

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

May 26, 2020

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

(Meeting rescheduled due to Memorial Day Holiday.)

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Tiffany Bunt, Council Member Arthur Herbert and Council Member Jason Peterson were in attendance. Council Member Willie Goldsmith joined by Zoom.

Mayor Cost called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Cost noted that in response to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting was being broadcast on Facebook Live and that Council Member Goldsmith was participating via Zoom.

The Mayor addressed the recent rash of gun violence in the city. We are heartbroken over these circumstances. Our Police Department is working diligently to address this issue. However, it will take support from our community to address this issue, as well as learning new ways to resolve conflicts. Asked the community to come together to support each other.

Council Member Goldsmith asked Chief Littleton to present his report:

Montevallo Police Department Stats

	January-20	February-20	March-20	April-20	May-20	June-20	July-20	August-20	September-20	October-20	November-20	December-20	Total
Total Reports	98	75	76	63									312
Criminal Cases	40	22	22	30									114
Non-Criminal	11	15	18	6									50
Traffic Accidents	13	15	9	8									45
Traffic Citations	150	140	68	18									374
DUI Arrests	3	9	2	2									16
Public Intox Arr	0	1	1	2									4
Alias Arrests	13	3	8	1									25
Juvenile Arrests	2	0	0	0									2
Misc Arrests	3	7	5	0									15
Felony Arrests	1	0	1	5									7
Drug Related	5	2	2	7									16
Total Arrest	25	23	19	17									84
Auto Thefts	0	0	1	2									3
Burglaries	1	3	2	0									6
Auto Recoveries	0	0	1	1									2
Auto Burglaries	4	1	0	0									5
Criminal Mischief	4	2	4	5									15
DV Related	2	7	9	12									30
Assaults	8	4	4	3									19
Fraud/Forgery	0	2	1	1									4
Harass / Reck	4	0	6	2									12
Misc. Offenses	25	10	18	7									60
Robberies	0	1	0	0									1
Threats / Attempts	6	12	4	4									26
Suicide Attempts	0	0	0	1									1
Suicides	0	0	0	0									0
Deaths	0	0	0	0									0

Karen Kiker
11:26 AM
5/26/2020



Montevallo Police Department City Council Report

Date:
05/26/2020

Patrol Report:

Total Calls:

Total Cases:
82
Traffic Accidents:
7
Traffic Stops:

Traffic Citations:
20
Total Arrests:
29

Burglaries:
2
Auto Burglaries:
0
Domestics:
11
Assaults:
3
Fraud/Forgery:
0
Thefts/Attempts:
4

Zone Checks:

School Patrols:

Investigations (New Cases):

Felony Cases Pending:

Felony Cases Closed:

Misdemeanor Cases Pending:

Misdemeanor Cases Closed:

Felony Warrants:

Misdemeanor Warrants:

School Resource Report:

Offense Reports:

Incident Reports:

Traffic Accident Reports:

Arrest Reports:

Cases Pending:

Cases Closed:

Additional Comments:

As far as the recent shooting is concerned, these were isolated incidents between individuals who knew each other. However, he said he can't go into details due to the ongoing investigation. However, contrary to comments on social media, we had two patrol vehicles in that immediate area that night. As a matter of fact, they were so close when the shots were

fired and our officers arrived on scene, shell casing were still rolling on the ground from the shooting. We know the areas that need to be focused on, and we keep units in those areas every day.

Chief Brad Davis presented the Fire Department report. He informed the Council they responded to 90 calls so far for the month, 8 were fire calls and 50 were EMS.

At the request of Council Member Goldsmith, Chief Davis discussed community food bank. The department has partnered with Community Foodbank of Central Alabama and Farm to Family. Volunteers handed out 365 boxes in 30 minutes. June 4th we expect to distribute 500 boxes of food. Anyone in need can participate.

Chief Littleton said we have issued murder charges against a juvenile in the previous Shelby Street shooting.

Kirk Hamby noted how meaningful our personalized banners honoring our veterans, and our flags are, especially for a community our size. Also, we received our cost estimates for the upcoming paving project. Bids should go out in a week or so.

Council Member Herbert invited the public to volunteer for our Sustainability Committee.

Olivia Benson reminded everyone the Recycling Center is open from 8-4, Monday- Saturday. We are serving around 200 people per week. We're 75 pounds away from our 500 lbs. goal on the plastic film recycling. The American Thrift Store box has been at the center for three weeks. We've already collected around 1000 pounds of donations. These are all efforts to eliminate waste from the landfills.

Shane Baugh reported that a few teams are practicing in Montevallo. No tournaments yet. Not a lot going on. Football and Cheerleader registration are still open. Not charging anyone yet. Trails are very busy. Shoal Creek Park was listed on the Alabama Birding Trail. Getting a lot of activity because of that, too.

Council Member Nix asked if we will have youth sports and tournaments later this year. Mr. Baugh said we can't have anything until after June 15. We are booked solid after that. We still have to adhere to the state COVID-19 guidelines. Hope we don't have anyone get sick. We will contact the local restaurants to let them know what to expect as far as crowds are concerned.

Council Member Nix noted that at the zoning meeting last week the Commission approved the recommendation of the site plan for Automotive Restoration. That will come to the Council at the second meeting in June. Also, the issue regarding the RV on Shelby Street will be brought to the Council on June 22, as well.

Mayor Cost noted Mr. Baugh is working with Dee Woodham to get all of our trails listed on an App.

Council Member Bunt reported that schools are closed. Montevallo High School graduation is June 1st at 6pm. American Village has cancelled their July 4th activities.

Savannah Kitchens presented the Library report. She noted that curbside service started today for no contact check out. We They are still providing Printing copying and faxing services. Offering reading suggestion lists. New hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-5 and Thursday and Friday from 4-8. Dollar General summer reading grant for \$3,000 received. 267 masks given that are made by library workers from donated material offered free for as long as available.

IMPACT coordinator Sarah Hogan said they are working with grant transition, applications for MJCC, and adding IMPACT updates on social media and Facebook page. @ImpactMontevallo

Courtney Bennett said Main Street is still accepting orders for veterans banners, if order before June 3rd, can get up by July 4. Working with the Library to provide masks to business owners. Please do your part by wearing a mask. Rose's opened this weekend, encouraged everyone to shop locally.

Council Member Peterson reminded everyone that the Farmers market opens Monday at 3:30. Also, Steve Gilbert from chamber working on getting weather camera installed.

Montevallo City Council Meeting

May 26, 2020

6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Tiffany Bunt, Council Member Arthur Herbert and Council Member Jason Peterson were in attendance. Council Member Willie Goldsmith joined by Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cost opened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 5/11/20

Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the Minutes as corrected Arthur Herbert seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

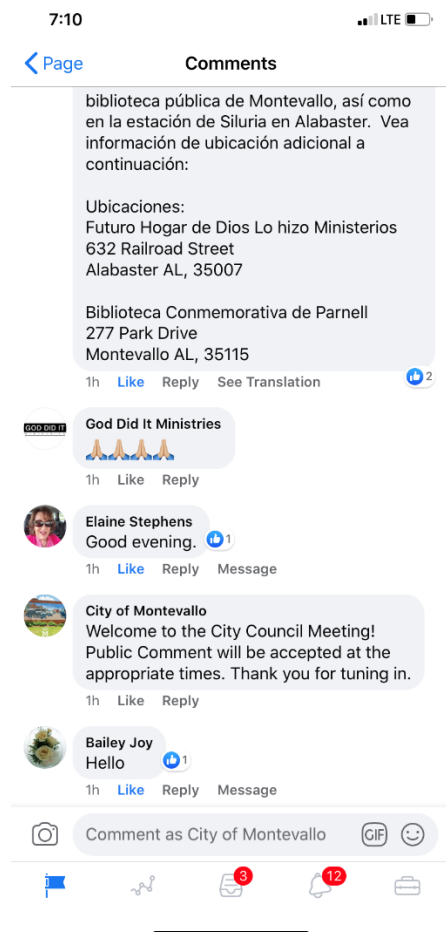
Recognitions / Awards: NONE

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

Melanie Poole addressed the Council regarding the proposed Dollar General store on Hwy 119. She commended the council for going back to Dollar General to get a market study. She also thanked them for updating the traffic study. However, she suggested the dates the studies were done did not provide a true picture of what the traffic will be, especially after the adjoining lot is developed.

Comments from Facebook –

Kelly Bice noted everyone is saying all the violence is due to gangs and drugs.





Freda Alexandra Shivers

Boys and Girls Club open serving children of 1st responders and other essential workers

1h Like Reply Message



God Did It Ministries

God Did It Ministries is offering free vegetable and fruit boxes through the Farm to Family Project! We will be handing out 20 pound boxes until they are gone. This initiative will run each Saturday from May 23rd through June 27th from 8am until noon (or until the last box is gone)!

The two locations for this event will be at the Parnell Memorial Library in Montevallo, as well as Siluria Station in Alabaster. See additional location information below:

Locations:

Future Home of God Did It Ministries
632 Railroad Street
Alabaster AL, 35007

Parnell Me... See More

1h Like Reply See Translation



God Did It Ministries



1h Like Reply



Elaine Stephens



Comment as City of Montevallo



Committee Reports and Consideration of Bills:

Public Health & Safety (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement)– Discussed earlier.

Sustainability (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives) – Discussed earlier.

Recreation, Preservation and Community Development (Parks & Recreation, Golf Course, Youth Athletics, Trails, Planning & Zoning, Annexations,) – Discussed earlier.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, IMPACT) – Discussed earlier.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber, Historical Commission, Main Street) – Discussed earlier.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the bills. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business:

Acceptance of Lexington Park Performance Bonds - Council Member Nix made a motion to approve acceptance of the bonds. Council Member Herbert seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Acceptance of Hwy 25 Dollar General Performance Bonds - Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve acceptance of the bonds. Council Member bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of the Amended 2019-2020 Budgets -

Mayor Cost noted that we’ve been told not to expect a bailout from the government. As such, we’ve worked to scale back on our expenditures in order to accommodate the anticipated shortfall.

The City Clerk then reviewed the proposed budget. He said these amendments depend upon our revenue coming in as now revised. He said so far we're looking good and should meet our revised projections.

Mayor Cost presented the following explanation to the Council in their packets:

Council:

The City Clerk and I have been working diligently to trim our expenditures as best we could in response to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. As you know, business closures and other issues related to the ongoing crisis have severely impacted our revenue. In-store sales tax revenues are expected to decline significantly – down as much as \$365,000. Fortunately, it appears that online sales tax receipts, which are reflected under the Simplified Tax line item, are helping to make up a large portion of that shortfall. We received \$112,815 as of the end of April, and have budgeted to receive \$200,000 by the end of the fiscal year. Of course, that does not help our local businesses – especially our local restaurants – which have been hit so hard in these times. In response, we also adjusted our expectations downward in other revenue line items, as well. In the end, we expect to receive \$520,529 less than originally budgeted for this fiscal year.

Every department trimmed their expenditures down to the bare minimum. We instituted a hiring freeze. Vacant positions will remain unfilled until we make our way through this situation. Because the health crisis has severely impacted our normal operations at both the Library and Senior Center, we have recommended multiple employees be laid-off in those areas. A position has also been eliminated at City Hall. Once we emerge on the other side of this health crisis, and our revenues improve, we will take action to re-staff most, if not all, the positions we've lost. However, while we hope it is not the case, we do not anticipate that happening within the current fiscal year.

As a note of caution, these numbers assume we will receive an average of \$200,000 a month in Sales Tax over the next five months. If we see our numbers dipping below that, or fall significantly short in other areas, we will need to respond accordingly – which will necessitate additional spending cuts – most likely in the form of more layoffs or salary cuts.

We've attached an adjusted proforma budget for the 2019-2020 year. It shows up on the report, aptly name the Zombie Apocalypse Budget, as 2020-2021. Please ignore those dates. This is merely a worksheet. Once you've approved the recommendations included in the report, these numbers will be included as adjustments to our current budget.

As I hope you can appreciate, this was not an easy task and these recommendations were extremely difficult to make. However, I am very proud of our staff at City Hall, our department heads, and all of our other employees for being so understanding and cooperative during this unpleasant time in our city's history.

My hope is to have these amendments approved at the May 26th meeting. Therefore, I encourage you to reach out to me or the City Clerk as soon as possible if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Hollie

The Mayor then read the proposed budget amendments as follows:

Resolution 05262010-200

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET

Whereas, Generally Accepted Accounting Policies and Procedures recommend municipalities amend their annual budget as needed; and

Whereas, the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic has grievously impacted the city’s revenues; and

Whereas, the Mayor, City Clerk and Treasurer, and Department Heads have identified significant budget cuts, including some layoffs, in an effort to offset the COVID-19 related drop in income; and

Whereas, it is acknowledged that additional spending cuts will be required if the city fails to receive the revised level of anticipated revenue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTEVALLO, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Council hereby amends the budget as follows:

2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	PREVIOUS	AS AMENDED
REVENUES:	\$5,883,519	\$5,382,515
Trans from Court (fines)	50,000	0
Trans from Court (restitution)	<u>32,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,965,519	\$5,420,515

EXPENDITURES:

Beautification -	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,300
Historical Commission -	2,000	0

City Judge -	20,860	20,860
City Prosecutor -	13,035	13,035
Mayor's Office -	14,964	12,164
Clerk's Office -	92,962	88,467
City Council -	3,200	700
Revenue Officer -	91,001	2,042
Elections -	17,500	17,500
Economic Development -	59,997	54,368
City Hall – General Operations	623,349	782,956
City Shop -	18,650	12,850
Police -	1,583,958	1,484,755
Fire & Rescue -	332,170	299,210
Cemetery -	81,110	79,510
Building Inspector -	10,904	10,904
Fire Inspector -	68,661	60,911
Streets & Roads -	583,529	519,303
Leaf & Limb -	82,715	56,415
Sanitation -	272,344	259,644
Animal Control -	26,925	4,925
Golf Course -	427,200	310,100
Aging Program -	53,097	32,910
Parks & Recreation -	274,945	242,798
Community Band -	250	0
Recycling Center	120,363	83,701
Mahler Property	1,200	1,200
90% of 1 Cent Expense (MDCD)	614,250	562,500
10% of 1 Cent Expense	68,250	62,500
Fire Truck Lease Repayment	54,654	54,654
Library Loan Repayment	70,776	70,776
Transfer to Library -	<u>265,223</u>	<u>208,048</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$5,964,739 \$5,413,006

REVENUES OVER
EXPENDITURES \$ 780 \$ 7,509

COURT

REVENUES \$ 405,100 \$ 360,100
EXPENDITURES 384,228 329,765
REVENUES OVER
EXPENDITURES \$ 20,872 \$ 30,335

LIBRARY FUND

REVENUES	\$ 288,723	\$ 220,815
EXPENDITURES	<u>288,723</u>	<u>220,815</u>
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 0	\$ 0

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Council Member Herbert noted that expenditures at City Hall increased by 25%. The City Clerk explained that we consolidated all the salaries for Revenue and City Hall together, as well as Insurance expense for all departments, within the City Hall Budget. Also, we've had higher engineering and attorney fees, for example, than previously expected. We made every attempt to reflect our actual costs in the amended budget. If a line item was running ahead of budget, we reflected that fact in this proposed budget.

Council Member Nix said he had a problem with cutting the budgets for Fire and Police. Chief Littleton said the majority of his cuts were for salaries of positions currently available. One employee is on deployment and one position is vacant. Otherwise, he wasn't able to trim much off of his operating budget. His employee on deployment returns mid-June, and we will eventually need a school resource officer.

The City Clerk mentioned again that a huge piece of the savings in that department came from the insurance cost which is now budgeted under City Hall. That is the same for all departments.

Council Member Nix asked Mr. Hamby about his proposed cuts. Mr. Hamby said he cut expenses to the bare bones in an effort to keep from losing employees.

Fire Chief Brad Davis said he has kept his salary expense at a minimum. They are trying to cut back on ordering too many supplies until end of year. Despite the proposed cuts, our coverage is good and services will continue.

Council Member Nix asked why the Beautification budget increase. The City Clerk said that reflects the tree expense for Arbor Day.

Council Member Bunt commended the department heads for all their help and commitment in this effort. She then made a motion to approve the Budget as amended. Council Member Peterson seconded. Council Member Nix voted NAY. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Old Business:

Resolution Approving the Site Plan for SP19-008 Dollar General Hwy 119 -

Mayor Cost noted we received information regarding the traffic study performed by ALDOT.

Council Member Herbert noted that all major concerns have been addressed in the resolution, including the sign color, definition of immediate neighborhood. He asked about the spacing from the proposed driveway to the drive at Heritage Trace.

Kristine Goddard noted that there is another parcel situated between the Dollar General site and the entrance to Heritage Trace. She stressed that ALDOT would not have approved the plans if the spacing wasn't sufficient.

The proposed resolution was read into the record as follows:

Resolution 05262020-400

Resolution Approving the Site Plan for Dollar General on Hwy 119

WHEREAS, Robert Broadway, on behalf of the property owner, Lovelady Properties, has requested the approval of a site development plan for a retail store development; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is identified as Lot 1 of the Village Square Subdivision and is located south of the intersection of Freedom Parkway and State Route 119. The 2.5-acre subject property is zoned B-1 SD, and situated in Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 3 West; Parcel Identification No. 58-27-1-02-0-000-001.003; and

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to construct an 8,960 square foot general retail store, identified as a Dollar General, on 2.5 acres. The subject property is located in the Scenic Corridor Overlay District and must meet the intent of Appendix E. Scenic Corridor Overlay District Design Standards and Guidelines as reviewed and approved by the Montevallo Design Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, access for the proposed retail store will be from State Route 119 as reviewed and approved by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). After a professional study of the traffic patterns by ALDOT, a singular access on the south portion of the subject property

was permitted. ALDOT performed its study internally and did not require a third-party traffic study for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Montevallo Arbor and Beautification Board has reviewed the landscape plan for this development and has determined that landscaping for the development meets the requirements of Article 23 of the Montevallo Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Committee initially reviewed the proposal on February 11, 2020 and requested modifications to the initially proposed design largely based on public input, and subsequently approved a revised design plan based on that public input on April 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 18.06.B.4 of the Zoning Ordinance requires evidence of “(a) *professional report on the needs and extent of the market to be served and general economic justifications.*” In a letter dated April 13, 2020 from Dollar General, Greg Morgan, the firm’s Real Estate Manager, affirmed that his company professionally evaluated this site to “ensure we can continue to meet our customers’ priced, value and selection needs,” adding that “our location on Highway 119 is an ideal location for a new Dollar General Store.” Moreover, he stressed that their research “indicates that customers in the Montevallo area can benefit from the added value and convenience our stores provides . . . ;” and

WHEREAS, Montevallo Water Works and Sewer Board has completed a review of the plan set dated 2/24/2020 and determined it meets the minimum requirements of the *Montevallo Water Works and Sewer Board Standard Specifications*; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has reviewed the drawings and finds the drawings in compliance with the Special District and the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development is consistent with the *Zoning Ordinance of the City of Montevallo* including *Appendix E. Scenic Corridor Overlay District Design Standards and Guidelines*; and

WHEREAS, a properly noticed and advertised Public Hearing was held before the Montevallo City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting with a quorum being present on May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the concerns and questions which arose out of the meeting on May 11th have since been addressed satisfactorily by the applicant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The heretofore described Site Plan Application is hereby approved by the Montevallo City Council subject to the following stipulations:

- a. The applicant completing all required bonding and submitting a final site plan for certification prior to the issuance of building permits;
 - b. Compliance with the regulations, policies and guidelines of the City of Montevallo;
 - c. Changing the background color of all signage from the standard Dollar General Yellow to a color which conforms with the requirements of the Overlay District, such as a pale yellow, white, off-white, cream, light tan, or light gray.
- 2) For future clarification purposes, the term “immediate neighborhood” as it appears under the B-1 classification in the Zoning Ordinance does not refer to the immediately adjoining subdivisions. Rather, it refers to a market area within an approximately 3-mile radius of the subject property. The intent of the language is to prohibit “big box” or other large retailers with a wider market draw, such as a WALMART, SAMS, COSTCO, HOME DEPOT, PUBLIX, or BELK, from locating in a B-1 zone.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 26th day of May, 2020.

Hollie C. Cost, Mayor

ATTEST:

Herman Lehman, City Clerk and Treasurer

Council Member Herbert said that even though he doesn’t particularly like that location for a Dollar General, he could find no legitimate reason to vote against this request.

Council Member Nix noted the resolution contains a color stipulation for the signs. The City Clerk explained the color options referred to in the resolution are examples. Ms. Goddard said the signs will have to be permitted and that they will ensure that the dictates of the resolution are followed. She said she will confirm the appropriateness of the color selection with the City Clerk before issuing the permit.

Mr. Broadway asked for clarification on the colors. Ms. Goddard noted the sign ordinance says no primary colors.

Mayor Cost suggested a muted yellow would be a good option. Ms. Goddard agreed. The ordinance says to avoid primary colors. However, the Council does have the ability to overrule that.

City Attorney Bent Owen said that in two sections the ordinance gives the council the right to modify the requirements. As such, the Council has the authority to make a change.

Council Member Peterson said he is discouraged that ALDOT hasn't required turn lane at this location.

Mr. Owens said if the city were to require a turn lane when ALDOT does not, we'd likely have to pay for it.

Council Member Herbert suggested that, regardless of the traffic study, we should put in a turn lane if that what is supported.

Council Member Bunt agreed, noting her concern that traffic will become an issue as the area develops. We may see more problems later.

Council Member Herbert made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, noting the only stipulation is a change in sign color. Council Member Peterson seconded. Council Member Nix voted NAY noting the continued lack of a turn lane . ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Board appointments: Council Member Nix made a motion to reappoint Kristen Bridges to the Planning Commission. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Other business:

Proclamation presented to graduating Seniors of 2020



Whereas, the graduating seniors of 2020 have faced many unusual circumstances throughout their final year of high school; and

Whereas, COVID-19 has affected many of the celebratory milestones these seniors have earned; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize the hard-earned achievements of our youth and encourage them on their paths ahead;

Now, therefore, I, Hollie C. Cost, Mayor of the City of Montevallo, Alabama, recognize June 1st, 2020 as “Montevallo High School Graduating Class of 2020 Day”; and encourage each of the graduating seniors to maintain hope for the future, and remember there is always a place in Montevallo for you to call home.

Hollie C. Cost, Ph.D.

Mayor, City of Montevallo

Other:

Mayor Cost discussed the COVID-19 situation. She said we take this health crisis seriously, and urged everyone to please wear a mask for their own safety, as well a kind gesture toward others.

Unsafe structures The City Council acknowledged that the Abatement Board approved the cost of \$5,557.42 for the demolition and other items of 4600 Highway 119. This amount is hereby entered into the official record. This item will come back to the Council for a vote at a later date.

Citizen comments:

No comments from the audience.

Facebook live:

Comments



Melanie Poole

City zoning ordinance spells out that the minimum spacing between local streets shall be 600 feet and collector streets 1320 feet. A subdivision street can easily be defined as a 'collector'. Did the Dollar General plan meet this requirement? Is their proposed driveway at least 1320 feet from the Lexington Park entrance?

54m Like Reply Message



Kristen Marshall Bridges

A don't believe a drive or entrance is considered a collector street.

50m Like Reply Message



Reply as City of Montevallo



Renee Elliott

Gun violence has got to stop more patrols in the areas needed

1h Like Reply Message



City of Montevallo

If you have any questions/ comments for the council drop them now!

1h Like Reply



Charles L Mathews

Charles Mathews is watching.

1h Like Reply Message



Freda Alexandra Shivers



Comment as City of Montevallo



Comments



Melanie Poole

Please uphold the city ordinance that calls for NO primary colors on the proposed Hwy 119 Dollar General signage. I sent photos of the Gulf Shores store, which has signage with black letters. It can and should be done that way in our scenic corridor.

58m Like Reply Message



Charles L Mathews

I agree. The argument that the yellow on the sign is needed because of brand is not valid based on the photos you submitted.

50m Like Reply Message



Kristen Marshall Bridges

Charles L Mathews there's no exception for brand outlined in the ordinance.

49m Like Reply Message



Charles L Mathews

I agree with you Kristen Marshall Bridges. The yellow sign should not be permitted.

46m Like Reply Message



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Melanie Poole

City zoning ordinance spells out that the



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Comments



April Crocker Vogel
Is there a plan showing the required buffer?

33m Like Reply Message



Martha McMinn
What is current speed limit in this zone? Will it need to be decreased. The speed limit?

34m Like Reply Message



April Crocker Vogel
I can see it

36m Like Reply Message



Melanie Poole
It's not Heritage Trace, the closest driveway is Lexington Parc.

37m Like Reply Message



Martha McMinn
Hard to hear

38m Like Reply Message



Kristen Marshall Bridges
Arthur needs to speak into microphone

39m Like Reply Message



Kristen Marshall Bridges
Is the open vacancy at the police department an officer position or administrative?

46m Like Reply Message



Comment as City of Montevallo



Comments



DeAnna Smith

Agree with Melanie that we should seek an alternate signage plan. Both Gulf Shores and Orange Beach have been able to negotiate with Dollar General in that signs are not the traditional primary yellow. Given the historic and scenic nature of the location, requesting a change in color of sign should be reasonable.

31m Like Reply Message



Martha McMinn

Please return to showing council

32m Like Reply Message



Ron Pierce Jr.

Y the hell u got on a mask in a live video lmao dumb

43m Like Reply Message



Kymerlee Anne Lewis

Ron Pierce Jr. because several of them are in the same room. What do you care anyway? It's their choice.

39m Like Reply Message



Ron Pierce Jr.

Kymerlee Anne Lewis lmao look goofy

33m Like Reply Message



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Comments



DeAnna Smith
This will tarnish the American Village district.

20m Like Reply Message



DeAnna Smith
No... please don't go yellow signage.

20m Like Reply Message



Frank Ashley Barrientes
I'm here 😊

20m Like Reply Message



Melanie Poole
Stick to your guns about the yellow !

20m Like Reply Message 1



Kristen Marshall Bridges
Cannot hear Arthur

28m Like Reply Message



Charles L Mathews
What color will the signs be under the new resolution?

30m Like Reply Message



Kristen Marshall Bridges
Sounds like they included changing the sign color with the ordinance.

29m Like Reply Message 2



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DeAnna Smith
Everyone in this area will know there is a DG there, yellow standard signage is not necessary.

19m Like Reply Message



Martha McMinn
Broadway

19m Like Reply Message



Martha McMinn
Agree. Do not leave to

19m Like Reply Message



DeAnna Smith
There are Dollar Generals without any yellow!

19m Like Reply Message



Charles L Mathews
Do not leave it up to the Broadway group.

20m Like Reply Message



Martha McMinn
No primary yellow.

20m Like Reply Message



Leanne Robinson Chamblee
Please no yellow

20m Like Reply Message



DeAnna Smith



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Charles L Mathews
I agree with Rusty Nix.

14m Like Reply Message



DeAnna Smith
What is the cost of a turn lane?

15m Like Reply Message



Martha McMinn
Need turn lane. Accidents waiting to happen. Especially distracted drivers. IE use of phones

15m Like Reply Message



Martha McMinn
Need a turn lane.  1

16m Like Reply Message



DeAnna Smith
Just say no to Yellow!    2

17m Like Reply Message



Melanie Poole
The code, E.3.H.3 says, "These interpretations seek to avoid "primary" or "bright" colors in favor of "muted" or "subtle" colors."

18m Like Reply Message  6



Martha McMinn
This is second DG in Montevallo which is not even needed.



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Comments



Melanie Poole

But remember when the traffic counts were taken.

12m Like Reply Message



DeAnna Smith

What about funding a turn lane up front with a reimbursement from Dollar General over a short recoup period after opening? I.e. an improvement reimbursement amortized over a relatively short period.

13m Like Reply Message



Kristen Marshall Bridges

We can hear Hollie great!

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Joel Mansfield

how about the dollar tree

14m Like Reply Message



Melanie Poole

The city has the right to require of Dollar General that they add and pay for a turn lane, or deny their proposal. Who agrees?

14m Like Reply Message  1



Martha McMinn

Melanie Poole me

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Comments



Martha McMinn
Montevallo already has a Dollar General this one not needed

10m Like Reply Message 3



Martha McMinn
Was there follow up with ALDOT since last meeting?

12m Like Reply Message



DeAnna Smith
Melanie's concerns over counts are accurate. We should not rely on counts during holidays or pandemic shutdown. This should be done during UM regular terms when commuters are traveling the major roadway.

11m Like Reply Message 3



Kristen Marshall Bridges
If there is a turn lane needed later on a state highway and they didn't require it to begin with, ALDOT will undertake a project to install it.

12m Like Reply Message



Charles L Mathews
I think they should deny the request if Dollar General is not willing to pay for a turn lane.

12m Like Reply Message 1



Melanie Poole
But remember when the traffic counts were



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Top Fan

Rhonda Witherington Mathews
Thank you Mayor Cost for adjourning the meeting and not addressing the comments. That's very political of you!

Just now Like Reply Message



City of Montevallo
The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. No further comment will be read to the council or submitted in the minutes.

1m Like Reply



April Crocker Vogel
Is there a rendering of what the buffer zone will look like at DG?

2m Like Reply Message



Stephen Parker
Please mandate the wearing of masks. Merely suggesting isnt working.

6m Like Reply Message



Top Fan

Rhonda Witherington Mathews
Our community does not want a Dollar General! Mayor Cost, you did not listen to your community and went ahead and pushed for something that is not wanted.

6m Like Reply Message 1



Martha McMinn
Sad day



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Stephen Parker urged the Council to mandate wearing masks.

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Peterson second. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:07p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk