Other Necessary And Appropriate Documents; And Authorizing Other Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of Such Bonds

Mr. Donnellon explained that while this legislation has been tabled for the past two meeting's, he advises leaving it tabled while staff and the Bond Advisors continue monitoring the market. He stated he is hopeful that we may be able to bring it off the table at either the May 20 or June 3 meeting.

An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Municipal Compensation

60 Mrs. Harbison moved for passage of the second reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Cappel seconded.

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62 Mrs. Harbison explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, would
63 establish a new Schedule of Municipal Compensation for non-bargaining unit employees. It is necessary to establish
64 a new Schedule of Municipal Compensation as the current Schedule does not specify any wage rate adjustments for
65 July 2020 or beyond. A new schedule is also needed to provide for title changes to address organizational needs.

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67 Mrs. Harbison asked if there were any updates. Mr. Riblet replied that there were none.

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69 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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71 AYE: Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison, Dobrozsi, Margolis, Roesch, Suer (7)
72 NAY: (0)

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

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77 Mr. Cappel moved for passage of the second reading of the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Margolis seconded.

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79 Mr. Cappel explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance that, if approved, would adopt
80 the regulations for the Hamilton County Storm Water District. The United States Environmental Protection Agency
81 (USEPA) and Ohio EPA (OEPA) require designated communities, including Hamilton County, which own or
82 operate a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to develop a Storm Water Management Program pursuant
83 to the Storm Water Phase II Permit Program of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). This
84 program enables a jurisdiction to address the quality of storm water runoff within their jurisdiction. As a member
85 municipal corporation under the Phase II Permit, the City must consent to the operation and rules and regulations as
86 stated in Exhibit A "Determinations and Background Pertinent to Storm Water Management in Hamilton County,
87 Ohio" or enact alternative rules and regulations to be mutually agreed upon.

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89 Mr. Cappel asked if there were any updates. Mr. Riblet replied there were none.

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91 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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93 AYE: Bissmeyer, Harbison, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Margolis, Cappel (7)
94 NAY: (0)

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96 **NEW LEGISLATION**

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

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101 Vice Mayor Margolis moved to read the Resolution by title only. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously
102 agreed.

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104 Vice Mayor Margolis read the title and moved for passage. Mr. Cappel seconded.

105 Vice Mayor Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved,
106 will recognize the month of May as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Montgomery.

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108 The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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110 AYE: Harbison, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer (7)
111 NAY: (0)

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

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Mr. Suer moved to read the Resolution by title only. Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Suer read the title and moved passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Cappel seconded.

Mr. Suer explained that information has been previously supplied on this legislation that, if approved, would designate public depository/depositories for a five (5) year period beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2025. The City's current agreement for banking services expires on May 31, 2020. He explained that Ms. Smiddy explained the Request for Proposal process that was executed in March at the May 4 Financial Planning Committee meeting. He explained that RFP's were mailed to all banks within Montgomery and based on submission received staff recommends that the active deposits of funds be awarded to Fifth Third Bank and Heritage Bank; and the interim and inactive deposits of funds be awarded to Chase Bank, Fifth Third Bank, First Financial Bank, Heritage Bank, Huntington Bank, Key Bank, and WesBanco.

Mr. Donnellon observed that the title of the legislation was not fully stated on the agenda and asked Mr. Suer to read the title as stated on the legislation.

Mr. Suer read the title as written on the legislation "*A Resolution Designating the Public Depositories for Funds of The City of Montgomery, Ohio For the Period of June 1, 2020 To May 31, 2025*" and asked for a motion to amend the title of record.

Mr. Cappel seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

AYE: Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer, Harbison (7)
NAY: (0)

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Riblet reported the following items:

- City Council Work Session is scheduled for May 20, at 7:00 p.m.
- The Government Affairs Committee will meet Monday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. via teleconference. The Parks & Recreation and Public Works Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of May.
- Prior to the May 20 Work Session, Staff would like to meet with Council to present an update on the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan and an update on City serviced Leaf Collection as originally discussed in 2015. Staff would recommend beginning the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to commence with the Work Session at the completion of the updates. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

- Prior to the June 17 Work Session, a Public Hearing is requested to be held at 6:45 p.m. for the presentation of the 2021 Tax Budget. This is a requirement by the State of Ohio. This presentation was previously made to the Financial Planning Committee on Monday. City Council could make a motion to immediately go into the Council Work Session at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to commence with the Work Session at the completion of the Public Hearing. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

- Information was shared today regarding the F-16 flyover "Operation American Resolve" throughout the Cincinnati Area to honor the area healthcare workers. It is estimated they will fly over Bethesda North at approximately 10:41.

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- Under Hiring Processes – We are getting back on track with several processes that were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes to testing procedures are being implemented as safety precautions (e.g. social distancing arrangements and multiple testing sessions to ensure small groups).
 - Firefighter/EMT (Paramedic) – written tests and agility tests were administered April 28 through April 30. Oral tests are scheduled for May 7 through May 14 for a total of 28 candidates.
 - Fire Lieutenant – written test was administered on May 4. The oral test component of this promotional process is scheduled for May 20 and the assessment center component is scheduled for June 5. An eligible list will be created from the testing results and used to fill a Fire Lieutenant opening which will occur as a result of Tom Wolf retiring later this year.
 - Service Worker I –A second round of interviews is being scheduled for late May or early June. We will have an open position due to Jim Stewart retiring at the end of May.
- Bureau of Workers’ Compensation Billion Dollar Dividend Program – In late April, the City received \$114,612.83 back from the BWC as part of Governor DeWine’s BWC dividend program designed to help ease financial pressures related to COVID-19 experienced by employers. The dividend equals approximately 100% of the City’s premium for the 2018 policy year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the April 22, 2020 Work Session Minutes.

Mr. Cappel moved approval of the minutes. Vice Mayor Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

MAYOR’S COURT REPORT

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that the Mayor’s Court report for the month of April would be deferred to the May 20 Work Session.

GUEST AND RESIDENTS

Mayor Dobrozsi asked if there were residents participating in the call. There were no replies.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Mr. Cappel moved to adjourn. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

City Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council