

City of Montgomery
City Council Work Session Minutes
April 21, 2010

Present

Cheryl Hilvert, City Manager
Terry Donnellon, Law Director
Susan Hamm, Clerk of Council
Frank Davis, Community Development Director
Wayne Davis, Assistant City Manager
Ellen Hall, Communications Coordinator
Jim Hanson, Finance Director
Amber Morris, Recreation and Communications Director
Bob Nikula, Public Works Director
Don Simpson, Police Chief
Paul Wright, Fire Chief
Matthew Vanderhorst, Customer Service Director

City Council Members Present

Gerri Harbison, Mayor
Chris Dobrozsi
Barry Joffe
Lynda Roesch
Todd Steinbrink
Ken Suer

City Council convened in Council Chambers for the work session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Harbison presiding.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Harbison noted that on April 12, 2010 City Council received a letter from Vicki Hirsch informing them of her intent to resign from her City Council seat, effective immediately. She further noted that Ms. Hirsch has been suffering from both personal and family medical issues that have prevented her from devoting the time and attention to the work of the Montgomery City Council. She also noted that this was a terribly difficult decision for Ms. Hirsch.

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

Mr. Steinbrink moved to dispense with the roll call. Mr. Suer seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.

GUESTS AND RESIDENTS

There were no residents or guests to address City Council tonight.

ESTABLISHING AN AGENDA FOR MAY 5, 2010

Pending Legislation

An Ordinance Establishing Schedules of Municipal Compensation (2nd Reading)

Mayor Harbison explained that this ordinance has been discussed at previous meetings and if approved, will establish a general schedule of municipal compensation for all offices and positions in the City.

New Legislation

A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping Co., Inc. for the 2010 Street Resurfacing Program

Mr. Bob Nikula, Public Works Director, is requesting that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping Co., Inc. for the annual street resurfacing program. This year's 2010

55 Street Resurfacing Program includes work to completely resurface 4.37 centerline miles of roadways. The total
56 project amount requested is an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000. The funding is included in the 2010 capital
57 improvement program.

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59 Mr. Joffe asked if the City had ever used Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping Co., Inc.

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61 Mr. Nikula indicated that the Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping Co., Inc. has never worked for the City; however, the
62 City of Fairfield has used Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping Co., Inc.

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64 **A Resolution Recognizing the Month of May, 2010 as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of**
65 **Montgomery**

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67 Mr. Frank Davis, Community Development Director, is requesting that City Council adopt this resolution,
68 which will recognize the month of May as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Montgomery.

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70 **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 151.14 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Heritage District Design**
71 **Guidelines**

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73 Mayor Harbison noted that this ordinance was discussed in detail at the public hearing. She further noted that if
74 approved, this ordinance will update and make changes to the existing Heritage District Design Guidelines.

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76 **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 151.30 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Sign Regulations**
77 **Applicable to Temporary Political Signs**

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79 Mayor Harbison noted that this ordinance was discussed in detail at the public hearing. She further noted that if
80 approved, this ordinance will update and make changes to the existing Heritage District Design Guidelines.

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82 **An Ordinance Updating and Amending the Land Usage Code**

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84 Mayor Harbison noted that this ordinance was discussed in detail at the public hearing. She further noted that if
85 approved, this ordinance will provide updates and amendments to certain sections of the Land Usage Code.

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87 **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

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89 Ms. Hilvert reported on the following items:

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91 The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee and Financial Planning Committee are scheduled to
92 meet on Monday, May, 3, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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94 City Council is scheduled to hear the Board and Commission Chair Updates from the Beautification
95 and Tree Commission and Civil Service Commission at the May 5, 2010 business session, starting at
96 6:30 p.m.

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98 The City received a letter from the Montgomery Kiwanis stating that it was nice of City Council to
99 recognize the Montgomery Kiwanis. The letter also indicated that most of the members will be able to
100 attend the City Council work session on May 19, 2010 to receive the Mayors' Proclamation.

102 The City also received an invitation from the City of Blue Ash inviting City Council to participate in
103 the May 31, 2010 Memorial Day Parade. If you would like to participate, please let Susan know. She
104 will RSVP for everyone.

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106 Eight members of the new resident welcoming committee met last week to begin sending handwritten
107 notes of welcome to new residents. Included in the message was an invitation to stop by the
108 Montgomery booth at our upcoming events and say hello. The welcoming committee plans to help
109 staff the booth at events, so someone from the committee will be there if a new resident stops by. In
110 all, 28 cards were mailed. The group plans to meet at City Hall the second Wednesday of each month
111 to send notes to the next group of new residents.

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113 The fountain at Neuilly-Plaisance is now in operation. The project is now about 99% complete with
114 only a few punchlist items to take care of. Staff estimates that all work, including punchlist items, will
115 be completed by the end of the month.

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117 Work is underway on Montgomery Road between Main Street (by CVS) and Schoolhouse Lane. The
118 work that is underway includes catchbasin and curb repairs that are neither eligible nor included in the
119 ODOT Urban Paving Project guidelines and as such are under coordination and inspection by the City
120 of Montgomery. It is anticipated that work on the resurfacing program will begin next Monday and
121 continue for approximately 2 weeks during the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through
122 Friday. Project information signs at either end of the project are scheduled to be installed tomorrow
123 (Thursday) to advise motorists of the upcoming resurfacing project.

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125 The City received a response email from Kevin Reynolds on the "Play Me I'm Yours" project. It sounds as
126 though they are still in the planning phase for this project, but Kevin sounds positive we will get a piano for one
127 of the display times.

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129 Events
130 Tree City USA Luncheon – Friday, April 23rd
131 ASPA Luncheon – Friday, April 23rd
132 Decatur GA visit
133 Safety Center Open House – Saturday, April 24th
134 Kids Garage Sale – Saturday, April 24th
135 Great American Clean Up – April 24th

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137 Ms. Hilvert requested an executive session to discuss matters related to the purchase of real estate and eminent
138 litigation.

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140 **CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS**

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142 Mr. Dobrozsi reported that the Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee of City Council held interviews for
143 the vacant positions on the Landmarks Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

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145 Mr. Suer reported that he attended the Cincinnati Water Works Open House, Northeast Community Challenge,
146 and the Arts Commission meeting. He noted that on Sunday, May 2, 2010, the Arts Commission will be hosting
147 its second annual "All Fired Up" event in Swaim Park from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The event include ceramic, glass
148 and metal sculpture exhibits and sales, the Bobby Sharp Trio, children's watercolor activity by Art Machine and

149 concessions. In addition, members of the Montgomery Historic Preservation Association will be hosting an
150 "Open House" at the Wilder Swaim House that include, china display and Radia's Swaim Collection.
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152 Ms. Roesch noted that Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will be holding its Memorial Day Concert
153 on Saturday, May 29, 2010. She further noted that she attended the Beautification and Tree Commission, the
154 Tree City USA Committee meetings and the Parks Commission meeting.
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156 Mr. Joffe reported the Law and Safety Committee of City Council met on April 5, 2010 Chief Don Simpson
157 discussed how the police department works to partner with other area safety service agencies to provide services
158 in a collaborative way. The discussion also included the City's involvement with various associations and
159 special task forces. Officer Mike Davenport provided a description of his recent assignment to the Drug Abuse
160 Reduction Task Force as a Special Agent.
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162 Mr. Steinbrink reported that the Financial Planning Committee of City Council met on April 5, 2010 and
163 discussed the following topics:

- 164 • 2010 March Earnings Tax Report – The Committee reviewed the earnings tax report for the first
165 three months of 2010.
- 166 • 2009 Annual Audit – Staff explained that the field work for the 2009 audit is nearly complete and
167 will be wrapping up in May or early June.
- 168 • Topic Discussed at the Montgomery Rap Session – Staff shared a presentation with the Committee
169 that the Finance Department presented at the Montgomery Rap session, which focused on the
170 current economic conditions and the impact on government entities.
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172 MINUTES

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174 Mr. Steinbrink moved to approve the February 18, 2010 City Council work session minutes and the March 3,
175 2010 business session minutes. Mr. Joffe seconded. City Council unanimously agreed.
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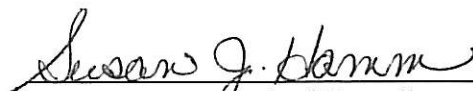
177 OTHER BUSINESS

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179 Mayor Harbison asked if there was any further business to discuss in public session. There being none, she
180 asked for a motion to adjourn.
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182 Mr. Suer moved to adjourn. Mr. Dobrozi seconded.
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184 City Council unanimously agreed.
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186 City Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.
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