

City of Montgomery  
City Council Business Session Minutes  
February 5, 2020

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager  
Terry Donnellon, Law Director  
John Crowell, Police Chief  
Gary Heitkamp, Public Works Director  
Tracy Roblero, Asst. City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.  
Katie Smiddy, Finance Director  
Paul Wright, Fire Chief  
Faith Lynch, Community Engagement Coordinator  
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

Absent

Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Director

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City Council convened in Council Chambers for the Business Session at 6:55 p.m. with Mayor Dobrozsi presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dobrozsi asked for a motion to dispense with the roll call since everyone was in attendance.

Mr. Cappel moved to dispense with the roll call. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

**GUESTS & RESIDENTS**

**LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION TONIGHT**

**PENDING LEGISLATION**

**NEW LEGISLATION**

**A Resolution to Estimating the Probable Amount of Public Monies to be Deposited, Setting a date for the Designation of Public Depositories and Authorizing Notice**

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

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 requesting that City Council consider a Resolution to estimate the amount of public monies to be deposited in Public Depositories and set a date for the designation of Public Depositories for a five-year period. The City's current Memorandums of Agreement with various banking institutions will expire on May 31, 2020. The State of Ohio requires that municipalities select public depositories for the deposit of active and interim funds. The State also requires that each financial institution within the corporate limits of a municipality be contacted to submit a proposal for banking and financial services. If City Council adopts this Resolution a Request for Proposal (RFP) will then be sent to all financial institutions within the corporate limits of the City. The RFP will require bidding institutions to supply information on various banking services, investments, the institution's financial strength, and other related banking information.

Mr. Suer asked if there were any updates.

Ms. Smiddy replied there were none.

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The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

NAY: (0)

**A Resolution Declaring a Moratorium on The Collection of Building and Zoning Permit Fees for Solar Installations**

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

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

Vice Mayor Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Resolution that, if approved, would declare a moratorium on the collection of building and zoning permit fees for solar installations. Any property within Hamilton County is eligible for participation in the program, which provides a free solar assessment, discounted rates and financing. At the January 6, 2020 Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee meeting of City Council, it was recommended to pass a Resolution waiving building and zoning fees for solar installations with a cap of \$1,000 beginning on February 6, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2021. The waiver would be promoted as an incentive to our residents and businesses to adopt a more environmentally friendly source of power and to continue to promote Montgomery as a progressive community in the region and the State.

Vice Mayor Margolis asked if there were any updates

Ms. Roblero replied there were none.

Mr. Cappel asked if the City was covering permit fees from other localities.

Ms. Roblero replied that we were not.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

NAY: (0)

**An Ordinance Amending the Land Usage Code to Enact New Regulations for The Heritage Overlay District**

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

Vice Mayor Margolis read the title and moved for passage of the first reading of the Ordinance. Mr. Cappel seconded.

Vice Mayor Margolis explained that information has been previously supplied on this Ordinance requesting that City Council authorize an Ordinance to amend Chapter 151.14 of the Code of Ordinances that would enact new regulations for the Heritage Overlay District. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the text amendments to Chapter 151 of the Land Usage Code as recommended by the Landmarks Commission.

Mayor Dobrozsi asked if there were any updates.

Ms. Roblero replied there were none.

113 The roll was called and showed the following vote:  
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115 AYE: Harbison, Dobrozsi, Roesch, Suer, Margolis, Cappel, Bissmeyer (7)  
116 NAY: (0)  
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118 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

119 Mr. Riblet reported the following items:  
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- 121 • A City Council Work Session is scheduled for February 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
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- 123 • The Government Affairs Committee will meet on Monday, February 10 at 4:30 p.m. The Parks and  
124 Recreation and the Public Works Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of February.  
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- 126 • The Thomas's will be attending the February 19 Work Session to receive a Proclamation for their generous  
127 donation to the Police Department in the amount of \$250,000. Staff are in the process of prioritizing a list  
128 of equipment that can be purchased over the next 2-3 years.  
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- 130 • Congratulations to Vice Mayor Margolis for being voted in as an At-Large Board member of the Hamilton  
131 County Municipal League on Monday, February 3.  
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- 133 • Just today we received official notice from Tom Wolf that he will be retiring at the end of his shift on July  
134 4. Tom has a total of 43 years in the fire and EMT business including the past 27 with the City.  
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- 136 • The finance specialist hiring process has been completed. Derek Morgan will start employment with the  
137 City on February 10. Derek brings accounting and customer service experience from the private sector.  
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- 139 • A reminder that Thursday, February 6 is the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Dunkin Donuts location  
140 on Montgomery Road at 10:00 a.m.  
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- 142 • The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy will convene on Thursday, February 6, at Sycamore High  
143 School. The program starts at 6:00 p.m. The following MCLA session will be hosted by Bethesda North  
144 Hospital on Thursday, February 13, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Golder Conference Room. Contact Faith  
145 Lynch if you have any further questions.  
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- 147 • Thursday, February 6 from 5:30-7:00 p.m., there is the Community Open House for the Thomas  
148 Comprehensive Care Center.  
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- 150 • The Community Leadership Forum is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, from 9-11 a.m. at the Davies  
151 Room at Twin Lakes Senior Living Community. The topics will include the Importance of Buying Local  
152 presented by Carol Gorley from the Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Mental Wellness Challenges  
153 in Sycamore Schools presented by Frank Forsthoefel, and a Fire Department Update from Chief Paul Wright.  
154 Currently, there are 44 registrations.  
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- 156 • The Dinner Around the World event, sponsored by the Montgomery Sister Cities Commission, will be held  
157 on Sunday, February 9, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge. The event is sold out with 85 reservations.  
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159 Mr. Riblet requested an Executive Session to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic  
160 development assistance.  
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162 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

163 Mayor Dobrozsi asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2020 Work Session. Mr. Cappel  
164 moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously approved.

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**MAYOR'S COURT REPORT**

Mayor Dobrozsi reported that the total Mayor's Court collection for the month of January is \$15,032 and asked for a motion to disburse the collection.

Mr. Cappel moved to accept and disburse the Mayor's Court Report for the month of January. Mrs. Bissmeyer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mrs. Harbison**

Mrs. Harbison reported that the Blue Ash Business Association, along with Montgomery Chamber of Commerce Board Member Todd Steinbrink and President Jim Mayer and Sycamore Schools, are putting together a student focused MCLA type program for Sycamore High School. She stated that the Montgomery Chamber and Blue Ash Business Association would jointly sponsor this program. She stated that schools would be responsible for content creation, recruitment, and operation and the program would be offered to sophomores and juniors at Sycamore Schools.

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that he would be out of town from February 21 through February 24 and also February 26 through March 1 and appointed Vice Mayor Margolis as Acting Mayor during those times.

Mayor Dobrozsi stated that Mr. Riblet had requested an Executive Session to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance. He asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session.

Vice Mayor Margolis made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider confidential information of an applicant for economic development assistance. Mr. Cappel seconded.

The roll was called and showed the following vote:

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

Council adjourned in Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

City Council reconvened into Public Session at 8:04 p.m.

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. Vice Mayor Margolis seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

City Council adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

  
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Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council